



Brian Melody	Principal	354-4600
Attendance		354-4606

October 8, 2009

Upcoming Events

October

Oct. 12	Cross Country All City Meet	4:00 pm
		Comstock Park
Oct. 12	Vision Screening	
Oct. 23	ASB Character Counts Day	
	RESPECT (Yellow)	
Oct. 27	Site Council	3:15 pm
Oct. 27	PTSO Skate Night	

November

Nov. 1	Daylight Savings Time Ends	
Nov. 3	Individual Pictures	
Nov. 3	PTSO Family Portrait Night	
Nov. 4	PTSO Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov. 5	PTSO Family Portrait Night	
Nov. 7	Whitworth Writing Rally	
Nov. 10	4th Grades to Spokane Symphony	
Nov. 11	Veterans Day	No School
Nov. 13	Read to Succeed Ends	
Nov. 16	American Heritage Week	
Nov. 17	Scholastic Book Fair Begins	
Nov. 19-25	Conference Week	1:00 Dismissal
Nov. 20	ASB Character Counts Day	
Nov. 23	Individual Picture Re-Takes	
Nov. 24	Hearing Screening Gr. K, 1, 2, 3, & 5	
Nov. 25	Hearing Screening Continues	
Nov. 26-27	Thanksgiving Week-end	No School

**A.S.B. and KXLY Coats 4 Kids
October 12 to October 16.**

Please help by supporting the Woodridge A.S.B. with our annual Coats 4 Kids Drive. With your support and coat donations many children in the Spokane area will have a warm coat to wear this winter. Cold days are just around the corner and the goal of this campaign is to make sure that every child needing a coat will have one to keep them warm this year.



At Woodridge, we will have collection boxes conveniently located in the main entry way to drop off your new or gently used coat donations. Please remember that all donated coats will stay within the Spokane area.



Thank you for continuing to support the activities of the Woodridge A.S.B.



The PTSO is Going Green!

If you have not already turned in the PTSO Going Green form, the form can be found on the PTSO website (www.woodridgeptso.com) under the Newsletter tab. Most PTSO flyers and announcements will be emailed out this year unless you indicate on the form that you prefer paper copies. Occasionally notices that require a written response will be sent home in paper form

Woodridge PTSO

25th Annual Whitworth Writing Rally

November 7, 2009
Session 1 8:15 a.m.
Session 2 10:45 a.m.
Whitworth University

Please save the date for you and your child to attend the 25th Annual Whitworth Writing Rally. There is a \$17 registration fee for each child that includes all materials and a souvenir t-shirt. The registration form and more information is available at www.thewritingrally.org or by calling 777-4409.

Counselor's Corner

Six Pillars of Character

Woodridge will once again emphasize the Six Pillars of Character through the **CHARACTER COUNTS** Program. Core ethical values are taught through character education activities to promote good moral character. Each theme is equally important, but they build on one another.



RESPECT teaches how to treat others with respect, be tolerant of differences, use good manners, be considerate of the feelings of others, don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone, and to deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements. **We focus on the Character Counts trait of Respect in October.**

CITIZENSHIP is about doing your share to make your school and community better, cooperating, staying informed and voting, being a good neighbor, obeying laws and rules, respecting authority, and protecting our environment. **Citizenship is focused on during the months of November and December.**

RESPONSIBILITY emphasizes doing what you are supposed to do, persevere, always do your best, use self-control, be self-disciplined, think before you act to consider the consequences, and be accountable for your choices. **January is our month for the Character Counts trait of Responsibility.**

FAIRNESS stresses playing by the rules, taking turns and sharing, being open-minded, listening to others, not taking advantage of others, and not blaming others carelessly. **Fairness will be the Character Counts trait during the month of February.**

TRUSTWORTHINESS teaches about being honest, not deceiving, cheating, or stealing, being reliable and doing what you say you will do, having the courage to do the right things, building a good reputation, and being loyal by standing by your family and friends. **The month of March will focus on Trustworthiness.**

CARING is about being kind, being compassionate and showing you care, expressing gratitude, forgiving others, and helping people in need. **During April we will stress the Character Counts trait of Caring.**



Jodi Harmon, Counselor

Bus Rider Survey Week October 12 to October 16

The week of October 12 through October 16 is student ridership survey week. If you are an eligible bus rider, and plan on riding the bus during this school year, we encourage you to ride the bus from home to school this week. If you are not sure and think you are eligible, please come to the office to clarify your eligibility.



Volunteer Information

Welcome to all of our wonderful volunteers and thank you for contributing to the success of Woodridge students and their activities. Lael Martin is our volunteer coordinator. As a volunteer please remember the following:

- * *ALL volunteers in the schools must fill out a Spokane Public Schools volunteer clearance form. These are available in the school office.*
- * *Remember to sign in and out on your monthly time card located in the box on top of the file cabinet in the office workroom. The school district keeps track of all volunteer hours.*
- * *Remember to wear your volunteer badge when you are in the building. This identifies you as a school district volunteer. The name tags are filed in the chart hanging on the file cabinet in the office workroom.*
- * *If you have lost your badge or need a new one, please write your name on the "Do You Need a New Badge?" paper on top of the same file cabinet.*
- * *If you have had a change in address, phone number, or last name since you filled out your volunteer clearance form, please fill out a new form so information can be updated with the school district volunteer office. All information on these forms is kept confidential.*
- * *The Volunteer Workroom is located in Rm. 135.*

