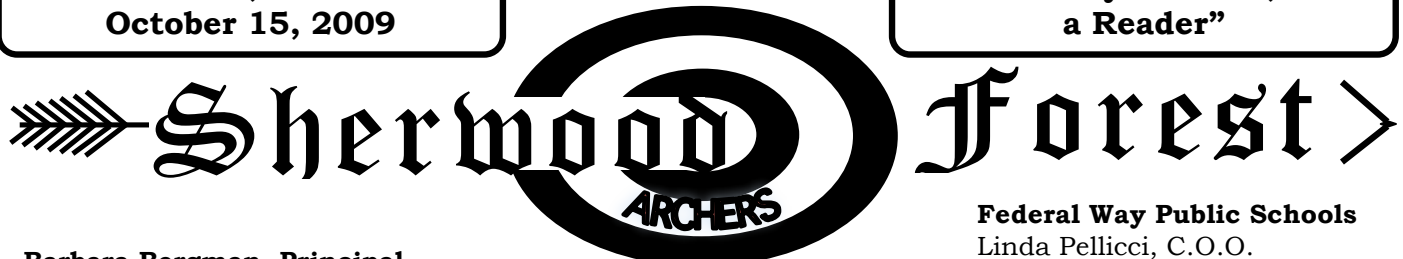


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Student-Led Conferences Scheduled for October 29-30

Attention parents and students! You and all are invited to join us on October 29 or 30 for our fall Student-Led Conferences. Invitations were sent home last Thursday, and we hope you have had a chance to return the bottom portion to confirm your spot! These important conferences will tell parents about their child's performance in reading and math, and share goals for this year. We hope every family will be able to attend! We have worked on the schedule so that families with more than one student have their conferences back-to-back. Please try to keep your appointment if possible. If you cannot keep your scheduled conference time, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible!

What is the student's role?

The students are anxious to show you what they are learning! We believe that allowing students to talk to parents about their learning will give them a stronger sense of ownership and pride, and a greater understanding of how they can continue and improve their achievement. The student's job at conference time will be to explain some of the standards and goals they are working on, and to show examples of their work. With the support of teacher and parents, they will also set goals for future improvement.

What is the parent's role?

One of the most important things a parent can do is attend the conference! This gives a strong message about the importance parents place on their child's learning. During the conference, parents are encouraged to listen, to compliment and talk with their child about his/her work, and to identify ways they can help their child reach his/her goals. Parents will receive a Progress Report which tells their child's current level of achievement in reading and math: **E**xceeding standard, **M**eeting standard, **A**pproaching standard, or **B**elow standard.

What is the teacher's role?

Teachers spent the first month of school getting to know the strengths and needs of each child. They have helped their students understand the standards and goals they are working on. By conference time, teachers will help children select work samples which show their level of

performance in reading and math. They will assist students in setting goals for the remainder of the year. Prior to the conferences, teachers will also provide opportunities for students to practice their part in the conference in order to put them more at ease.

What is the timeline and schedule?

Conference invitations went home last week, and parents were asked to complete and return the bottom portion of the letter as soon as possible. If you must reschedule your conference time, please contact your child's teacher. In order to give students full attention during the conference, we request that brothers and sisters do not attend.

We look forward to this time when students can show off their learning, and identify goals which they and their teachers have set for the remaining months of the year. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for some very special conversations with your children on October 29 and 30!

Sincerely,
Barbara Bergman, Principal

AR (Accelerated Reader) News

It is great to have access to so many AR quizzes with our schoolwide Accelerated Reader program! Many people have asked how to find 'Just Right' books with quizzes so here are some ideas.

At our Sherwood Forest Library...

-Books with quizzes are being color coded by reading level. (Thank you, dedicated volunteers!)

-Quiz information has been added to our library database for students to access on our library look-up stations. (Thank you, Mrs. Sharpe!)

-Use AR Book Finder on the computer to see if one of our books has a quiz.

From home or a public library...

-Follow these steps on www.arbookfind.com if you **want ideas of books to read.**

1. Click on **Advanced Search.**

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2. Fill-in reading range by **ATOS Book Level** ____ **through** ____ (and **topic** if you'd like).
3. Click **Go**.
4. You will get a list of books in that reading range.

-Follow these steps on www.arbookfind.com if you have a book and **want to see if it has an AR quiz**.

1. Click on **Advanced Search**.
2. Fill-in the **title** of a book you have.
3. Click **Go**.
4. You will discover if there is a quiz for your book.

NOTE-We have access to all of the quizzes found on AR Book Finder but **we do NOT have all of those books in our library**. If a student gets a book listed on AR Book Finder from home or a public library s/he may take the quiz at school.

Questions? Please ask your child's teacher, our librarian Mrs. Gillespie, or our Library Assistant Mrs. Sharpe.

CALLING ALL PARENTS WHO WORK OUTSIDE THE HOME!

The Federal Way School District's Family Partnership Office would like to hear ideas from parents and staff about simple ways parents can support their student's learning at home. The department would like to gather the best ideas and tips to share with parents who want to support their children's academic success, but whose work schedules do not allow them to participate in school meetings, committees or activities. To share your ideas you can call 253-945-2273, or send an e-mail to tmooore@fwps.org or schedule an in person appointment at a location and time most convenient for you.



Vision and Hearing Screening Scheduled for Nov. 4

Sherwood Forest Elementary has scheduled vision and hearing screening for grades K, 1, 2, 3, and 5 on Wednesday, November 4. A parent note is required to waive any part of state mandated screenings. Rechecks will be done in the weeks following for any student not meeting standards. Referrals will be mailed to parents if follow-up is required.

We need volunteers to help with screening. No experience is necessary, we will train you. There are two time slots available: 8:45 to 12:00 and 12:30 to 3:00. Lunch will be provided. Please call 945-3800 as soon as possible to sign up as a volunteer, or return the form below:

I am available to work on vision/hearing screening on November 4, 2009.

Name: _____ Home Phone _____

Cell/Work Phone: _____

Time: 8:45 to 12:00 _____ or/and _____ 12:30 to 3:00

Note from the Nurse: Planning Ahead for the Flu Season

1. If your child has the flu, keep him home during the fever and one full day after the fever has gone! When you have the flu, you can pass it on to others when you cough and sneeze.
2. Plan ahead. Talk to family, friends and neighbors now to plan for back-up childcare if your child becomes sick or the school or childcare center closes.
3. Check to make certain your child is well before school or childcare every day.
4. Know when to talk to a health care provider. Most people with the flu can be cared for at home. Before going to a doctor or clinic, call to see if an appointment is really needed, or go to the public health website for more information.
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Calendar Reminders

- Oct. 16 – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Workshop & Planning Day
- Oct. 20 – Picture Retakes – 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Oct. 23 – Boxtop Collection Day
- Oct. 23 – Popcorn Day
- Oct. 28 – Cookie Dough Fundraiser Delivery – 3:20-4:00
- Oct. 28 – AR Bead Day
- Oct. 29-30 – Student-Led Conferences