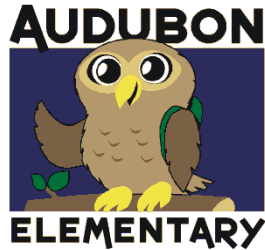


The Owl's Nest



June 10, 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

As the school year draws to a close we are busy celebrating what we have accomplished and getting ready to say "so long" for a much deserved break. There is a lot to be done to close the school year. At the same time we are busy preparing for next school year. Yes, once students head off for summer fun and teachers pack up their rooms, the custodians begin cleaning and preparing the building and I start plans for next school year. During the summer there is lots of work to be done in the building and much work that happens throughout the summer days. It might be helpful to know that while you see activity at the school, the building is not open. The Y-Program uses a part of our facility; however the rest of the building is closed. Last year open doors because of carpet cleaning resulted in students entering and causing some damage/vandalism. Please respect that our building is closed and entering for any reason, except the Y-Program, is not permitted. We would appreciate your help to report any signs of disturbance or unusual activity in or around the building during the summer. It feels uncomfortable to have to issue this reminder, however due to the vandalism this past year I do feel it is an important one. Thank you all so much for your assistance in keeping our school safe and secure over the summer break, so your children and teachers can come back in September to a clean and shiny school house.

Don't forget the Owl Outreach play events that occur throughout the summer at Idylwood Park or the school playground. Watch the PTSA website for these opportunities for children and parents to meet, play and keep touch throughout the break.

Have a wonderful weekend!
Karen Dickens

LOST & FOUND:

This is an important reminder to please check our over-flowing lost and found table outside the cafeteria. Most of what is there has been there for some time. **Just after the last day of school ends all items remaining will be donated to charity.** Please take a moment between now and then to peek through the table to see if you child's favorite sweatshirt may be hidden in the pile.

IMPORTANT! NEW IMMUNIZATION EXEMPTION LAW:

Parents should read the attached news release from the Washington Department of Health regarding changes to the immunization exemption law. In Washington State we have the highest exemption rate in the country. In response, Governor Gregoire signed a law that changes the process for getting an immunization exemption. This new law goes into effect on

July 22, 2011 and will affect our families and school. Please read the attached news release, and/or find the report at www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6021a4.htm.

Rose Hill Junior High Communication:

In order to keep you in the loop and help you understand how we will be transitioning students to Rose Hill Middle School, I am forwarding information from Principal Laurynn Evans' newsletter. The last bit in particular pertains to our current 4th and 5th grade students. We will continue to collaborate with RHJH to provide information and to help your children transition to the Middle School next year.

1. We are going green this year with our summer packets!!! Parents should be on the lookout for a postcard with important dates and directions on how to find our summer information online. ALL of our back-to-school information will be on our website starting in early July. There will be a letter containing information with important dates and events, an outline of our first week of school, PTSA information, important forms and documents, and information about orientation for our 7th graders. Be sure to keep an eye on www.lwsd.org/school/rhjh
2. Orientation for 7th graders will be Friday, August 26 from 9-11am. During this time, new 7th graders will spend time with their mentors and learn the ropes for life at Rose Hill Jr High. They will also get their photos taken, get their locker assignments, and take care of other "back to school business". Parents need to bring appropriate checks/cash for various items (photos, ASB card, PTSA membership).
3. We will have a parent orientation running simultaneous to our 7th grade orientation on August 26. Parents will meet in our auditorium from 9 – 11am and learn about junior high transition, the one-to-one netbook program at Rose Hill, and have an opportunity to ask questions and meet many of our staff. We look forward to seeing parents then!
4. **Parents of 5th and 6th graders NEXT YEAR (ie: our first group of new middle school students in 2012-2013):** we are working hard and looking forward towards the middle school reconfiguration. A part of that looking-forward work is to have a "PTSA transition team" formed next year. This transition team will highlight parent-specific questions and concerns about the reconfiguration process and develop a means by which we will address those concerns via PTSA, as well as spending time fostering a community of parents to see Rose Hill through the reconfiguration and foster new traditions as we become a middle school. If any parents of 5th and/or 6th grade students in the 2011-2012 school year would like to join that transition team, please email me at levans@lwsd.org and indicate their interest. Meetings will likely be on Tuesday evenings in the 2011-2012 school year.

Class Events Calendar –don't miss important dates!

- 6/14 ELL Students - Whale Watching Trip
- 6/14 Kindergarten to Idylwood Park, 9:00-1:30
- 6/14 5th Grade to Aquarium & Pike Place Market
- 6/15 **Talent Show Assembly, 8:45 am**
- 6/16 3rd Grade to Idylwood Park, 9:00-1:30
- 6/16 6th Grade Promotion, 6:30 pm
- 6/17 1st Grade to Idylwood Park, 9:00-2:15
- 6/17 Safety Patrol to Tech City Bowl, 10:00-12:00
- 6/20 2nd Grade to Idylwood Park, 9:00-2:15
- 6/20 5th Grade to Crossroads Park, 9:30-2:45
- 6/22 **Last Day Assembly, 8:45-9:15**