



“Back to School” Open House

Woodridge parents are invited to our upcoming “Back to School” Open House. Grades K-3 will be on Tuesday, September 15, and grades 4-6 will be on Wednesday, September 16. (This year AM K will be on Monday, September 14). These evenings are designed for teachers to share information with parents about how the class is structured, behavior and academic expectations for your child, and how you can best help your child be successful.

Since there is a lot of information to share in a relatively short amount of time, this night is intended for parents only. Our teachers do a fabulous job of informing parents about what they can expect from each academic year. Woodridge parents are extremely supportive of their children’s education. The “**Back to School**” night will help us all work together on behalf of your children.

In addition to meeting with your child’s classroom teacher, please plan to spend about 20 minutes with Mr. Melody in the library. Mr. Melody will be presenting the new **Standards-Based Grading and Reporting** system and the **new report card** during each half hour block. This way you can come to the library either right before or right after visiting your child’s classroom. For example, 6th grade parents can learn about the new report card at 6:30 and go to their child’s classroom at the scheduled 7:00 time . . . second grade parents can go to the classroom as scheduled at 6:30 and can visit the library either before or after that time.

We look forward to seeing all parents next week!

Brian Melody	Principal	354-4600
Attendance		354-4606

September 11, 2009

Upcoming Events

September

Sept. 14	AM Kindergarten Open House	
Sept. 15	PM Kindergarten Open House	
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. 23	Volunteer Orientation	
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	

Citizens' Advisory Representative Needed

Woodridge is in need of a parent representative to the Spokane Public Schools Citizens' Advisory Committee. This group, with a representative from each school, meets once a month with the Superintendent, School Board Members, and other district central administrators to give input on district programs and policies. The meetings are the first Monday of each month at Libby Center. The first meeting is October 12, at 6:45 p.m. Please call Mr. Melody (354-4600) if you are interested or would like more information.

Open House Schedule

September 14	AM Kindergarten	5:30 p.m.
September 15	PM Kindergarten	5:30 p.m.
	Grade 1	6:00 p.m.
	Grade 2	6:30 p.m.
	Grade 2/3 and 3	7:00 p.m.
September 16	Grade 4 & 3/4	6:00 p.m.
	Grade 5	6:30 p.m.
	Grade 6 & 5/6	7:00 p.m.

Presentation on the new Report Card will be held in the Library at 6:00, 6:30, and 7:00.

CROSS COUNTRY

We have some exciting news to share with you. Spokane Public Elementary Schools are the recipient of a generous donation provided by a local nonprofit organization, called Active4Youth. This donation will fund our new interscholastic cross country program. Students will participate in practices, zone meets and a final All-City meet for students who qualify by place or time. Flyers were sent home this week.

Here are the important dates:

Practice starts: September 14th at 3:00 meet in the gym
 Loma Vista Park Zone Meet #1 September 30th at 4:00
 Loma Vista Park Zone Meet #2 October 7th at 4:00
 All City Meet at Comstock park October 12th at 4:00



WASL Results

Each spring all students in grades 3-6 take the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). The WASL tests are designed to measure student achievement toward a set of state standards called Essential Learnings. These standards describe what a student should know and be able to do in the core subjects of math, reading, and writing. Fifth graders also take the Science WASL. Parents of current Woodridge 4-6 graders, who took the WASL last spring as 3-5 graders, will receive detailed individual results early next week. Last year's sixth grade parents get their results from Salk M.S.

As a whole, Woodridge students continue to perform at a higher level than students around our district and across the state. While we are pleased that our students achieve at a relatively high rate, we know that we still have room for improvement. Given the families and children we serve and the dedication of our staff, Woodridge has the potential to be among the highest achieving schools in the state. Our ultimate goal is to have all children meet standard in each subject area. In addition, we are very pleased with the increase in the number of students who achieved at the "Level 4", which exceeds the state standards.

While the WASL is a single test at a given time in a child's development and education, it provides good information about how we are performing as a school. More importantly, the frequent formative assessments that take place daily in each classroom provide valuable information to teachers and students about their learning. In this way teachers can more effectively help each child and improve student learning overall for the children who attend Woodridge. Printed below are the percentages of Woodridge students who met the state standards in the different subject areas at all grade levels tested. As a reminder, the WASL, as a specific test, has been discontinued. This spring student in grades 3-6 will take the Measurement of Student Progress (MSP). The MSP will still assess progress toward the state standards, but will be shorter in duration and results will be returned sooner.

Spring 2009 WASL Results (Percentages of Students Who Met Standard)

Gr.	Reading			Math			Writing			Science		
	Woodridge	Spokane Schools	WA State	Woodridge	Spokane Schools	WA State	Woodridge	Spokane Schools	WA State	Woodridge	Spokane Schools	WA State
Gr. 3	91	74	71	95	73	66						
Gr. 4	81	77	74	75	60	52	83	59	60			
Gr. 5	83	75	74	82	67	62				59	47	45
Gr. 6	92	76	72	86	59	51						