

A Note from the Principal

Dear Woodridge Parents,

Yes, it is still August, it is very warm, and school is fully underway. It was so nice to see familiar children and parents, and also to meet many new families on the first day of school yesterday. Your children showed up yesterday excited and ready to learn. Thank you for sending us such great kids.



This is the first "Friday Newsletter" of the year, and you can expect this correspondence each Friday in an effort to keep you informed about what is happening at Woodridge.

Parent involvement in a child's education is a key component to student success, and the strong bond and the supportive relationship between home and school help to make Woodridge the outstanding school that we all enjoy. As the school year gets underway, please don't hesitate to call your child's teacher or me with any questions or concerns you may have. I believe more communication is better than less, and sooner is better than later to ensure our students get off to a happy and productive start.

Sincerely,

Brian Melody

Woodridge Volunteers

Thank you for returning the volunteer forms so quickly. We are off to a great start with several volunteers eager to begin. The volunteer workroom is located in Room 135. Please remember to wear your name badge each time you enter the building to volunteer. Recording your hours on a timecard located in the office workroom is important because we get credit for each hour our volunteers are helping us. We will also continue to draw a name at the end of the month for a special gift so please remember to drop your name into the container next to the sign in cards.

I look forward to meeting each of you very soon and I thank you for volunteering in your child's classroom.

Lael Martin
Volunteer Coordinator

Brian Melody	Principal	354-4600
Attendance		354-4606

August 28, 2009

Upcoming Events

September

Sept. 2	PTSO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Sept. 3	9:30 a.m. Start for Students	
Sept. 3	PTSO Innisbrook Sale Begins	
Sept. 7	Labor Day	No School
Sept. 10	9:30 a.m. Start for Students	
Sept. 15	Primary Open House	
Sept. 16	Intermediate Open House	
Sept. 17	9:30 a.m. Start for Students	
Sept. 18	PTSO Innisbrook Sale Ends	
Sept. 22	First Day of Autumn	
Sept. 24	9:30 a.m. Start for Students	
Sept. 25	PTSO Back to School Ice Cream Social and Bingo	
Sept. 29	Site Council	3:15 p.m.
Sept. 30	PTSO Skate Night	

Attendance Line

If your child will be absent or tardy, please remember to call our attendance line at **354-4606**. If we do not hear from a parent, we will be calling to confirm the students' absence.

Counselor's Corner

The beginning of the school year is an opportunity for routines to make a big difference in your child's life. A regular schedule such as going to sleep, waking and studying at the same time each day, can make all of these tasks easier. It may also mean fewer power struggles with your child. When daily activities are always accomplished in the same way, kids know what to expect.

Tonight, read a book together. Stop before the end of the story. Ask your child to predict what he or she thinks may happen next.

Tonight, put a note in your child's pocket saying something special about them so that they will find it tomorrow.

Brush your teeth together and help your child select something to wear tomorrow.

Give your child five great big kisses and bear hugs this evening.

Tonight, compose a poem out of your child's name using each letter as the start of a word describing a quality or interest of your child.

Ask your child as you tuck them in, "What was the best thing that happened today?"; and, "What was the funniest thing that happened?"

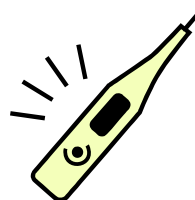
Jodi Harmon, Counselor

Asbestos Notification

This is our annual notification that there is asbestos in our school. Please be assured that all the asbestos is either in a nonpublic area or is well encapsulated. It is the District's intent that all asbestos materials are kept in a safe, well-maintained condition through a program of Periodic Surveillance and ongoing maintenance activities. All of the asbestos records are kept in the Asbestos Management Plan which is located in the Custodian's office.

Sick Kids? Please Keep Them Home.

Swine flu remains a concern around the world, particularly as students return to school. Our district continues regular communications with the Spokane Regional Health District in preparation for a potential H1N1 influenza (swine flue) pandemic. Please help prevent the spread of viruses by washing your hands often and coughing into your sleeve, and teaching your children to do so as well. If children are



sick, please keep them at home. Find out more at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/ or by calling 800-CDC-INFO.

As a reminder, when reporting reasons for student absences, it is very helpful when parents are **specific** about the type of illness that caused their child's absence from school. This is very important this year as we approach influenza season. Schools are **required** to make note of communicable diseases daily and a confidential report is submitted to Spokane Regional Health District weekly. Examples of specific communicable diseases would include such conditions as: *respiratory influenza*, "stomach flue", chicken pox, pertussis (whooping cough), strep throat, fifth's disease, "common cold", hepatitis, impetigo, mononucleosis, ringworm, etc. Thank you for your support.

Marianne Fischer
Lead School Nurse

