



Linwood Elementary School

November, 2009

Dates to Remember

November

- 2nd Individual Picture Day
- 2-6th Linwood Book Fair
- 2-6th 1st Grade "Join Your Student's for Lunch" Week
- 5th Build a Book Workshop 5:00-7:00 PM in the Gym
- 10th Veteran's Day Assembly 9:30 AM in the Gym
- 4th Graders to Symphony
- 11th Veteran's Day—NO SCHOOL
- 16th American Heritage Week
- 17th PTO Meeting 5:00 PM in the Staff Room
- 19th Skate Night @ Pattison's 6:30-8:30 PM
- 19-25th Conference Week 1:00 PM Dismissal
- 20th Picture Retakes
- 23rd End of First Trimester
- 26-27th Thanksgiving Holiday—NO SCHOOL

December

- 7-11th Kindergarten "Join Your Student's for Lunch" Week
- 10th Human Rights Day
- 12th Hanukkah Begins
- 21st First Day of Winter
- 21-Jan 1 Winter Break—NO SCHOOL
- 25th Christmas Day
- 26th Kwanzaa Begins
- Jan 4 Back to School

CONFERENCES/ EARLY DISMISSAL SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 19th
Early Dismissal on Collaboration Day
9:30- 1:00



Early Dismissal November 20-25th
9:00 - 1:00

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Linwood Parents and Guardians,

Fall is here! The leaves are changing colors and falling to ground. The temperatures are getting cooler and the days are getting shorter. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cooler temperatures.

This school year we have had many events and school activities offered at night, to bring the Linwood community and families together as partners in educating children. Our Open House was a tremendous success! At our last event, the Linwood Carnival, we had numerous families come and enjoy the evening together. We have also seen our Parent Teacher Organization growing in numbers!

If you haven't had a chance to attend an evening event at school, we have a fun event right around the corner. Linwood's Annual Bookfair is November 2-5th. On Thursday, November 5th, we have our Build a Book Workshop from 5:00-7:00pm in the Gym. This is a fun event that gives families the opportunity to build a book together. This activity is free for all families. On Tuesday, November 10th, we will be having a Veteran's Day Assembly at 9:30am in the Gym. This is a special celebration to honor Veteran's of the Armed Forces and to thank them for their sacrifices. The celebration will feature a slide show and patriotic songs sung by Linwood students of all ages. At the end of the month Parent/Teacher conferences will be taking place. Fall conferences are November 19-25 with students K-6 being dismissed at 1:00pm.

Parent/Teacher conferences are an excellent means for building a collaborative partnership between home and school. Please plan on attending conferences. Our goal is to have every child and their parent or guardian attend fall conferences. Please help us reach our goal of 100% attendance!

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH



VETERAN'S DAY
NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 26-27TH

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY
NO SCHOOL



CHARACTER COUNTS AT LINWOOD

Our school is not simply a building where teachers come to teach and students come to learn; but a community with its own unique culture and customs. It is a proud community where we function and interact with purpose and passion; a place where we all thrive to learn and learn to thrive. A vital component of what keeps a community thriving is its active and dedicated citizenship.

This month we celebrate and, more importantly, demonstrate our commitment to citizenship. As part of the Six Pillars of Character, embracing citizenship obliges us to: do our share to make our school, our community, and the world a better place; to take responsibility for what goes on around us; to participate in community service; to help take care of the environment; to be a good and caring neighbor; to treat other people with respect, compassion and dignity; and to follow the rules of family, school and society. It is our mission and our pledge at Linwood to maintain a healthy and progressive citizenship; for it all starts here, and it then radiates out.

Tommy Ballew, School Counselor

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Conferences are a special time to meet and discuss student academic progress. They are also a time for parents to share information about their child/ren with teachers, get information about curriculum and academic strategies taught, see student work samples and assessments, and learn how to support learning at home.

I want to remind the Linwood community that school will not be in session on November 26th and 27th. I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families!

As always, our goal is to build partnerships between home and school. 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!

Gina Naccarato-Keele, Principal

HELPFUL TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

- *Be on time for conferences and respect time limits.
- *Be honest with teachers and make your concerns known.
- *Reflect on your child before the conference and try to prepare specific questions to ask.
- *Ask if the student is to attend the conference.
- *Try to remember that your information probably came through a child's perspective.
- *Try not to put a teacher (or a child, for that matter) in the middle of a family conflict.
- *Ask for specific suggestions.

Linwood Skate Night

Thursday, November 19th
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Cost: \$4.00 per person
\$2.00 extra for In-Line/ Speed
Skates

Wear your "Linwood Spirit Wear" to receive a ticket that will go into the drawing for your chance to win some prizes!!!

THANK YOU SPOKANE VOTERS!

Thanks to Spokane voters' passage of the 2003 and 2009 bonds, every school has received upgrades to school facilities, technology and security systems. Recently, every school received a new office printer/copier/scanner, which is not only quicker, but cuts per-copy costs by 35 percent. Linwood also received four desktop computers, two laptop computers, one network laser printer, 10 data/video projectors and 10 document cameras, with more to come over the next six years. Thank you, Spokane!

PERSONAL ITEMS AT SCHOOL



The School District cannot be responsible for loss or damage to personal property brought to school by students. **Please make certain that your child does not bring personal items to school. This includes trading cards, CD players, sports equipment, etc.**



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JOIN YOUR STUDENT(S) FOR HOT LUNCH



Beginning this month, we will be inviting guests to come and join their students for hot lunch.

Each grade level will be given a specific week to have you join them. We will be sending home a notice with the assigned grade level a week in advance of their designated week. So, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, brothers and sisters, please plan to come to school and eat hot lunch.

The schedule is listed below:

Grade 1	November 2-6 th
Kindergarten	December 7-11 th
Gr. 3	January 11-15 th
Grade 4	February 1-5 th
Gr. 5 & 4/5 Combo	March 1-5 th
Gr. 2 & 2/3 Combo	April 12-16 th
Grade 6	May 17-21 st

Math Is Cool Club

Calling all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade Mathematicians!

Do you love math? Do you like to play math games? Do you want to be on the Math is Cool team? Do you want to compete against other Spokane area Math teams?

Come join us on Monday, November 2nd for our first Math is Cool club meeting! We will learn a little about the competition, how we select teams, and play some awesome math games.

We will meet Mondays after school, from 3pm-4:15pm in Mrs. O'Halloran's room, #149.

In order to be considered for the official Math is Cool math team, you MUST attend the Monday Math is Cool Club meetings.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. O'Halloran, at 354-3381, or emilyoh@spokaneschools.org

Updating HS math materials: We want you!

Spokane Public Schools is spending the next few months considering the options for updating the high school mathematics materials for Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II. This work is based on the recently adopted standards approved by the state of Washington on July of 2008.

Public forums will be held Nov. 10 at the North Central HS library from 6-7 p.m. and Nov. 12 at Lewis and Clark HS (rooms 131-132) from 6-7 p.m. The purpose of these forums will be to provide the opportunity for a brief update on the adoption process and for parents and community members to provide input on their priorities with respect to high school mathematics materials. Additional forums will be held in late January or early February.

For more information, visit spokaneschools.org or contact Bridget Lewis, executive director of Instructional Programs, at bridgetl@spokaneschools.org, Rick Biggerstaff, coordinator of Secondary Mathematics, at rickb@spokaneschools.org, or call 354-5900.

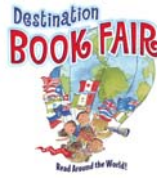
LOST AND FOUND

Our Lost and Found closet (which is located down by the Gym drinking fountain) is overflowing. Please take some time to check for any articles that your student(s) may have misplaced. Smaller items such as keys, glasses, etc. are kept in the office.

Brrrrr! Bundle up!

As temperatures tumble, be sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather:

- Wear layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing. Trapped air between the layers will insulate. Outer garments should be tightly woven, water repellent and hooded.
- Wear a hat. Forty percent of body heat can be lost from the head.
- Wear mittens. Mittens, snug at the wrist, are better than gloves to keep hands warm.
- Use a scarf to cover the mouth to protect lungs from extreme cold. This is especially important for children who have a respiratory condition such as asthma.



The Annual Linwood Book Fair is here!
November 2 through
November 6, 2009

HOURS:

Monday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday – 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday – 9:00 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

FAMILY NIGHT-- NOVEMBER 5TH

Thursday. 4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Family Book Evening
Thursday, November 5, 2009

4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Build-A-Book Workshop

Linwood Gym

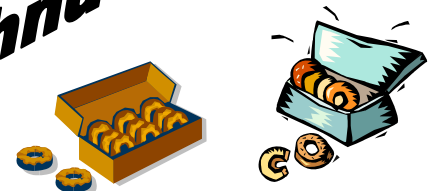
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Create a free book!

Sponsored by the Title Program



Thank You
Doughnuts To Go!



The Doughnuts were delicious!

The Linwood Patrol Students and Staff were treated to wonderful doughnuts donated by **Doughnuts to Go** located on **North Division Street**. We would like to thank them for supporting the Linwood Patrol Program and encourage all Linwood families to stop and try their wonderful doughnuts!