

A Note from the Principal

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Attendance		354-4606

October 30, 2009

Upcoming Events

November

Nov. 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
Nov. 3	Individual Pictures	
Nov. 3	PTSO Family Portrait Night	
Nov. 4	PTSO Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov. 5	PTSO Family Portrait Night	
Nov. 7	Whitworth Writing Rally	
Nov. 10	4th Grades to Spokane Symphony	
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	No School
Nov. 13	Read to Succeed Ends	
Nov. 16	Grades 4 and 3/4 Washington	Music Program
Nov. 16	American Heritage Week	
Nov. 17	Scholastic Book Fair Begins	
Nov. 19-25	Conference Week	1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 20	ASB Character Counts Day	
Nov. 23	Individual Picture Re-Takes	
Nov. 24	Hearing Screening Gr. K, 1, 2, 3, & 5	
Nov. 25	Hearing Screening Continues	
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Week-end	No School

Dear Parents,



This year Halloween coincides with the passage of daylight savings time. When school resumes on Monday, there will be an hour less of daylight after school and the light decreases each day for the next two months. Last week you received a letter about "Stranger Danger" in an effort to help keep our kids safe. With the coming of darker, colder, and potential icy and snowy weather, I would also like to provide some reminders about pedestrian safety for the many families whose children walk to and from school and also for our parent drivers.

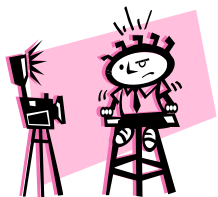
As you discuss your own family safety rules with your children, please keep these ideas in mind:

- * Students need to use sidewalks where provided.
- * Students (and parents) should cross only at the crosswalks when arriving at or departing from school grounds. Please do not allow or encourage students to cross the street to your parked cars.
- * Our neighborhood is characterized by many unmarked intersections, and when walking home, students need to know that cars may not see them and may not stop. As drivers, please be mindful that many children are present just before 9:00 A.M. and just after 3:00 P.M. When approaching intersections please watch for children and yield to traffic on the right.
- * While fewer students ride bicycles as the weather changes, those that do need to be wearing helmets. Aside from the obvious safety benefits, it is a City of Spokane law.

While this list of ideas is not all inclusive, it is a good start to important family discussions about keeping safe. I know that we share the goal of safety for our students and I appreciate working together with such a conscientious and concerned parent community on this issue that is so important to all.

Sincerely,

Brian Melody



Individual Picture Day November 3

Bright colored clothing and big smiles make great pictures!

Please remember to mark the desired package, enclose payment, and return the envelope to school with your child on picture day.



Counselor's Corner

Parents Are Teachers, Too!



From the day children are born until they graduate from high school, they spend just 15% of their waking hours in school. The other 85% is spent outside school and most of that time is spent at home.

That means you are your child's most influential teacher. Fortunately, children are naturally curious and love to learn. Here are some great ideas you can use at home to make the most of the important educational influence you have.

Encourage Reading . . . Experts say that encouraging children to read may be the most important thing parents can do to ensure children's school success.

- * **Get the whole family involved** in reading books (or favorite parts of books) aloud to each other.
- * **Be a reading role model** . . . Make sure your child **sees** you reading. Have lots of reading materials around (newspapers, magazines, books, catalogs).
- * **Go to the library often** . . . It's free and it has a better selection than any book store.
- * **Read in unusual places** . . . Under a tree, on the floor, in the park, in a tent, upstairs, downstairs . . . Anywhere !

When it's fun and interesting and everybody's doing it, parents can make reading exciting and important for children.

Jodi Harmon
Counselor

Fourth Grade Visit to the Symphony

Woodridge 4th Grade students, along with other 4th graders throughout the district, have a wonderful opportunity to attend a Spokane Symphony production on Tuesday, November 10. Students will ride a school bus to the Fox Theater for this event. Thank you to the Spokane Symphony and all of the sponsors who helped to make this event possible.

ASB

As the final day for Spokane citizen's to cast their ballots approaches, we'd like to announce the results of the ASB Elections that students participated in over the last few weeks. We are proud of these young leaders as well as all of the candidates who had the confidence, and cared enough about our school, to run for office.

ASB Officers

Carlin Douglas	President
Randie Dewey	Vice President
Josie Orvik	Secretary
Brady Noel	Treasurer
Sergeant at Arms	Desi Parisotto

Classroom Representatives

Emma Schleigh	Room 127
Caitlin Douglas	Room 205
Lindsey Schmidt	Room 209
Blake Bachmeier	Room 203
Parker Howard	Room 205
Amina Memisevic	Room 219
Jessica Cozza	Room 211
Gina Fiorillo	Room 215

Label It So You Don't Lose It!

Please label the clothing and lunchboxes, that your child brings to school to be sure they don't get lost. Many times



lunchboxes, coats, sweaters, or hats are left out on the playground in the morning before school or after recess. Other students may pick up the forgotten items and put them in the lost and found box in the Multipurpose Room.

Parents and students are encouraged to check the lost and found periodically for items that may have been left behind.

