E-news is an important tool to keep our parent community informed. Please call the main office at 425/837-5800 if you have any questions about our e-news.

October 22, 2015

Upcoming Dates

Oct 23rd Math Olympiad, 8:05 am  
PTSA Carnival, 6:00 pm

Oct 26th 5th Grade Fieldtrip (2 classes)

Oct 27th PTSA Provided Staff Luncheon  
4th Grade Planetarium Visit  
Chess Club, 3:40 pm

Oct 28th Chorus, 8:00 am  
Lego Club, 1:30 pm

Oct 29th 5th Grade Fieldtrip (2 classes)

Car Pick-Up Reminders: Don’t stop for your child & Watch

Our pick-up procedure at the end of the day is taking under 15 minutes, usually about 12 minutes, but it is a few minutes longer and there is a little more frustration out there than we had last year. I am noticing 2 things that could help:

1. **Remind your children to watch for your car.** Some students are playing rather than watching for their car. This slows down the line a great deal when adults have to look for the children.

2. **Pull as far forward as possible.** Don’t stop where your child is standing. Your child will walk up to where you stop. We should be able to load 6-9 cars at a time but if people stop half-way through the pick-up zone with no car right in front of them we can only load about 3 cars – doubling the time it takes to finish pick-up.

We are doing pretty well, but we can do better. Thank you for your help.

Thank You Vision and Hearing Volunteers!

Vision and hearing screening would be impossible without the help of a large number of volunteers. We had close to 40 volunteers that generously gave up their time to help during the vision and hearing screening on Thursday, October 8th! Thanks to such wonderful volunteers, the day was a huge success! We’d like to give a special thank you to Elizabeth Brecht for doing such a great job recruiting these amazing volunteers and for her help on screening day. We’d also like to say thank you to Alison Handlin, Christy Grabowski, Gina Hall, Jessica Anderson, Katie Burris, Lisa Crutchfield, Luisa Gass, Marie Birve, Michelle Riley, Nicole Wiebe, Noelle Sharp, Ruthie Keyes, Taryn Bailey, Nishy Hayre, Vivian Bastron, Zornitza Shomev, Brittany Frank, Becky Butler, Candace Berde, Cindy Buono, Heather Thibeau, Huyen Sewell, Karen Sharp, Khanh Dang, Lee Dolson, Sarah Jordan, Teresa Fagan, Renee Klein, Jeanie Johnson,
Joanna Hanson, Jackie Bartel, Jeana Kim, and Kate Lonning. We apologize if we’ve inadvertently left out anyone’s name!

Karen Herring, RN, School Nurse, and Jennifer Schoot, SLP

Pre-Approved Absence Form
Please remember that if your student is going to be absent from school 3 or more days, a pre-approved absence form must be submitted to the office 1 week prior to the start of the absence. Families will receive an e-mail informing them if the absence has been approved/unapproved. Note that the form is not required for absences of 1-2 days.

Click on the following link to access the form,
http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/newcastle/about/policies-procedures/m/newcastle-pol-absence/139136/download.aspx