



CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

Chain Lake Elementary School

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School Pictures Tomorrow!

Student and class group pictures will be taken tomorrow. If you are purchasing a picture packet of your child, he/she must hand the payment for the picture packet to the photographer at the time of sitting. If you sent your payment in earlier, teachers will hand out those.

24-hour Attendance Hotline (360) 804-3101

Please provide:

- 1. Your child's name**
- 2. Your name**
- 3. Reason for absence/tardy**
- 4. Date(s) of absence**

Select Basketball Tryouts

Monroe Select basketball tryouts for boys and girls in grades 5 - 8 will be held from October 1st through the 4th at the Hidden River Middle School. For more information please check out the basketball's website at:

www.MonroeSelect.org.

Boys and Girls Club Basketball

The Boys and Girls Club has basketball for students in grades K-12. For more information or to register you may call Jillian at 794-4775 or email at jgrimes@bgcsc.org or check the website at www.bgcsc.org.

Peer Pressure

Excerpt from Love and Logic Institute, Inc.

"The more a child's life is micro-managed, the more susceptible he/she becomes to peer pressure." Some parents actually train their kids to listen to peer pressure. The process is simply a matter of teaching kids to listen to a voice outside their own heads during the early years when their brains are still operating in a very concrete way. Granted, there are times when we must take charge and tell kids exactly what to do and when to do it. However, when this becomes a pattern it gradually convinces children that the most important voice is the one that comes from others. Many parents lock in this belief by responding to bad decisions with, "See. You should have listened to me." Once their brain starts to develop abstract thinking, kids say, "I'm growing up. I can think for myself." Sadly, their brain has been trained to listen to the outside voice, and I bet you've already guessed where that voice is going to come from: their peers.

So when you hear a parent say that their kid has changed now that he is a teen, you can think, "Maybe not. He just listens to a different voice now."

More information on this topic may be found in the book *Parenting Teens with Love and Logic*.

Community Pep Rally at MHS

Whether you are a Wildcat, a Cheetah or a Mustang, children in Monroe's public schools all grow up to be Bearcats!

Chain Lake Elementary families are invited to get a glimpse of their future at Monroe High School's Homecoming Rally on Wednesday, October 3 beginning at 6 p.m. The stadium is located on the high school campus, 17001 Tester Road. There is no admission charge.

Designed for fun for the entire family, the evening offers information and game booths, presentation of the 2007 Homecoming royalty, and a Powder-Puff style flag football game between girls from the senior and junior class. Alumni will be recognized as part of the program along with rallying the crowd to return for the football game against Marysville-Pilchuck High School on Friday, October 5.

Families are encouraged to attend the football game. Kickoff is at 7:00 pm. Fans have the opportunity to take a shuttle to the game from Fryelands Elementary School, 15286 Fryelands Blvd. Shuttle service begins at 6 p.m. and returns fans to their cars after the game. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for elementary/middle school students attending with an adult. For their safety, these students will not be able to enter the game without an adult.

Family 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 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.** To sign up for your Family Access password and username, visit the Monroe Public Schools' web site at **www.monroe.wednet.edu**. Using the web application form, you may conveniently choose to have your password and user name sent by email by selecting yes in the drop down menu.

Calendar of Events

September 28

School Pictures

October 1

Grace period for the meal program ends

October 3

Community Pep Rally, 6:00 pm @ MHS

October 4

PE Night 7:00 – 8:00

October 5

MHS Homecoming Football Game
7:00 PM Kickoff

October 8

Literacy Lunch begins, 11:30 AM

October 22 – 26

Parent/Teacher Conferences

12:55 dismissal for all students

_ day kindergarten schedule will be

PM attends on the 22nd, 24th and 26th

8:55 am – 12:55 pm

AM attends on the 23rd and 25th

8:55 am – 12:55 pm

November 2

Picture Retakes

Sky Valley Community School

Children's classes offered through Sky Valley Community School include: Beginning Guitar, Beginning Piano for Children and Babysitting Basics. For information on how to register, or for information on other community school classes, call (360) 804-2570 or visit www.monroe.wednet.edu. More than 300 online classes are also available through Sky Valley Community School.