



Linwood Elementary School

September, 2009

Dates to Remember

September

7 th	Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
13 th	Grandparent's Day
16 th	Skate Night 6:30 PM @ Pattison's
22 nd	First day of Autumn PTO Meeting 5:00 PM
24 th	Hearing Rescreening Open House 6:00-7:00 PM
25 th	Western BBQ Lunch

October

2 nd	Carnival 5:00PM in the Gym
6 th	German American Heritage Day
9 th	Teacher Noncompulsory Day—NO SCHOOL!
20 th	PTO Meeting 5:00 PM
31 st	Halloween

ATTENDANCE LINE
PHONE NUMBER IS
354-3361

If your child is going to be absent or tardy, please notify the school. Our attendance hot line is available 24 hours a day at 354-3361. **Please use this number to report your child absent rather than calling the office. In addition, because of new state requirements regarding illness reporting, please be as specific as possible as to why your child is absent (cold, flu, sore throat, etc...).**



It is very important that children arrive at school on time. Late students miss instruction and cause a disruption to the class when they enter. We realize there are things that can't be avoided, but we encourage you to be on time. Parents must sign their student in when they arrive late in order to excuse the tardiness.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Linwood Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year! We are off to a great start! I would like to take this opportunity to welcome "New" families to Linwood. We look forward to providing your child(ren) with an exceptional education and are very excited about partnering with you to build a collaborative relationship that will ensure success for all of our students!

We have some exciting things happening at Linwood Elementary! First, we are now offering all day kindergarten to our students and families. We currently have three classes of all day kindergarten. We also have some new staff members. We welcome the following new staff to Linwood: Mrs. Ochs, Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Anderson, second grade teacher, Mrs. Huschke, fourth grade teacher, Mrs. Mayer, 4/5 teacher, and Mr. Gresham, Intermediate Literacy Coach. We have also had some staff members change positions: Mrs. Rassier is returning to Linwood as a kindergarten teacher, and Mr. Parker is returning as a fifth grade teacher. Mrs. Jackson is now our Reading Recovery and Primary Intervention teacher.

I encourage you to get involved at school this year! Please join us at our Open House scheduled for grades 1-6 on September 24th from 6:00-7:00pm. We will be meeting whole group in the gym for staff introductions and then we are asking that you go to your child's classroom to view a short video on Standards Based Grading and Reporting. You will then receive a "Learning Across the Year Summary brochure." This document provides information that highlights all of the content areas and topics students will study each trimester. This gives parents and students a clear vision of what teachers are teaching. It also highlights what students need to know and be able to do each grading period. After the video, you may visit your other children's classrooms and receive a brochure at that grade level.

Our Open House is a great opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and gather information regarding curriculum, the new report card, classroom procedures, and school events.

As always, our goal is to build partnerships between home and school. With this in mind, we are now sending home red Monday Folders with every student, every Monday. This folder will contain important school newsletters and school information. It also promotes two-way communication because there is a side in the folder for parents and families to return notes to school. We want parents/guardians to feel welcome at Linwood. Please get involved in your child's education by joining our Parent Teacher Organization and attending school events.

If you have questions, comments, or concerns, please do not hesitate to call, send a note, or send an email! We look forward to a wonderful school year with you and your child(ren)!

Gina Naccarato-Keele, Principal

HELP US KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE

Changes in your child's school information should be sent or called into the office so our records can be up to date.



It is imperative that we have a number to reach you in case of an emergency. We appreciate your help keeping our records current. Our office number is 354-3400.

THURSDAY LATE START REMINDER

**PLEASE REMEMBER THAT
SCHOOL DOES NOT START UNTIL
9:30 ON THURSDAY'S DUE TO
TEACHER COLLABORATION TIME.**

If a student arrives too early on Thursdays, they will be sent home as there is no adult supervision before 9:15. Breakfast will be served beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Thursdays. If your student eats breakfast at school, they may arrive at 9:00 a.m.

A NOTE FROM THE ART TEACHER

Hi, my name is Carolyn Schmitz and I am the art teacher at Linwood. This is my third year and it is so nice to come back to Linwood school and the great students who are here! I teach all of the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. They are very creative, wonderful artists. It brings me great joy to see what they will come up with next. Be looking forward to the new Linwood Art Gallery that will be in the front hallway, right across from the office. You will see there the work that your children can do. I'm at Linwood on Wednesdays. Stop by anytime to say hello!

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH INFORMATION

Free and reduced lunch applications were mailed home to families over the summer. If you did not receive one and would like to apply for free or reduced-priced meals, please contact the school office or go online @ www.spokaneschools.org.

2009-2010 MEAL PRICE INCREASES

MEAL PRICES			
	Elementary	Middle & High Schools	Adult
Paid Lunch	\$ 2.10	\$ 2.75	(w/o milk) \$ 2.80
Reduced Lunch	.40	.40	
Paid Breakfast	1.30	1.50	(w/milk) \$ 2.00
Reduced Breakfast	.00	.00	
White/Choc. Milk	.60	.60	.60

The Nutrition Services continues to help keep classroom budget dollars in the classroom. The school board requires that revenue generating programs like Nutrition Services cover all the direct and indirect program expenses. This small increase in meal prices helps to ensure that our district continues to run a cost effective break even program.

5% BACK TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM AT OFFICE DEPOT

Office Depot is Taking Care of Education in 2009, by helping to provide essential tools and supplies that students need to be successful in the classroom, plus programs and services that benefit our local schools and teachers.

Throughout 2009/2010, **each time you purchase qualifying school supplies at an Office Depot retail store, Office Depot will donate 5% of your purchase to our school.** Just give them our school ID number!

Linwood's school ID# is 70107656.

BAND & STRINGS NEWS

Instrument Pick up Night for 5th and 6th grade.

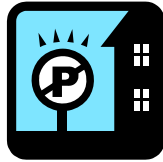
6th Grade: At the warehouse, Sept. 9th, 3:30-6:30PM.
5th Grade: At the warehouse, Sept. 17th, 3:30-6:30PM

Letters and maps will be coming home soon!

PARKING INFORMATION

We love the community members who live in the area surrounding Linwood. Being a good neighbor is important to all of us, so here are some helpful tips. These tips will keep our students safe and might keep you from getting a traffic ticket.

First, please park five (5) feet or more from entrances to driveways, and fifteen (15) feet from fire hydrants. **Watch out for the bus zone which is located by the portables on Weile Ave. DO NOT BLOCK DRIVEWAYS OR BUS ZONES or you will be towed.**



Second, park on the correct side of the street. Cutting across and parking against traffic is dangerous and illegal.

Third, if your child gets out of the car across the street from school, please have them walk to the crosswalk and then cross the street. Every year children get hit by cars when they jaywalk.

Fourth, drive slowly and carefully near the school.

Thank you for being a good neighbor.

ATTENTION PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

LINWOOD FITNESS AND HEALTH STUDENTS NEED TO HAVE TENNIS SHOES FOR CLASS. OPEN TOED SHOES, BOOTS AND HIGH HEELED SHOES ARE UNSAFE.

QUESTIONS: MRS. EMOTO (354-3359)

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 flu) 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.

Cell phone use restricted

Spokane Public Schools' Board of Directors recently approved a more specific policy regarding student use of cell phones at school.



The policy, which also covers the use of other personally owned telecommunication and electronic devices like computers, pagers and digital cameras, prohibits the use of these items during the regular school day, unless there is an emergency or a staff member authorizes use for educational purposes. Students can use these items before and after school only!

REPORTING STUDENT ABSENCES

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 flu", chicken pox, pertussis (whooping cough), strep throat, fifth's disease, "common cold", hepatitis, impetigo, mononucleosis, ringworm, etc. Linwood's attendance line phone number is 354-3361 and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Thank you for your support.

Destination Book Fair!



Mark your calendar!

The Annual Linwood Book Fair is coming.
November 2 through November 6, 2009
More information to come.

LINWOOD EXPRESS INFORMATION

Linwood Express offers a convenient, smooth transition to and from childcare for your child's school day. Our program is a neighborhood place where people know our staff, children and each other. The program meets our high standards for a learning environment, and attention to the children in our care. For more information about registration and enrollment in our program please contact (509) 354-7312.

Roll Call To Character

May I extend a warm welcome back to our wonderful Linwood families and staff. I trust everyone had a fun and memorable summer; and as the door to summer closes, the door opens to what I know will be a memorable, and yes....FUN year ahead!!! As we begin to re-invest our hearts and minds into academic growth and development; let us also do so in the growth and development of our good character.

Great character springs from good decisions and the following is a terrific recipe for making good decisions. What you will need: equal parts Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship. What you do with the ingredients: 1/Decide who could be hurt or helped by the decision. What will it do to each person? If it hurts anyone, **don't do it!!** 2/ Ask if the decision will be trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring or a mark of good citizenship. If it isn't any of these, **make a new plan!!** 3/ If you're still confused, do what will help the most people, and what will harm or hurt the fewest people.

Throughout the year we will shine our light on the 6 Pillars of Good Character. For the month of September we roll out the character trait of **RESPECT**. Simply put, **RESPECT** is how we treat others, and how we want to be treated ourselves. **RESPECT DO'S:** ☞ Treat everyone with respect by being polite. ☞ Respect the individuality of others. ☞ Be accepting of individual differences and embrace diversity. ☞ Judge people on their merits, not on their race, religion, nationality, gender, physical or mental condition or their social-economic status. ☞ Above all, respect YOURSELF!! **RESPECT DON'TS:** ☞ Don't insult, abuse, put down or mistreat others. ☞ Don't say mean things about another person. ☞ Don't take advantage of other people.

“Respect for ourselves guides our morals; respect for others guides our manners.”

~Laurance Sterne

~Tommy Ballew, School Counselor