

# Woodmont K-8 School Thunderbird Thoughts




Respect, Responsibility, Reliability

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A Partnership in Education

October 22, 2009 

Dear Woodmont Families,

We look forward to our student-led conferences **and** Book Fair. Students across the district are preparing for these special days at the end of this month when they will tell parents about their performance in reading, and other core subjects, and share goals they plan to achieve this year. These student-led conferences **and** the Book Fair will take place on October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

**What is the student's role?** 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 to improve their achievement. The student's job at conference time is to explain some of the standards and goals he/she is working on, and to show examples of his/her current level of performance, 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.

**What is the teacher's role?** Teachers have spent the last six weeks 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 that show their level of performance in these areas. 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 information was sent home earlier this month. In order to give students full attention during the conference, we request that only school-age children 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 calendar and plan to join us for some very special conversations with your child/children!

Sincerely,

D.K. Bogle, Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October 24

PTA Swimming Pool Party  
Mt Rainier Pool (Details on Back  
of Newsletter)

### October 28

Health Screening Day **and**  
PTA Fall Fundraiser Ends

### October 29, 30

**NO SCHOOL** Student-Led  
Conferences **and** Fall Book Fair

### November 1

Daylight Savings Time - *Fall Back*

### November 5

Hispanic PTA Meeting 5:30  
General PTA Mtg. 6:30-8:00 PM

### November 10

Veteran's Day Assembly  
12:20PM Choir Concert

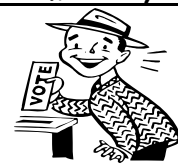
### November 11

**NO SCHOOL** - Veteran's Day

**Please remember to Vote **and****

**mail in your ballot by**

**November 3, 2009**



**Federal Way Public Schools**  
Every Student, a Reader

## ROLE OF THE SCHOOL NURSE Sherry Stewart, RN

Each school is assigned a nurse by the district. Nurses are in the elementary schools 1 to 2 days per week depending on the school. Many nurses have more than one school so they are available in the district by phone on most days. A Health Services Assistant is also assigned to the building.

- A school nurse is responsible to assure that all state and district policies regarding health issues are in place.
- Nurses work with parents, physicians, and teachers to help students with health concerns.
- Individualized care plans are written for students with specific health issues in order to help them stay in school.
- Immunizations and medications are regulated through the state of Washington. Federal Way Public Schools adhere to all state laws.
- The nurse is responsible to make sure that staff is trained in first aid and to set the standard for how the health room is run.
- Health education is also a part of the school nurse role.

### AS PARENTS

- If you have any health concerns about your child, please talk to our nurse.
- Complete a Health History for your child.
- Immunizations - The State of Washington has outlined specific immunizations required for school attendance - please let us know of any updates for your children.
- Medications - If medications are needed at school, there is a form for parent and physician to complete. If medications are taken at home, we request that you notify us so that we may be aware of any unusual reactions and/or side effects.
- If your child is sick - keep them home.
- Talk to your child and let them know where you will be when they are at school.
- Keep phone numbers up-to-date. If you change work numbers or cell phone numbers please let us know.

Our nurse will be here in the afternoon on Tuesday, and all day on Wednesday. If you have questions you may reach her at 253 945-4509.

### HEALTH SCREENING

Health Screening at Woodmont will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009. State mandates grades K, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 be screened for vision and hearing. The State no longer requires Scoliosis screening. Parent volunteers are needed for this day and will be trained. If you are able to help all day or just part of the day, please call Sherry at 253 945-4509.



## WHEN CAN MY CHILD GO BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER HAVING THE FLU?

Keep your child home from school, day care or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (Fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.)

**A fever is defined as 100°F or 37.8°C.**

## COLD WEATHER IS APPROACHING

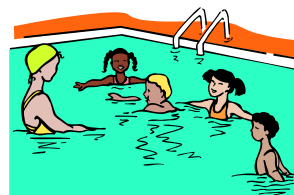
Please make sure your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the outdoors. Our students go out to recess in all kinds of weather, except in extreme conditions. **Please label ALL** of your child's coats, hats, scarves and any other attire.

## TARDIES AND EARLY RELEASE

We believe that **good attendance** and arriving at school **on time** is in the best interest of our students. Please help us help your child have a successful year by having him/her **in school** for the entire day.

**PTA FUNDRAISER AT MT. RAINIER POOL**  
22722 19<sup>TH</sup> AVE. S. DES MOINES, WA 98198  
PHONE NUMBER 206-824-4722

SATURDAY OCTOBER 24, 2009 FROM 2:30 - 4:30 PM  
**COST IS \$5.00 PER PERSON AND PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE WOODMONT K-8 SCHOOL PTA**



**Thank you Parent and AmeriCorp Volunteers!**  
**416.25 Volunteer Hours**

