



# CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

Chain Lake Elementary School

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## Welcome Back!

We had a wonderful first day. Staff and students seemed eager to get the year started. This first week will be filled with review on many subjects. Besides the academics of school, students will be reviewing proper school behavior, respect for others, as well as playground and hallway rules. We look forward to building some great relationships with you as the year progresses. Please do not hesitate to call Lisa or Sherry in the office for any questions that you may have.

## Curriculum Nights

Grades 1, 3 and 5  
Wednesday, September 19  
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Grades 2, 4, and Excel  
Thursday, September 20  
6:30 – 7:30 pm

## New Phone Numbers

The Monroe Public Schools changed phone numbers and extensions over the summer. Our new school number is 360 804 3100. The new **attendance line is 360 804 3101**. Please call the attendance line if your child is going to be tardy or absent from school.

## Love and Logic Tip

*Excerpt from Love and Logic Institute, Inc.*

At Love and Logic we've spent a good deal of time and energy talking about what parents can do if their children are being picked on at school. Sally Ogden's book, *Words Will Never Hurt Me* is a wonderful resource for helping kids who are being victimized. But what do we do if our child is the one doing the bullying?

- With great empathy, inform your child that it really drains your energy when you find out that he/she has been hassling other kids.
- Expect them to replace the energy they've drained by doing extra chores, hiring someone to watch them, etc.
- Expect them to do something nice for the victim, as well as the teachers who've had to deal with the problem at school. Saying, "I'm sorry" is not enough.
- Kids with a second or third grade reading ability may benefit from doing a book report on *Words Will Never Hurt Me*.
- Address the underlying hurt within your child by providing even more love and attention. Don't hesitate to get professional help if the problem continues.

### **Picture Day**

Our All-school Picture Day is scheduled for Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars. Re-take day is scheduled for Friday, November 2.

### **School Improvement Day**

Our first School Improvement Day is scheduled for Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. This is a Non School day for students. Staff members will be in workshop sessions throughout the day. The normal school schedule will resume on Tuesday, September 25. For future reference, the following days are also scheduled School Improvement Days with no students attending school on October 29, January 7, and May 5.

### **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications**

Every year a new Free and Reduced Lunch Application must be filled out and submitted to the school office. These applications can take up to ten days to process so please plan on sending a lunch or money with your child until you have heard from the Food Services Department. If your child was on the program last year, they will fall into a grace period with this year's application being due by October 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Family Access**

How about signing up for Family Access? With the Family Access web portal you can have electronic access to a wide variety of student information such as attendance, discipline, grades, food service balance and history, vaccinations, and student and family demographics. You may also submit your child's absence notifications via the web and review your log-on history.

Just like children, schools differ so not all Family Access features may be available at all schools. Your Family Access password and username, however, will work for all children who live in your household, regardless of grade level or school of attendance. To sign up for Family Access just log onto the Monroe Public School's web-site at [www.monroe.wednet.edu](http://www.monroe.wednet.edu).

### **Survey Says! –**

Monroe Public Schools' Facility Review process continues with a community-wide survey to help determine priorities in selecting improvement projects. Please take a moment to offer your opinions by visiting our website at [www.monroe.wednet.edu](http://www.monroe.wednet.edu) for the link to

<http://www.zoomerang.com/recipient/survey-intro.zgi?p=WEB226J6JJR4FR>

It has been 10 years since voters have approved funds to replace roofs, carpet and heating systems as well as other projects at existing schools. Volunteers have been working with school staff since March in surveying needs and studying possible projects for the future. Another chance to offer your input is on Monday, September 17 at 7 p.m. in the library at Monroe Middle School. Dr. Hoover, our school superintendent, will be sharing the work of this group and also talk about how schools are funded with your tax dollars through the local school levy. This levy expires in 2008. Like a magazine subscription, it must be renewed to continue the purchase of new textbooks, support the arts, and offer competitive salaries to attract and keep highly qualified teachers, paraeducators, bus drivers and other staff.

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **September 19**

Grades 1, 3 and 5 Curriculum Night  
6:30 – 7:30 pm

#### **September 20**

Grades 2, 4 and Excel Curriculum Night  
6:30 – 7:30 pm

#### **September 24**

School Improvement Day

**No School for students**

#### **October 22 – 26**

Parent/Teacher Conferences

12:55 dismissal

PM attends 22, 24, 26 - 8:55 am – 12:55 pm

AM attends 23 and 25 – 8:55 am – 12:55 pm

#### **November 1**

Picture Re-takes