

PRIDE PRESS

North Bend Elementary School
Jim Frazier, Principal

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Denae McGregor, Editor

Dear Parents and Families,

Parent Conferences begin November 16th and teachers are looking forward to meeting with each of you to discuss your child's progress this first trimester. Letters have already been sent home to schedule conferences and confirmation slips will be sent to you soon. Conferences are scheduled for November 16, 19, and 20. Also, please note that there will be early dismissal at 11:55 a.m. for grades 1-5 and full-day Kindergarten on November 16, 19, 20, and 21. November 22 and 23 are non-school days for children for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Winter Concert is scheduled for December 12th beginning at 7:00 p.m. First and third grade students are excited to share their program with friends and family. We would like to thank our parent volunteers, Dan Thompson, and to the students for their extraordinary efforts in preparing for the program. Seeing and hearing children perform holiday music is something very special as we celebrate the season.

School Improvement Planning (SIP) The staff has worked very hard at examining student data from the 2006-2007 school year. This data has been prioritized in areas of strengths and opportunities. Four major academic goals have been established for the 2007-2008 school year which is listed below.

Writing – 72% of the 4th grade students will meet the standard (9) on the spring 2008 WASL.

Reading – 85% of the 3rd grade students, 88% of the 4th grade students, and 88% of the 5th grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2008 WASL.

Math – 83% of the 3rd grade students, 78% of the 4th grade students, and 81% of the 5th grade students will meet the standard (400) on the spring 2008 WASL.

Science – 58% of the 5th grade students will meet or exceed the standard (400) on the spring 2008 WASL.

Action plans have been developed at each grade level to reach each the goal areas with specific interventions to help increase student achievement. If you are interested in seeing this document please stop in at the office or visit our website at www.nbeschool.com.

Watch D.O.G.S. is beginning year 2. We would like to thank our dads for their dedication and willingness to join our team. Your presence makes a difference in our school and we love having you! We would like to extend our thanks to Barry Rogers, Top Dog coordinator, for his hard work and efforts around this program. He has spent a tremendous amount of time organizing and keeping up with the emails, surveys, and schedules.

Our PTA Rocks! What a tremendous job our PTA continues to do for the students and staff at NBES. We weathered the storm and adversity with our annual Walk-A-Thon. We appreciate everyone's flexibility and adaptability in pulling this outdoor activity to the indoors. Students were enthused at just having the opportunity to participate in this event – rain, wind or sun! Without your generous donations and support our students and staff would not be able to accomplish all that is done in a given year. Keep up the great work.

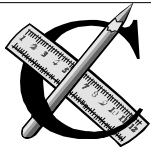
NBE lost and found is overflowing with students' jackets, sweatshirts and other miscellaneous items. Every week, during lunch period, we ask students to check to see if they can identify any items they have lost. There are well over 100 clothing items that have been left unclaimed for several weeks. Anytime you are at school, stop by the multi-purpose room and check for any of your child(s) items that may be missing. We invite you to stop by during conference week. Beginning November 26th, we will go through every item to check for names and return items to specific children. Unclaimed items will then be gathered up and donated to charity. Please be sure to label all items with your child's first and last names.

Thanksgiving is such a special time for families. It's an occasion to affirm what's important in life and to express thankfulness. Here at NBE, we are so very thankful for every opportunity to be involved in the education of your children and to be associated with such a wonderful supportive parent community. On behalf of each member of our staff, I want to extend thanks and best wishes to you.

Respectfully,

Jim Frazier
Principal

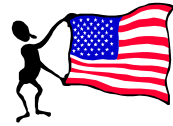




ALENDAR:

Thursday, November 8:

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm



Friday, November 9:

Veteran's Day Assembly, 9:45-10:30 , Gym
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, November 12:

No School, Veteran's Day

Tuesday, November 13:

PTA Board Meeting, 9:15 am

Wednesday, November 14:

FDK Field Trip
PTA General Meeting, 6 pm



Thursday, November 15:

End of 1st Trimester

Friday-Wednesday, November 16-21: No Am or PM Kindergarten
Parent/Teacher Conference,
Dismissal at 11:55 am, FDK, Grade 1-5

Thursday-Friday, November 22-23: No School, Thanksgiving Holiday



Wednesday, November 28:

Grade 3 to Children's Theatre
Grade 5 High C to Pacific Science Center

Friday, November 30:

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
Popcorn Friday

Tuesday, December 4:

Grade 4 High C to Museum of Flight



Wednesday, December 5:

Grade 5 to Children's Theatre, 10:30 am –3:00 pm
Grade 4 to Camp Waskowitz



Thursday, December 6:

Grade 2 to the Nutcracker, 9-3:00 pm

Friday, December 7:

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, December 12:

Winter Concert, Grades 1st and 3rd



Thursday, December 13:

School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm



ALENDAR: (Continue)

Friday, December 14:

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
Popcorn Friday

**Thursday, December 20 to
Tuesday, January 1:**

No School, Winter Break



Friday, January 4:

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, January 8:

PTA Board Meeting, 9:15 am
RISE Program Begins, 3:30-4:30 pm



Thursday, January 10:

RISE, 3:30-4:30 pm
School Board Meeting, 7:30 pm

Items to Note ...

- * We welcome to our school: Jacob Lacewell, Edwin Ramirez, Kevin Hernandez-Rivera, Anna Emerson, Kyle Emerson, Clara Kieswetter, Jake Candelaria, Sam Candelaria, Brianna Dreifus, Justin Johnson, and Jeremy Johnson.
- * Student Store is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 12-1:00 pm.
- * The office is in need of smaller size children's pants.
Thank you.



Flu Season is Coming

Flu shots are an excellent way to improve the chances that you and those around you will stay healthy during the flu season. Starting this month and through the fall and winter months, health care providers and Public Health centers throughout the county will be offering influenza vaccinations.

Anyone who wants protection against the flu should receive flu vaccine. Flu vaccine is especially recommended for people, who are at high risk for complications from the flu, including:

- Children aged 6 months until their 5th birthday
- Pregnant women
- People 50 years of age and older

People of any age with certain chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, lung disease (including asthma), kidney disease or diabetes

Influenza is a highly contagious illness causing an average of 36,000 deaths and over 200,000 hospitalizations each year in the United States; pneumonia is the most common complication in high-risk groups. Influenza, unlike the common cold, has a swift onset of severe symptoms beginning with two to seven days of fever, headache, muscle aches, extreme fatigue, runny nose and sore throat, and a cough that is often severe and may last seven days or more.

Vaccine supply and where to get a flu shot

This year, flu vaccine manufacturers plan to make available over 130 million doses of vaccine nationally, more than ever before.

Flu shots will be available at regular doctors' offices and clinics, Public Health centers and other providers. Some providers may also have available the live attenuated intranasal vaccine, or "FluMist."

For complete information about influenza and where to receive the flu shot, call Public Health's Information Line at 206-296-4949 or visit the Flu Season web pages at www.metrokc.gov/health/immunization/fluseason.htm.

Stop germs, stay healthy

Good health manners, such as covering coughs and washing hands, avoiding close contact with ill people, and staying home from work and school when ill, can be very effective in preventing transmission of disease, including the flu.

Public Health recommends that you cover your mouth and nose with tissue when you cough or sneeze. If you do not have a tissue, cough and sneeze into your sleeve. Wash your hands often, especially after coughing, sneezing or using the bathroom. If you do not have access to water, use alcohol-based hand gel. Adults and children should stay home from work and school when sick.



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Future Middle School Boundaries to be Decided

The citizen's Boundary Advisory Committee will soon be making a recommendation to the School Board of Directors, regarding a prioritized option for balancing middle school student populations in preparation for the 2007-2008 school year and beyond.

Following this recommendation, the community will have one more opportunity to express opinions directly to the School Board. A public hearing will take place on Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at Snoqualmie Elementary School, at 39801 S.E. Park Street in Snoqualmie.

Thereafter, the School Board plans to announce its decision on November 19, 2007. The new boundaries will go into effect next September, in light of the opening of Middle School #3.

For more information:

- Visit the district website at www.svsd410.org and click on the "Middle School Boundary Revision Update" headline on the home page.
- The prioritized recommendation from the committee will be posted online as of November 9.

Or, contact Jeff Hogan at hoganj@svsd410.org.

Dear Family,

November 2007

This month our word of the month is Responsibility. We will be working on accountability, excellence, and self-restraint. For example:

Be reliable.

Set a good example for others.

Do your best and keep trying.

Perhaps the best way to reinforce these lessons at home is to give your child chores and expect him or her to be responsible in performing those tasks. The goal is to have youngsters complete their work on their own, without reminders from you, and on time. So, when you assign responsibilities to family members, be sure the task is understood and a time frame for getting it done is clear. You might need to check on progress from time to time, especially if the job is a new one.

Also, figure out with your child a regular method for him or her to use in completing homework and other school or extracurricular requirements. Often youngsters need structure, especially a time frame, within which to complete their responsibilities on their own.

Finally, you can set family goals for Responsibility. Each member of the family should complete the following sentences and post them where they can serve as a reminder: One responsibility I have is to _____. I promise to fulfill that responsibility by _____. Sample goals: One responsibility I have is to do my homework. I promise to fulfill that responsibility by completing my homework before I watch any TV. One responsibility I have is to read with my young child for 15 minutes each night. I promise to fulfill that responsibility by setting aside 15 minutes immediately after dinner Monday through Friday. At the end of the month decide whether or not family members accomplished their goals.

Please share with us any other ideas you have regarding Responsibility. Thank you for participating.

Sincerely,

Alicia Moore
School Counselor

Leadership Update

Congratulations to the winners for the month of October are:

Kindergarten: Tristan Smothers and Sheldon Thomas

First Grade: Daniel Bercowitz and Jordan Tauvell

Second Grade: Julene McDonald and Dayna McFadden

Third Grade: Kaitlyn Rogers, Kaya Luttrell, Jake Ethington

Fourth Grade: Cody Perrine

Fifth Grade: None this month – keep trying