

# MIDWAY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWS



**Principal**  
Mary Miller

**"A Community of Learners"**

**September 2009**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**September 1**

Parent Orientation Night  
6-7:30 p.m.

**September 7**

**No School-Labor Day**

**September 14**

Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.  
(Woodland)



**September 15**

PTO Meeting @  
5 p.m.

**September 22**

Fall Pictures

**September 28**

Board Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.  
(Woodland)



Please note that childcare will not be provided at our Parent Orientation Night. All children must be accompanied by an adult at all times. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## *From the Principal,*

It is with great pleasure that I can say that we've had a wonderful start to the 2009-10 school year! With a total enrollment of 182 students, we couldn't have asked for a more perfect beginning. I want to thank all of our families (new and returning) for your role in making it happen! We want to continue our success in making this a great year for our students. Open communication between home and school is necessary. Please do not hesitate to call and talk with your child's teacher and/or principal when you have a question or concern. Your child's teacher will frequently communicate with you about your child and the daily activities occurring in the classroom. We'd like to invite you to attend our Parent Orientation Night on September 1 at 6:00. This is a good opportunity for you to learn more about what happens in your child's classroom from day to day. I'd also like to extend an invitation for you to join our PTO and become an active volunteer in our school. With your support we will do great things for our students at Midway!!!



## Character Value Word

### **COOPERATION**

Being able to work well with others.

Students are introduced to a character word each month. They discuss the meaning of the word and are given examples for which to model their behavior. During our morning assembly, students will be recognized by their classmates, teachers and principal for serving as role models of good character.

## ACCELERATED READERS

Students will have an opportunity to read select books (AR) and take reading comprehension quizzes on the computer. When a student earns 40 points, his/her name will be highlighted in the school newsletter. Be on the lookout for our accelerated readers!



## PTO NEWS

The PTO would like to extend a special welcome to our new and returning students and families. The 2009-10 school year is sure to be filled with excitement, growth and opportunity to contribute to our school community. One of the keys to Midway's success is parent support and involvement. Our PTO is here to help you and facilitate ways that you can be involved in supporting your child's school.

The PTO is a group of parent volunteers, dedicated to making a difference in your child's school experience. In addition to student activities we work together to support our teachers and administration. Some of our past highlights have included the support of the Accelerated Reader program, educational assemblies and field trips and Fine Arts Day.

We'd like to encourage you to stop by our PTO table at Parent Orientation Night. If you are unable to attend this event but would like to be involved, please contact the PTO president, Amanda Connoyer.

Our PTO meetings will be held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please visit our school website for our meeting dates and times. You are always welcome to attend! The first PTO meeting is on Tuesday, September 15 at 5 p.m. We will vote for our new vice president.

Your PTO Board,

President, Amanda Connoyer  
Treasurer, Michelle Cooper  
Secretary, Ashley Brammeier



## MyLunchMoney.com



District 7 has implemented a new and exciting lunch program, MyLunchMoney.com. It is one way for you to prepay for school lunches using your credit or debit card. **It is an optional form of payment.** MyLunchMoney.com applies a small fee of \$1.95 per transaction that will be charged to your debit or credit card.

You may also send cash or checks to school to pay for student meals. Please label the envelope with your child's name, his/her teacher's name and specify if the \$\$ is for breakfast and/or lunch.

If you have any questions, please contact our cashier, Shelly at 692-7446 ext. 16102. Thank you.

### Tips For a Successful School Year

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and has a consistent bedtime.
2. Breakfast is an important meal - don't skip it! Eat a healthy breakfast every morning.
3. Pack your child a healthy lunch and limit junk food.
4. Children need to arrive to school on time every day. Important instructions for the day are established at the start of the day.
5. Set a regular, scheduled time to do homework with your child.
6. Limit TV and video game time. Spend free time playing outside or being creative inside.
7. Communicate with your child's teacher when you have a question or concern. This is such an important skill to give children.
8. Encourage and model for your child to always try his/her best and keep a positive attitude.