



CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

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September

25 Picture Day - Smile!

October

2 Cheetah Wear orders due

6 Curriculum Night for
Grades 1, 3, 5 & Excel, 6:00 PM

8 Curriculum Night for
Grades 2, 4 & PBS, 6:00 PM

12 School Improvement Day

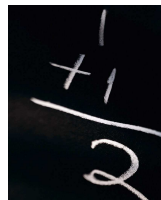
No School for Students

26-30 Parent/Teacher
Conferences - 12:55 PM dismissal
for all students

From the Principal...

We had a wonderful first week of school. Staff and students were eager to get the year started. This first week was filled with review on many subjects. Besides the academics of school, students reviewed behavior, respect for others, as well as playground and hallway rules. We look forward to building many great relationships with you as the year progresses. Please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Sherry and Kim in the office for any questions you may have. I look forward to more great "firsts" at Chain Lake!

Mrs. Anderson



****Curriculum Nights****

Tuesday, October 6, 2009

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Grades 1, 3, 5 & Excel

Thursday, October 8, 2009

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Grades 2, 4 & PBS

Please come to hear all about your child's
classroom and curriculum.



School Pictures

School pictures will be taken Friday, September 25th. Both individual and classroom group pictures will be taken that day. Picture pricing and money envelopes are coming home today. If your family is ordering a picture package, then your child must have the order form and payment turned in on or before Picture Day. Individual retakes will be done on Thursday, November 5th.



Family Access

Got Access? Family Access is a convenient way for parents or guardians to access a variety of student information, such as attendance, discipline, grades, food service balances and history, vaccinations, as well as student and family demographics. Family Access also makes it possible to submit your child's absence notifications via the web and review your log-on history. To sign up for your Family Access password and username, visit the Monroe Public School's website at www.monroe.wednet.edu. Using the web application form, you may conveniently choose to have your password and user name sent by email.

Parent Messages for Students

If you need to get a message or bus change to your student during the school day, please consider the time of day that you are calling. The office gets very busy at the end of the day and while we try to make every effort to deliver late messages, sometimes it is a challenge. To avoid a message from getting missed, please have any changes called in to the office **no later than 2:45 PM**. Our Office Messenger will be able to get messages out in a timely manner. The office staff thanks you in advance for your help!



Health Room News

With just a few days into the new school year we are already hearing of influenza-like illness in our community. In order to take the best precautions to keep our community healthy we are asking for your help. Below you will find tips about how to remain healthy and when it is recommended a child stay home from school. In addition, we are asking for your help if your child does become ill. Many families are familiar with using the Attendance Hotline.

In addition to recording your child's name on this 24-hour voice-mail system, please offer some of the symptoms he/she may be experiencing. For example: Susie Smith is home sick today. She has a fever and a sore throat - OR - Jimmy Jones is throwing up today but does not have a fever so he won't be at school.

The most important precautions families can take remain:

- Wash your hands – use warm water and soap and continue to scrub through two choruses of the Happy Birthday song
- Cover your cough – encourage family members to use the inside of the elbow to help limit the spread of germs when coughing or sneezing
- Stay home when sick - Centers for Disease Control (CDC) staff recommend those sick with this illness to stay home for 24 hours after the fever subsides (without the use of fever-reducing medicine)

In deciding when to keep your child at home answer these two questions:

1. Does your child have a fever (100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher) or chills?
2. Does your child have a sore throat, cough, or other flu-like symptoms?

If you answered “yes” to both questions, keep your child at home as recommended as these are symptoms of influenza. If you answered “yes” to only one of the questions above, or if your child appears ill with other symptoms, keep your child at home at least one day to observe and until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medicine). Please call the school nurse if you have more questions.



Lost and Found

Please be sure to label your child's clothes, lunchbox, books, etc...with his or her name.

Each year bags and bags of clothes from our Lost & Found bin are donated to local charities. Since we never know when an item is placed in the bin, it's a good idea to do periodic checks.



Forms, Forms, Forms

Last week, we sent home the Monroe School District's 'School Emergency Closure Form,' the 'Emergency Contact Information Update' and the 'Student Medical Alert Update.' If you have not already done so, 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.

Ride the Bus!

Bus Ridership Week is coming. This year, it is scheduled for October 5 through October 9. This one week determines our school district's bus funding for the entire year. State funding makes up about half of the cost of carrying students to and from school. If at all possible, please have your child ride his/her bus to and from school during this week.



District Docent Program

Are you interested in helping/volunteering in your child's class/school? If so, there are exciting opportunities to help in the "docent" program. This is a district-wide program that allows parents, grandparents, college students, etc. to volunteer in any of the following areas; art, science, technology and culture. You do not need any previous experience, only the willingness to learn and to teach. If you or anyone you know are interested, please contact Tess Thompson at 360-804-2575 or thompson@monroe.wednet.edu to find out how you can become a docent. The following dates are provided for learning more about the docent programs. If you are interested in Technology, please contact Tess Thompson directly at the number listed above.

Sept: (All Meetings will be held at the District Administration office located at 200 E. Fremont St.)

Tues 22nd 10:30 am -12 pm Docent Coordinator Information Meeting (New & Returning Coordinators)

Tues 29th 10:30 am -12 pm Docent Coordinator Information Meeting (New & Returning Coordinators)

Oct: (All Meetings will be held at the District Administration office located at 200 E. Fremont St.)

Wed. 7th 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Information Meeting for Returning Docents

Wed. 14th 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Training *Art

Wed. 21st 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Training *Science

Thurs. 22nd 10:30 am -12 pm & 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm Docent Training *Culture