



CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

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Attendance

Did you know that attendance is directly linked to achievement? According to researcher Mary Frase, parents who let their children miss a lot if school may be setting them up for academic failure (Identifying Potential Dropouts, ERIC Digest, 1992). One of the most important things you can do as a parent is to get your child to school on time every day. These elementary years are when school habits begin forming in students. Follow these tips to help boost attendance and decrease tardies:

- **Enforce a regular bedtime** for your child. Make sure you have an evening routine that includes some time for reading.
- **Make sure your child is organized** so he/she can get out the door with what he/she needs quickly in the morning. Getting ready the night before helps during the rush of the morning.
- **Remember that everything you add to a schedule** means something should be taken away. If you add lots of before or after school activities, you take time away from your child to read, play, or study.

To not be marked absent or tardy students must be in class from 8:55 am – 3:25 pm.

PE Night Extravaganza

A BIG thank you to all the families who participated in last Thursday's PE Night. We had a good turn out and all who attended seemed to enjoy the many activities offered. If you missed last Thursday's event, you may come to Mr. Christy's field day in June!

Parent/ Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be the week of October 22 -26. Your child should be bringing home information regarding your Parent/Teacher conference no later than Monday, October 15th. If you have a conflict with the appointment or have not been given the information by your child, please call your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Book Fair

We will be having a school-wide Book Fair during the week of Parent/Teacher conferences. The Book Fair will open on Monday, October 22nd at 12:30 pm. The Book Fair will be open every day until 3:30 pm except for Friday when the Book Fair will close at 1:30 pm. The hours of operation will be 9:00 am – 3:30 pm. Students will be able to shop during the morning and lunch recesses. We will host a Family Night on Tuesday, October 23rd from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

Lacrosse League in Monroe

Come and join us at the Monroe Boys and Girls Club gym on Saturday, October 20th from 3-6pm to hear about the brand new Monroe Youth Lacrosse League! The age groups that participate in the Washington State Youth Lacrosse League are grouped by grades 3rd/4th, 5th/6th, and 7th/8th. We want to start a program for 1st/2nd graders, however, that will be determined by the number of participants. Boys and Girls are welcome, so come and check out the “fastest game on two feet.” If you are interested in coaching, please contact Ronnie Tippett at Monroelax@comcast.net.

Docents, save these dates:

Technology Docent Training

Tuesday, October, 16 2007

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Art Docent Training

Wednesday, October 17, 2007

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. or 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sky Valley Community Schools

Sky Valley Community Schools has some great beginning and intermediate computer classes coming up in October! Just go to www.monroe.wednet.edu and click on the community schools tab for information on Microsoft Windows, Word 1 & 2 or Excel 1& 2 as well as information on lots of other great fall classes!

Fall is a great time to take a class and improve your knowledge and skills and/or just get together with others with similar interests and have a fun night out! Call a friend and sign up for a class today! For more information you may call Kristine at 360 804 2570 or you may also email Kristine at johnstonk@monroe.wednet.edu.

Family Access

If you have not had the opportunity to sign up for Family Access, now is the time to start getting your child's school information on your computer screen at home. All you need to do is fill out an internet application through the school's website, and submit the application. A username and password are needed to enter the Family Access site. With your request, your username and password may now be sent to you via email. With Family Access you can see your child's Food Service history, Demographics, Attendance, and Emergency contacts. One application per parent is all that is needed to access your elementary, middle school, and high school students' information. In the secondary level parents can view grades as well!

Calendar of Events

October 17

Field Trip, First Graders
Seattle Children's Theater

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

October 22 -26

Book Fair in the Library

October 23

Family Night at the Book Fair
6:00 – 8:00 pm

October 29

School Improvement Day
No School for Students