



CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

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Calendar of events

September

11 Patriot Day - wear your red,
white & blue
25 Picture Day

October

12 School Improvement Day
No School for Students
26-30 Parent/Teacher
Conferences - 12:55 PM dis-
missal for all students
29 Picture Re-Takes

Off to a Great Start!



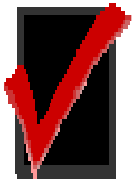
We kicked off the beginning of the school year Tuesday night with our Back to School Ice Cream Social. Our wonderful PTA did a fantastic job of organizing the evening. We had an outstanding turnout of students and parents. The PTA served over 1,000 root beer floats! Whew! Thank you to the PTA for their hard work and dedication to our kids. Students new and old were able to see their classroom, classmates, and friends, and parents were able to catch up with friends and neighbors as well. We are looking forward to an outstanding year with you and your child.

Attendance

All of our teachers take daily attendance electronically. To make sure that your child is not marked absent, all students must be in class by 8:55 AM. Any student arriving to school after the scheduled start of the day will need to come to the office for a slip to be admitted in to class. The office staff will then change the absence to a tardy. If you know that your child will be late or absent, we ask that you please call our 24-hour Attendance Hotline at (360) 804-3101. A Student Protection Call will be made if we have not heard from you regarding your student's absence. Until we have contact with a parent or receive a note excusing the absence, it will remain unexcused.

Volunteer Information

- School volunteers are welcome at Chain Lake Elementary. Please talk with your child's teacher about date and times that are most helpful for the class.
- In an effort to ensure safety for everyone, all school volunteers must have completed a Volunteer Application Packet to be kept on file in our school office. **NOW** is the time to get your Volunteer Packet completed and turned in if you are planning on volunteering in your child's class or chaperoning a field trip this year. Volunteer packets must be completed yearly. A minimum of 2 days is required for paperwork to be completed. Volunteer Packets are available in the school office. You may also call and ask to have a packet sent home with your child.
- For the safety of all of our students, we require all visitors/volunteers to sign in and wear an identifying badge every time they are on our campus.
- Chain Lake has a very active PTA, which you are urged to join. Studies have shown and research confirms that the benefits to children are much greater when parents are actively involved in their children's education.



Cheetah Wear

The 2009-2010 Cheetah Wear is here! You may have seen some of the new bright pink, lime green or navy blue Cheetah Wear in the halls of Chain Lake already. There was a limited number of items available for sale at the Ice Cream Social. Don't miss out—turn in your order for Cheetah Wear no later than **October 2**. Order forms are attached to this newsletter.

Free and Reduced Lunch Deadline Approaches

If you were receiving Free or Reduced lunch benefits last year, you must reapply each fall. The deadline for turning in a 2009~2010 Free and Reduced Lunch Application is **October 21, 2009**. If a new application has not been received by the deadline your student will be charged \$2.50 for his or her lunch.

Health Room News

- If your child needs to take medication during the school day (this includes prescription and over-the-counter medication), we require that you have the *Monroe School District Medication at School* form filled out by a physician and signed by a parent. The medication needs to be transported to school by a parent and be in the original container. When possible, we recommend giving medication outside of school hours.
- We appreciate being notified when your child has been diagnosed with a contagious illness. This allows us to monitor patterns of illness at school and increase efforts to control the spread. Let's all work together to keep our children healthy!



Community Notices

Community notices and fliers may be found on the District's website at www.monroe.wednet.edu. Click on 'Community Notices'. There you will find fliers and information for many local events.



Forms, Forms, Forms

Attached to this newsletter, you will find the Monroe School District's 'School Emergency Closure Form,' the 'Emergency Contact Information Update' and the 'Student Medical Alert Update.' Please fill out all of the forms and return them to school as soon as possible. These forms will be used in the event of an emergency during school hours. In all cases, however, the parents will be the first emergency contact.

We Play Outside

Rain or shine, students will be on our playground for recess. Please have your child dress appropriately for the weather. Students may want to bring a change of socks or clothing in case they get too wet. Our Health Room does not have enough clothes for all the children who choose to play in the water.



Bus Reminders

- Please make sure that your child is at his or her bus stop at least five minutes before the scheduled time. Bus drivers strive to stay on schedule; however, bus stop times may vary according to traffic, weather or road conditions.
- There are three rules for students riding the bus. They are: be seated/stay seated, face forward/aisle clear, and be courteous/be safe.
- Occasionally a child misses the bus. Please talk with your child about alternative plans, especially if you are not home when your student leaves in the morning. When a child misses his/her bus stop on the way home, parents will be contacted. If a parent is unavailable, the child will be returned to the school until safe arrangements can be made.
- A note from home or a phone call from a parent is required whenever a child's normal 'leaving school' routine is changed.



Appropriate Dress Reminder

We had a lot of great sunny weather over the summer which allowed us to dress in our favorite warm weather clothes. However, now that school is back in session, it's time to remind everyone of what **NOT** to wear to school. Please remember that pants and shorts must cover underwear and be appropriate in length. Spaghetti straps and midriff-baring tops are not allowed. Flip flops and open-toed sandals/shoes are not appropriate for PE or playground activities. Also, please remember that umbrellas can be used at the bus stop, but are not permitted at school.