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North Bend Elementary School
Jim Frazier, Principal

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Dear Parents and Families,

We are at the mid-point of the school year It is hard to believe how quickly time passes as we proceed through a school year. I appreciate the hard work you do with your children to make our school so successful. There are a number of special school activities and events that will occur between now and June 18th. Some timely items are noted below while others you will find in the following pages.

Website Information We are currently working to enhance our school website. Parents will soon be able to access all flyers on-line. This upgrade to our website will make it easy for parents to have all correspondence at their fingertips with the use of current technology. This is the last month we will be printing hard copies of the Panther Pride Press. Our model that we are employing is the weekly update through our Constant Contact email sign up. If you have not signed up for this please visit our website at www.nbeschool.com and look for "Sign up for our Email newsletter" at the bottom of the page. We currently have over 200 subscribers and growing daily. Thank you for your quick response to getting signed up!

Assessment time is scheduled for 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders in April and May The WASL will be administered between April 15th and May 1st. Third graders will take the reading and math WASL, 4th graders will take the reading, math and writing WASL, while the 5th graders will take the reading, math, and science WASL. Scores from these assessments will be available in September.

School Bond Information Please take time to read the two page School Bond fact sheet inside this newsletter about our upcoming bond.

Sincerely,

Jim Frazier
Principal



Items to Note ...

- ◆ We welcome to our school: Taylor Nelson and Andrew Gookstetter.
- ◆ The Student Store is open every **Tuesday and Thursday from 12-1:00 pm.**
- ◆ The office is in need of children's pants size 6-8. Thank you.
- ◆ **Tuesday, March 4**, Kindergarten Registration for 2008-09 will be from 1:30 –3 :00 pm or 6:30-8:00 pm in our Multi-Purpose Room. You are able to pre-register your child by downloading the registration forms at www.nbeschool.com

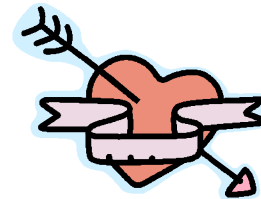
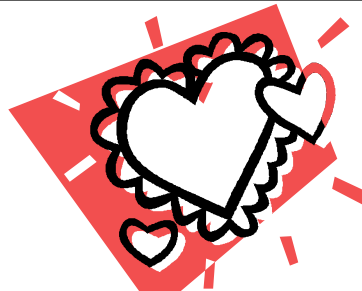
Scoliosis Screening Coming

This January and February, Health Services will be conducting district wide Scoliosis screening. Scoliosis is an abnormal curve of the spine. The purpose of this screening is to recognize, at the earliest stages, any deviation from normal so that the need for referral for treatment can be determined. Scoliosis screening is required annually by law for school children in the state of Washington in grades 5, 7 and 9.

Look for information to come home regarding the screening. If you have any questions, you are encouraged to phone Health Services at 425-831-8023.



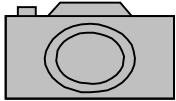

Matsiko Choir Is Coming

Our school has an exciting opportunity to have the Matsiko Choir from Uganda come and perform for our community. The Matsiko choir is a children's choir that travels all over the world performing. This is a rare and special treat for our school. We hope you will join us on February 13, 2008 @ 7:00 pm in our gym. You can hear a sample of their music on our web site; www.nbeschool.com





ALENDAR:

- Thursday, January 17:** Grade 5 High-C to Challenger Learning Center
- Friday, January 18:** Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
- Monday, January 21:** No School, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- Wednesday, January 23:** PTA General Meeting, 6:00, library
- Thursday, January 24:** School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm 
- Friday, January 25:** Book Fair Begins, 9:15 am
Popcorn Friday
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
- Wednesday, January 30:** WATCH Dogs, Donuts with Dads, 7:00 –9:00 am, in the MPR 
- Thursday, January 31:** PTA Family Dinner at the Book Fair Night, 5-7:00 pm
- Friday, February 1:** Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
- Monday, February 4:** Grade 4 to Meydenbauer, 12:00 pm
Grade 5 Scoliosis Screening
- Wednesday, February 6:** Group Picture Day 
- Thursday, February 7:** Grade 4, 100% Club, 2-3:00 pm
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm
- Friday, February 8:** Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
- Tuesday, February 12:** PTA board Meeting, 9:15 am
- Wednesday, February 13:** Ugandan Matsiko Choir, 2:00 and 7:00 pm, Gym
- Thursday, February 14:** Valentine's Day 
- Friday, February 15:** Early Release Day, Dismissal at 10:45 am, Grade KAM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grade KPM
Early Release Day, Dismissal at 1:25 pm, Grades 1-5, FDK
- Monday, February 18:** No School, Presidents' Day
- Tuesday-Friday, February 19-23:** No School, Mid-Winter Break

Dear Family,

January 2008

The word of the month is Diversity. This month we will be celebrating Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday. Let's make it more than a day off of school. Let's remember what he stood for and what a great message he had to the world. We will be working on ways to promote diversity at school, such as:

Becoming aware of differences in others.

Understanding differences in others and realizing that differences make us special.

Appreciating and respecting differences in others.

Understanding we are different, but we are also the same in many ways.

You can help your children practice these ideas by discussing the differences in your own family. You can also help them become aware of the importance of diversity by discussing how diversity makes us who we are and provides us with our uniqueness. Calling attention to the uniqueness and differences in your own family paves the way to respecting differences outside the family. Although we are different, it is important to realize that we all have feelings, breathe the same air, and deserve the same amount of respect. Finally, remember that your behavior and attitude have a great affect on how a child perceives diversity.

Finally, you can set family goals for diversity. Each member of the family should complete the following sentence and post it where it can serve as a reminder: I will respect diversity by _____ (Sample goals....make a new friend with someone who is very different from me. By trying to understand other people's points of views, by respecting people for their differences, by including everyone when I play).

Reverend Jesse Jackson said, "America is not like a blanket – one piece of unbroken cloth. America is more like a quilt – many patches, many pieces, many colors, many sizes, all woven together by a common thread".

Sincerely,

Alicia Moore/NBE School Counselor

**** Leadership Update*****

**Congratulations to the winners for the month of
Reasonability in December!**

Kindergarten: Ethan Rosen
First Grade: Angie Chartier-Forslin
Second Grade: Ellie Steadman, Griffin Nicolino, Miranda Nelson
Third Grade: Heather Hinton
Fourth Grade: Hayden Johnson, Tanner Wilson
Fifth Grade: Kyle Emerson





Birthday Book Club

The Birthday Book club is a way to encourage reading and involvement with our school library while keeping our book collection current and interesting to the students.

Participation in the program is simple. You donate \$15 or more to North Bend Elementary School. Your child will come into the library at the beginning of their birthday month and choose what book they would like donated in their honor from a selection of new books... (the librarian will do the shopping for you!)

A bookplate with the child's name and birthday will be placed inside the book. The book will be displayed before being added to the library collection. The birthday child has first choice to check out the book. Half birthdays will be celebrated for the summer-born.

Please fill out the form on the back side of this paper and return to the school office or library.

Thank you! Happy Reading.....Mrs. Radmer - Librarian



Birthday Club Form

Please print. Please use a separate form for each child.

Child's information:

Child's name: _____

Birth Date: _____

How old will your child be turning on this birthday? _____

Classroom Teacher _____ Grade _____

(Note: birthdays that fall within summer break will have half birthdays recognized)

Parent's information:

Parent's name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Our family is making \$ _____ contribution to the school library (\$15 minimum per child). Checks are to be made payable to the North Bend Elementary School Library.

Please return this form and contribution to the school office or library. All ages are encouraged to join. Books will be selected based on library need, but efforts will be made to make birthday books extra fun and interesting. Thank you for your support and participation.

For library use only:

Book Purchased: _____

Shelf location: _____