

WORDEN ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2009

From the Principal

One of the best ways to support your children is to stay in touch with their teachers, especially through Parent-Teacher Conferences. They are scheduled for the following dates: Monday, November 23rd from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 24th from 1:00 – 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, November 25th from 8:00 a.m. – noon. If you have not yet scheduled your conference time, please call your child's teacher to arrange a time. Here are some ideas to make these meetings successful:

Before the conference...

- Review your child's schoolwork. Write down any questions you have.
- Think about your child's strengths and weaknesses so you can talk about them with the teacher.
- Talk with your child about what's going on at school; what parts of school are hard for them.
- Send your questions to the teacher ahead of time.

During the conference...

- Ask the teacher how your child is doing.
- Feel free to offer any information, advice, or opinions that you think are important.
- Ask questions when something is not clear or when you want to learn more.
- Ask the teacher about his or her plans for teaching your child.
- Ask how you can help carry out that plan; what can you do at home to help?
- Talk about how you and the teacher will exchange news about how your child is doing in school.

After the conference...

- Talk to your child about the conference. Be positive, and point out the strengths you and the teacher discussed as well as areas that need work.
- Talk about the areas you will work on and make plans with your child about how you will do it together.
- Be consistent and follow through with what you said you would do.
- Let the teacher know how the plan is working, and call the school if you need more help.

WORD OF THE MONTH

PERSEVERANCE – Don't give up.

Calendar of Events

November

- 3 – 3rd Grade Field Trip to the Science Center
- 4 – Ms. Carrico & Mrs. Hosto – Field Trip to Stephenson House
- 5 – Mrs. Feco & Ms. Gurley – Field Trip to Stephenson House
- 10 – Bus Evacuation Drill
6:30-7:30 – Fund Raiser Delivery
Market Day Delivery
- 11 – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE -Veteran's Day
- 12 – 6:30 – PTO Meeting in the Media Center
- 17 – 9:30 – 5th Grade Orchestra Field Trip Powell Hall
- 19 – 5th Grade Field Trip to the Detention Home
Worden Pizza Hut Night at Bethalto Pizza Hut
- 23 – Parent/Teacher Conferences 5:30 -8:30 p.m.
- 24 – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Parent/Teacher Conferences – 1:00 – 7:30 p.m.
- 25 – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Parent/Teacher Conferences – 8:00 a.m. – Noon
- 26 - NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Thanksgiving Day
- 27 – NO STUDENT ATTENDANCE
Thanksgiving Holiday

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 23rd, 24th, & 25th. **There will be a full day of student attendance on 11/23.** Please contact your child's teacher if you have not scheduled your conference.

STUDENTS ARRIVING LATE AT SCHOOL

If your child is later than 9:15 you must come in to the office and sign them in. Students are not allowed to report to school after 9:15 without a parent/guardian. If they are late because of a doctor or dentist appointment please bring a slip stating they were at a doctor or dentist appointment.

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MEDICATION INFORMATION

Sometimes it is necessary for a student to take medication at school. The Edwardsville School District has policies in place to allow for this to happen. If your child needs to take medication at school, please contact the school nurse. There is a form that must be filled out completely by both a parent and the physician. Parents are responsible for obtaining the physician's order and returning it and the medication to school. Students may not transport their own medicine. **These physician orders are required for all medicine administered at school, including over-the-counter medicines such as Tylenol and cough drops.**

Fever Policy

A fever is an indication that the body is trying to fight an infection or illness. Please check your child's temperature and if it is above 100 degrees F, please keep your child home. **Students must be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of a fever-reducing medicine such as Tylenol or Motrin before returning to school.**

BRR – IT'S GETTING COLD OUTSIDE

Students will be outside unless the temperature is below 15 degrees wind-chill. They will need coats, gloves and hats. Please mark your child's name on the label. If a student comes to school without a coat you will be called to bring one to school so they can go outside.

TRANSPORTATION NOTICE ATTACHED

The state of Illinois transportation reimbursement letter is attached. Please contact the school office if you qualify for this reimbursement.

SOUP LABELS & BOXTOP WINNERS

Congratulations to Mrs. Pirok's class for winning the label and box-top contest for the first quarter. Keep sending the labels and box-tops in to the office. Please mark the bag with the teacher's name so the class can get credit toward the contest.

FOOD DRIVE

Our annual canned food drive will begin on Wednesday, November 4th. Canned or dry goods are needed to make holiday food baskets. Money will also be accepted to be used towards the purchase of perishable food items to add to the baskets (turkeys, hams, pies, etc.). Monetary donations will count towards classroom totals for the contest. The classroom that collects the most food will receive a popcorn party! Donations will be accepted until Friday, November 13th.

FUNDRAISER & MARKET DAY DELIVERY

Please plan to pick up your fundraiser order on Tuesday, November 10th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the school gym. Regular Market Day items will also be delivered that evening. If you would like to volunteer to help sort items please be there by 5:30 p.m.