



# CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

Chain Lake Elementary School

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## ***Power Up Clubs***

There is still some room in the before school *Power Up* activity clubs. Students in grades 1 through 5 may sign-up for the *Handbell Choir* and students in grades 2 – 5 have the option of the Handbell Choir, Robo Lab, or Tech Trek. An informational/registration pamphlet is attached to this newsletter. Although classes have started this week, more students are encouraged to sign up.

## ***Could Your Family Be Eligible?*** *Skykomish Valley Indian Education*

The Monroe and Sultan Public Schools' Skykomish Valley Indian Education program is beginning its annual 30-day count period on November 15, 2007 to identify Alaska Native and Native American students in preschool through high school who are eligible for the Indian Education program. The program provides no-cost cultural activities and academic support.

Eligible students may either be enrolled tribal members or be a descendent of an enrolled tribal member (parent or grandparent). To determine eligibility and obtain a short form to complete, interested families should contact the Family Liaison-Coordinator, Mars Miller at 360-804-2554, a *24-hour message line*.

## ***Author to Visit***

Many of you have already had the pleasure of meeting author Gary Hogg. Mr. Hogg presented his writing workshop to our teachers on Tuesday afternoon. On Tuesday evening Mr. Hogg was our guest at Family Reading Night. Tomorrow the Chain Lake students will enjoy the writing workshop entitled "Writing is Exciting". Students may also purchase books. Mr. Hogg will take the time to personalize and autograph each book. Order forms for the books are attached to this newsletter.

## ***Yearbook***

The 2007-2008 yearbook coordinators are looking for a representative (parent) from each class who will be responsible for the collection of candid and fun photos that are taken in their child's classroom throughout the school year. The representative does not necessarily need to be the one taking all the pictures, but can also work with other parents in the class. If interested, please contact Tammy Schultz at [bugnboy@verizon.net](mailto:bugnboy@verizon.net). Also – if you already have photos from this year, you may send them into the office marked for the yearbook. Please clearly label all photos – preferably on disc so that they may be returned.

### ***Scrap Booking Cheetahs***

The scrapping class with Miss Sobon begins Thursday, November 29. This class is open to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders only. The class will meet in Miss Sobon's office and begins at 7:50 am. There are still several spots left to participate in this fun and creative club. If your child is interested, please have them fill out the green permission slip and return to the office. If another copy is needed or you have questions, please contact Miss Sobon, 360-804-3103. Thanks!

### ***Family Access***

How about signing up for Family Access? With the Family Access web portal you can have electronic access to a wide 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. Just like children, schools differ so not all Family Access features may be available at all schools. Your Family Access password and username, however, will work for all children who live in your household, regardless of grade level or school of attendance. To sign up for Family Access just log onto the Monroe Public Schools' website at [monroe.wednet.edu](http://monroe.wednet.edu).

### ***Lost and Found***

The Lost and Found bin is quite full again. If you have not taken a stroll past the bin lately, we highly suggest that you do. All clothing left in the bin during the holiday break (December 24 – January 7) will be donated to a local charity. It is impossible to know when an item has been placed in the bin, therefore periodic bin checks are highly recommended. Every effort will be made to return items that are labeled with the student's name.

### ***VFW Essay Winners!***

This year's essay invitation from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary was once again extended to our 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. This year's essay theme was "Who is my Hero and Why". Students were to write an essay in 250 words or less. The essays were judged by the ladies auxiliary. The following students were presented with a certificate and were given a monetary gift:

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> grade**

3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Brenna Hopf
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Riley Verdier
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Katie Giese

#### **4<sup>th</sup> grade**

3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Cailin White
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Hannah Behrens
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Akin Akintude

#### **5<sup>th</sup> grade**

3 <sup>rd</sup> place	Brianna Celix
2 <sup>nd</sup> place	Larissa Ablutz
1 <sup>st</sup> place	Macey McGovern

Fourth grader, Akin Akintude's essay will advance to the district contest. This will include essays from all Snohomish County Schools. Congratulations to all the students who participated!

### **Calendar of Events**

#### **November 16**

Gary Hogg Assembly and Workshops

#### **November 20**

Report Cards are sent home

#### **November 21**

Early dismissal, 12:55 pm

#### **November 22 & 23**

**No School/Thanksgiving Weekend**

#### **December 1-14**

Student Council's Holiday Drive

#### **December 3-19**

Smile Mobile at Valley General Hospital