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September 25, 2009

Upcoming Events

September		
Sept. 29	Site Council	3:15 p.m.
Sept. 30	PTSO Skate Night	
October		
Oct. 5	Read to Succeed Begins	
Oct. 7	PTSO Meeting	7:00 p.m.
Oct. 7	PTSO Papa John's Pizza Night	
Oct. 9	Curriculum Day	No School
Oct. 12	Vision Screening	
Oct. 23	ASB Character Counts Day RESPECT (Yellow)	
Oct. 27	Site Council	3:15 p.m.
Oct. 27	PTSO Skate Night	
Oct. 31	Halloween	

Character Counts
RESPECT and Yellow

Library Link

Welcome to the new 2009-2010 school year (I'm thinking better late than never)! The summer was short for all of us but it is always nice to get back into the school routine in the fall.



I am enjoying the time I have to teach (and learn from) your children and it is always my goal to make their library experience a positive, meaningful one that helps spur them on toward a lifelong love of reading and learning.

Library class is no longer just a time to read and check out books (although we do that also). In your child's library class, they will learn age appropriate skills for finding and using information in ways that fit their needs. In this age of information overload, this is an extremely important skill!

Students will learn to use the library independently to find books for their own recreational reading, to explore personal interests, and to gather and use information for classroom and library projects.

As always, there are many exciting things for your children to learn and explore in the library this year. Please take a few minutes with them after school on their library day to ask what they did in library class. You might be pleasantly surprised with how much they are learning (you may even learn a thing or two from *them*).

Happy reading, and have a great school year.

Mrs. Hogue
Library Media Specialist



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Family Time

Spending time with children isn't always easy or convenient, but the results are amazing! You may be surprised by how much the "together" time means to your child . . . and how much it will mean to you too! Preparing a meal together or helping each other with chores is a great way to spend time together. Encourage your children to spend time playing outside and surprise them by joining in. Do you think you're too old to run and jump into a pile of leaves with your child . . . Just watch the smiles erupt when you really go out and do it! Plan other "together" activities that you and your family can do without being interrupted by outside distractions such as the computer, TV, phone calls, or video games. Appreciate your child's imagination by having fun pretending together. Talk to your child and accept your child for who he/she is. By providing a loving and safe home your kids will know they are around caring adults.



Jodi Harmon. Counselor

Curriculum Teacher Planning Day

No School
Friday, October 9th



Free & Reduced Meal Application Cut Off . . . Oct 13

Tuesday, October 13, is the last day students can receive a free or reduced meal on last years meal application. On Wednesday, the 14th those families who were on the meal program last year, and have not yet turned in a new meal application, will be changed to the paid meal status.

Key Meal Application Information:

- * A new application is required every school year
- * One application per family
- * Families may apply at ANY TIME during the school year
- * Once qualified, the family application is good for the full school year
- * On Line Meal Application (this is the fastest way to process an application): <http://spokaneschools.org/MealApp/>

CHARACTER COUNTS

OCTOBER

RESPECT . . . YELLOW

NOVEMBER and DECEMBER

CITIZENSHIP . . . PURPLE

JANUARY

RESPONSIBILITY . . . GREEN

FEBRUARY

FAIRNESS . . . ORANGE

MARCH

TRUSTWORTHINESS . . . BLUE

APRIL

CARING . . . RED