

## 20 October 2009 FWPA ENewsletter

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- **October**

- **23** - Photo Retakes

- **29, 30** - Student Led Conferences

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- **\*\*\*STUDENT LED CONFERENCES - October 29 & 30\*\*\*** On Thursday, October 29, and Friday, October 30, Public Academy will be holding student led conferences. Each student is required to attend this event with the parent. The set-up of these conferences will depend on the grade level of the student.

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- **6th & 7th Grade Student-Led Conferences** will be held on Thursday, October 29, between the hours of 7AM and 6PM. You can come anytime during those hours with your sixth grader. **No appointment is necessary.** Your student will lead you through their conference with their portfolio. There may be more than one conference going on at a time in their leadership class, the teachers will check in with you if possible. If you have concerns and would like a personal conference, you can schedule one for Friday, October 30, or perhaps you will have a moment to catch the teacher you want to speak with on the 29th while you are here for the student-led conference. If your child is failing a class (D or F) be sure to check in with the teacher.

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- **8th, 9th & 10th Grades:** Every 8th, 9th and 10th grade student is required to complete at least one student led conference. The parent can choose which teacher they would like to meet with. It is the parents' responsibility to contact that teacher and set up a time for either Thursday, October 29, or Friday, October 30.

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- If your child is receiving a grade of C- or below in a particular class, it is required that you meet with the teacher of that class. If your child is passing all of their classes, extra conferences are optional.

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- For students to be counted as present for these days, they must fulfill the conference requirements. If the assigned dates do not work for you, please contact your child's teacher for an alternative date. Also, please remember that you do not have to wait until conference days to meet with your child's teachers. We encourage you to speak with them whenever you feel it is necessary to address a concern or to speak about your child's progress.

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- **\*\*\*SCHOOL PHOTO RETAKES - Friday, OCTOBER 23\*\*\*** Hellriegel's Foto1 will be doing photo retakes on Friday, October 23. If you would like your student's picture retaken, please return the original photo package to FWPA on that day. Students who missed the original photo day can also have a picture taken and place an order on October 23.

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### **\*\*\*PTSA LEGISLATIVE NEWS\*\*\***

Notes from Legislative Assembly Conference October 2 & 3, 2009 The top five priority issues for 2010 remain as follows. Amendments were approved to #1 & 5. 1) Basic Education Funding; 2) Strengthening Math & Science Curriculum and Education; 3) Washington State Assessment System Improvements; 4) Support State Board of Education core 24 Framework; 5) Support Rational Approaches to Teacher Compensation. Two new supported issues were added: Music & Arts Education and Increase Funding and Support for Highly Capable Students.

WSPTA Focus Day January 19, 2010 - Start the New Year with Advocacy for Our Kids by joining other PTA activists and their families in Olympia for Focus Day on January 18, 2010, Martin Luther King's Birthday. Our goal is to work to move education reform, which began with the passage of ESHB 2261 last session, and other PTA priorities forward.

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