



CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

Chain Lake Elementary School

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School Improvement Day
Monday, September 24, 2007
**There is no school for students on
Monday, September 24th!**

**Student Lunch prices - \$ 2.25
Student Breakfast - \$ 1.25**

Attendance

All of our teachers take daily attendance electronically. To not be marked absent, all students in kindergarten through fifth grades must be in class by 8:55 a.m. Any student arriving to school after the scheduled start of the day will need to come to the office for an admit slip 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 the 24-hour Attendance Hotline number 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.

Notes from the Nurse

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.

Volunteers

We welcome and encourage your participation in our school. Volunteer packets were sent home with last week's newsletter. The completion of a volunteer packet is required each year from every adult helping at our school or chaperoning a field trip. Please contact the office or your child's teacher if you did not receive a volunteer packet. Fill one out early in the year to avoid delays in the processing.

If you have any questions regarding this volunteer process, please call Mrs. Martin at 360 804 3100.

Lost and Found

We ask families to please label their child's clothes, books, lunch pails etc...with the student's name and/or teacher name. Each year we donate several large bags of unclaimed coats and clothing to a local charity because they are not labeled. Thank you for your help!

When to Help with Homework

Excerpt from Love and Logic Institute, Inc.

Alex and Jason come home with the same math homework. Alex complains to his mom, "It's just not fair. Mr. Jenson gives us too much homework. I don't know how to do this. He never explains anything. You need to help me. It's going to take too long!" "How did he explain this homework?" asks mom. "I don't remember. You need to help me," says Alex. Mom opens the book and points out the answers. She gets the task over quickly and then lectures, "You'd better start paying attention in class!" Jason makes the same complaint to his mom. "How did your teacher explain this homework?" asks mom. "I don't remember. You need to help me," says Jason. "How sad," answers Mom. "I'll be happy to help when you work harder on your schoolwork than me, and I know that you are listening in class." With that, she tells Jason to open his book and try to remember how the teacher told him to do the work. "You can watch your program when it's finished," she tells Jason. Which mom did the best job of parenting? Which kid is more likely to start listening better in class? I bet you know the answer.

Reading Tutors Needed

We plan to start a one-on-one reading tutor program right away for our first grade students who need some extra support. Briefly, it would entail an hour or more of your time a week. Training will be available September 21st at noon with Mrs. Duncan here at Chain Lake Elementary. We look forward to partnering with you. Volunteers are also needed for the Literacy Lab. This is another way of helping students with reading skills. The Literacy Lab training is scheduled for September 21st at 2:30 pm here at Chain Lake. All volunteers will need to fill out the orange volunteer packet. Please contact the office or your child's teacher if you did not receive this year's packet. We will send you one!

FOR LUNCH ACCOUNT
INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL
360-804-3135

Daily Menu – www.monroe.wednet.edu

Fire Lane and Handicapped Area



Avoid the **RED** Zone!

Safety of our young people is a top priority! Please do your part. Avoid leaving your vehicle parked in the RED ZONE as this area is reserved for emergency responders. No one wants to see a child hurt, but if it happens, help must be immediate. Blocking the emergency lane at any time (before, during, or after school hours) may result in towed vehicles and tickets for drivers.

The handicapped parking at the front of our school is only for those people who have a handicapped license plate or placard on their rear view mirror. It is not for "quick" drop offs or pick ups in the morning and afternoon. It is illegal to park in handicapped spaces and the police may fine those who violate this law.

Dates to Remember

September 20

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

September 24

School Improvement Day/NO SCHOOL

September 28

School Pictures

October 1

Grace period for meal program ends

October 4

PE Night 7:00 – 8:00

October 22 – 26

Parent/Teacher Conferences

12:55 dismissal

_ day kindergarten schedule

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 Retakes