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From Where I Sit...

by: Mr. Cal Moore, Superintendent

Our cold weather and flu season came early this year. Needless to say, both can leave anytime.

I do want to thank the parents and the students for your cooperation during this recent flu outbreak. We had several students absent all last week but on Friday we were down to 6% absenteeism, which wasn't too bad considering earlier in the week we were at 22%.

We have tried to take a proactive stance at the school. Custodial staff and teaching staff have both been providing extra effort in the cleaning of common areas that students come in contact with i.e. door handles, desk tops, computer keyboards, water fountains etc. We are using a sanitizer that is for general use. It is not a bleach solution but does have the same sanitizing power. Hopefully we will be in some control of the situation now.

Earlier, we announced that we would be providing H1N1 vaccinations to any student that had parental permission to receive the vaccination. If you have not signed the permission form, please do so and return it to the school ASAP. If you have mislaid your form and would like another, please let us know by calling the school and we will make sure you receive another.

Enrollment:

Our official enrollment was taken on Monday, Oct. 5, 2009. Each fall and spring we report that enrollment to the Office of Public Instruction and it has direct effect on the amount of funding we receive in the following school year. As was reported in the earlier edition of this communication, our enrollment is up over last year by a total K-12 enrollment of 7 students. That is very good news.

Taxes Report 2009-2010:

Taxes have been set for the school district. We are pleased to announce that the mills are down again this year. The general fund mills are down 4.24 mills and the high school mills are down 2.34 mills. The countywide and state mills are down 7.55 mills. Some of this is due to an elementary general fund budget that is down \$29,775 and a high school budget that is down \$36,887. The county and state mills are down because of less mills being assessed to support the elementary and high school retirement budgets and the transportation fund that is also levying fewer mills. Please feel free to stop by and visit if you have any questions about school budgets and/or mills.

NHS CHILD CARE

As a community service project, members of the CJI National Honor Society will provide free child care during your Parent-Teacher Conferences next Monday, November 2nd and Tuesday, November 3rd. High school students will be there to watch your child(ren) with books, board games, and puzzles, while you participate in conferences. Please accompany your child to sign in, so the NHS students can keep track of the children they are supervising. If you have any questions, please contact me or any National Honor Society officer.
Mrs. Sara Tempel – NHS Advisor

HAPPY

Thanksgiving



CREATING A ROUTINE



by: Jill Dahinden

With the school year well under way there is always one question that I hear parents ask. *What can I do to help my child succeed in school?* Here are some suggestions on routines that will be helpful for any family.

- Create a morning routine. Follow a regular schedule for everything that your child needs to do; from getting up, eating and making their bed, to walking out the door.
- Send your child off on a positive note. Say, “Have a great day. I love you!”
- Don’t interrupt school time. Schedule doctor and other appointments during non-school hours.
- Ask every day, “How did your day go?” Ask specific questions about school.
- Check your child’s school work daily. Praise good work and review mistakes as well.
- Set a consistent homework time. Make sure this time is free of phone calls, texting, and T.V.
- Look through your child’s backpack every night. Check for notes from their teacher.
- Remind your child to take care of daily chores.
- Set aside a time for your child to read. A half hour before bed is often a good time.
- Establish a bedtime for your child. Stick to it, even in the spring when daylight lasts longer.

Following these simple routine suggestions will make school easier and more rewarding for everyone, including PARENTS!

HELLO FROM 5TH GRADE

by: Vivienne Herron

Our fall is well underway in fifth grade! Our afternoons are busy with classes such as keyboarding with Mrs. Wolfe, library skills class with Miss Behem, art with Mr. Pfaff, P. E. with Mrs. Fraser and Mr. Nelson, and in our home room with social studies and science. We have finished the first two chapters in both of these core classes and are continuing to work hard in science. Our current chapter involves the growth and reproduction of living things, including the concepts of mitosis, meiosis, heredity, and dominant and recessive traits. Enthusiasm is running high in these budding scientists!

With National Native American Heritage Day being Sept. 25th, we engaged in several special activities on that day to help learn more about, and celebrate the significance of, these indigenous peoples. Twelve Native Americans who have received national, if not international, recognition were identified, and their accomplishments discussed. Sign language of the Plains Indians was introduced, and students had fun trying to stump their classmates with various phrases using the sign language. This was followed by a very interactive video provided by the Office of Public Instruction (available in our school library) explaining how the various tribes in Montana got their names, and how many of these names are misnomers due to the confusion that arose from misinterpreted sign language. We concluded the afternoon with a Native American version of the fairytale, *Cinderella: The Rough-Face Girl*. It was interesting and challenging to compare and contrast the two stories, looking at each from the point of view of that particular culture. Because an important focus of our first social studies unit is the role the Native Americans/First Peoples played in the development of our nation, these activities were quite timely and meshed nicely with our current curriculum.

CJI to Host North Central Honor Band and Choir

by: Wendy Goodheart

Music is in the air; and pretty soon it will be in our community. This year CJI is hosting the annual North Central Honor Band and Choir festival on November 30th and December 1st. The two day festival brings together students from over twenty schools to make music and work with directors other than their own.

In order for students to participate in Honor Band and Choir, they must first record an audition CD. They have to play or sing certain scales and exercises. The directors of the host school screen the applicants and choose who will participate in the festival. This year there were 141 CD's for choir and 76 for band screened. It's a hard decision as you would like to take all of the kids, but you can't.

Directors have been selected and they choose the music that the students will sing and play. The students, along with their directors, must prepare the music in advance and have it ready when all of the schools converge. They will then perform a mass concert on Tuesday, December 1st at 7 PM.

There are many different things that will have to be arranged for this festival. The one area I will need help with is planning meals and snacks. There will be approximately 200 people here, and meals and snacks will have to be provided. I'm asking that parents of band and choir students in grades 5-12, or any community members, help with the meals. There will be a planning meeting on Monday, November 2 at 7:00 in the Auditorium. This meeting will be after the Monday night session of Parent-Teacher Conferences.

There is an old saying "It takes a village to raise a child". In the case of hosting this festival, it's going to take a community to feed music students! If you have any questions, or would like to help out, please attend the meeting on November 2nd. You may also contact me at the school at 759-5108. Thank you in advance for your help and continued support of music!



Parent Reminder:

School will be dismissed at 2:30 on Monday, November 2nd and Tuesday, November 3rd for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Conferences will be held from 3:00 – 7:00 PM, both days.

There will also be an early dismissal on Thursday, November 5th at 2:30 PM and there will be no school on Friday, November 6th.