



CHEETAH NEWSLETTER

Chain Lake Elementary School

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Dawson Eifert Holiday Drawing Winner

Dawson Eifert is the first place grand prize winner of the Monroe Monitors Holiday drawing contest. This is the 3rd consecutive year that a Chain Lake 3rd grader has won the contest. The annual contest that the Monroe Monitor has been holding for over 25 years now is open to all 3rd graders in the Monroe and Sultan School Districts. Congratulations Dawson!

Kids Create 2008

We are currently looking for instructors for our annual Kids Create creativity conference for grades K-7, to be held Saturday March 15, 2008. If you or anyone you know would like more information about becoming an instructor or about volunteering to help with the conference, please contact Tess Thompson, Conference Coordinator (360) 804-2575 or thompsonst@monroe.wednet.edu to obtain a registration form.

Looking for a Perfect Gift

Support Monroe schools and honor a staff member through the Monroe Public Schools Foundation. Go to www.monroepsf.org for more information or call 360-804-4317.

Calendar of Events

December 3-14

Student Council's Holiday Drive

December 3-19

Smile Mobile at Valley General Hospital

December 13

All kindergarten classes to the
Everett Children's Museum

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Music Concert

3rd grade, Mrs. Gee

December 18

Choir Field Trip

12:45 – 3:15 pm

December 21

One hour early dismissal, 2:25 pm

PM kindergarten attends

8:55 am – 2:25pm

December 24 – January 7

NO SCHOOL *Holiday Vacation and
School Improvement Day* **NO SCHOOL**

January 8

School Resumes on a normal schedule

8:55 am – 3:25 pm

Dad and Shopping

Excerpts from Love and Logic Institute, Inc

Marge's kids had a history of keeping her upset during shopping trips. They ran all over the store and were frequently lost. They had trained her to keep her eye on them to the expense of her doing her shopping.

Contrast that to my own dad, who trained his kids to keep their eyes on him instead.

We'd enter the store and as he went through the front door of Republic Drug he'd be saying, "Well guys, try to keep up. I'll be moving kind of fast. Hope you don't get lost, but if you do, find one of the security guys over at that desk. He'll probably help you find a way to get home. I've never seen a kid lost for more than a few months."

As he said this, he never looked back. Needless to say, we stayed close. Not only did we believe that his word was good on these shopping trips, but any other time he opened his mouth, as well.

It wasn't until years later that he admitted to us that he had talked to the security people before he took us shopping, and these trips were nothing but training sessions.

He was a strong believer in the idea that advance training could save him a lot of time and frustration later.

Student Council Food and Toy Drive

The Student Council Food and Toy Drive will continue through tomorrow. The students have exceeded the school goal by more than 2000 items! The items will be picked up by the Sky Valley Food Bank on Tuesday. Thanks to everyone who participated in this worthwhile event.

Excel Program

Monroe Public Schools is committed to offering opportunities for highly capable students to explore learning through enhanced activities that target their unique skills, talents, and abilities. Parents or teachers may nominate a student for the Excel Program.

The 2008 – 2009 Excel Applications for the highly capable will be available in the school office beginning January 8, 2008. The application deadline is Thursday, January 17, 2008 at 4:00 pm. Students currently enrolled in the program do not need to be retested.

For more information about the program please contact our counselor, Jeanette Sobon at 804-3103.

Dressing for the Weather

As you are aware, we have outdoor recess in most weather conditions here at Chain Lake Elementary. We strongly recommend that your child be dressed appropriately for the cold and rain. Please send a warm coat, boots, hat and gloves when necessary. All clothing items should have your child's name clearly marked on the garment. We also recommend sending an extra pair of pants, socks and underwear in your child's backpack.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found bin is overflowing. Our custodian, Wayne Gates, took the time to lay all the items out during the conference week and we periodically have asked that parents come and check the items in the bin. The current Lost and Found items will be donated to a local charity during the holiday break. It is impossible to know when an item has been placed in the bin so random bin checks are highly recommended.