

## A Note from the Principal

Dear Parents,



One of the most important components of student success in school is the communication between school and home. At Woodridge we pride ourselves on the relationships that we establish with our families. We also know and appreciate the fact that the parent support that you provide to your children and to teachers is truly one of our greatest strengths.

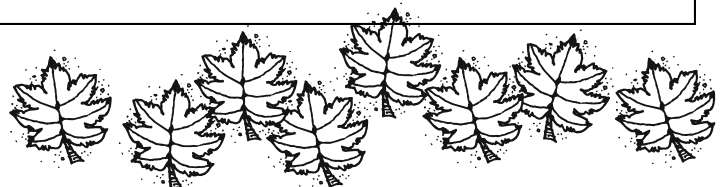
The upcoming parent and teacher conferences provide the best opportunity for you and your child's teacher to dialogue about student progress. Your child's teacher will review your child's work, his or her strengths, and areas that need improvement. You will also learn about your child's work habits and social skills development. Most likely you will see samples of your child's work, some of the teaching materials being used, and a review of current grade level expectations. During the conference, please feel free to ask any clarifying questions or to offer information about your child. This will help in building a success plan that your child, the teacher, and you are all enthusiastic about.

As you know, report cards in all Spokane Public Schools elementary schools look different this year. We have moved to **Standards Based Grading and Reporting**. Teachers now know more about their students academic growth than ever. Just as importantly, students can identify their strengths, areas they still need to work on with assistance, and what the next step is in their learning. The new report card simply (and finally!) represents the changes that teachers have been working on so hard over the last decade. Please take some time to review the red "Report Card Handbook" that each family received at the beginning of the year. The more you know about the new reporting system, the less conference time needs to be spent explaining it . . . Parent-Teacher Conference time is precious, and we want the focus to be on each individual student.

You and your child's teacher have a lot in common . . . you both want a happy and successful child! We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Brian Melody



<b>Brian Melody</b>	<b>Principal</b>	<b>354-4600</b>
<b>Attendance</b>		<b>354-4606</b>

# November 13, 2009

## Upcoming Events

<b>November</b>	
Nov. 16	All Fourth Graders Washington Music Program 7:00 p.m.
Nov. 16	American Heritage Week
Nov. 17	Scholastic Book Fair Begins
Nov. 19-25	Conference Week 1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 19	Choir Rehearsal 1:00 to 3:00
Nov. 23	Individual Picture Re-Takes
Nov. 23	Choir Rehearsal 1:00 to 3:00
Nov. 24	Hearing Screening Gr. K, 1, 2, 3, & 5
Nov. 24	Choir Rehearsal 1:00 to 3:00
Nov. 25	Hearing Screening Continues
Nov. 25	ASB Character Counts Day
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Week-end No School
<b>December</b>	
Dec. 1-11	ASB Food Drive
Dec. 2	PTSO Meeting 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 8	6th Grade Showcase Concert with 6th Graders, Choir, and 6th Grade Band and Strings 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 12	Choir Caroling at Northtown Mall 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Dec. 14	3 and 3/4 Combination Music "Spirit of the Season" 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 18	ASB Character Counts Day CITIZENSHIP (Purple)
Dec. 21	Winter Break Begins

## Counselor's Corner

*ATTENDANCE: A KEY TO YOUR STUDENT'S SUCCESS*

Schools are responsible for teaching your child. But schools can't do their job if your child is absent or tardy. Learning builds day by day. A child who misses a day of school misses a day of learning.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they can never get back what's most important: The discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive.



Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background . . . One that can only be gained through regular school attendance.

JODY HARMON  
COUNSELOR

## Picture Re-Take Day Monday, November 23

If your child was absent on Picture Day, or you were unhappy with the originals that he/she had taken, the opportunity for retakes is at hand. On **Monday, November 23rd** students will be able to have their pictures taken once again. If you wish to have your child's pictures retaken, please either send the original pictures back to school with him/her, and they will be taken free of charge, or if you missed picture day and need a new picture envelope, then just give us a call. We will be happy to send a new envelope home with your child. Checks should be made out to Leo's Photography Studio.



## Conference Week

November 19, 20, 23, 24, 25

### November 19 Thursday (Collaborative Time Schedule)

AM Kindergarten	9:30 - 10:45
PM Kindergarten	11:45 - 1:00
Grades 1 - 6	9:30 - 1:00

### November 20 to November 25

AM Kindergarten	9:00 - 10:30
PM Kindergarten	11:30 - 1:00
Grades 1 - 6	9:00 - 1:00

## Woodridge Choir

Woodridge Elementary School has a tradition of excellent choirs over the past 10 years. These 6th grade groups have averaged 55-60 students, equally mixed with boys' and girls' voices, have performed for school concerts and assemblies, at the Salk Middle School festival each February, caroled at Northtown Mall in December, and participated annually at the Regional Choir Festival in March. At these festivals, our choir has received a "Superior" (#1) rating every year.

Over 90% of this year's 6th grade classes voted in early October to participate in this year's choir, and we've already started practicing for our upcoming events. **They are VERY talented and energetic, and I am thrilled that they are "stepping up to the plate"!**

Brad Miller, Music Specialist

## Scholastic Book Fair

Gobble up some good books at the  
Scholastic Book Fair!  
Room 101

Tues.	Nov. 17	2:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Wed.	Nov. 18	2:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Thur.	Nov. 19	12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Fri.	Nov. 20	12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Mon.	Nov. 23	12:30 to 6:00 p.m.
Tues.	Nov. 24	12:30 to 6:00 p.m.



Stop by to browse the shelves, do some holiday shopping, and say hi to friends.

**Thanksgiving  
Week-end!  
No School**

**Thursday  
November 26  
Friday  
November 27**

