

# Woodmont K-8 School Thunderbird Thoughts



Respect, Responsibility, Reliability

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Dear Woodmont Families,

Two "staff days" on October 9 and 16 will provide two days off for Federal Way students. Friday, October 9 is a state "Teacher Inservice Day". A variety of conferences, workshops and training are available to educators throughout the state to sharpen and expand their teaching skills. Friday, October 16 is an important "Data Day" for district teachers. They will have a chance to look at state, district and classroom assessment results and develop yearlong plans to meet the specific needs of their students. These will be reviewed and updated at a second Data Day in the spring.

**Student- Led Conferences** are important to the success of your child! They will be held October 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> this year. Your attendance at your student's conference is critical and sends a clear message that their education is important. Parents are also encouraged to make contact with their student's teacher at any time during the school year if they have any concerns about their student's progress. Please plan on attending the **Book Fair** in the Library!

Sincerely,

D.K. Bogle  
Principal



## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9

**NO SCHOOL**

Teacher Inservice Day

October 15

Multi-Cultural Night

6:30-8:30 PM (details to come)

October 16

**NO SCHOOL - Data Day**

October 24

PTA Swimming Pool Party

Mt. Rainer Pool

2:30-4:30 PM \$5.00

October 28

Health Screening

**\*\*Volunteers Needed/No**

**Experience Necessary. Call Sherry**

**Stewart RN 253-945-4509**

October 29, 30

**NO SCHOOL**

**Student- Led Conferences &  
Book Fair**

November 5

Woodmont PTA Meeting

Hispanic Meeting/5:30

General Meeting/6:30 -8:00

Childcare Provided



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

## LUNCH MONEY NOW



In this program you can check on your child's lunch card balance, set up email notices, view recent activity and make online payments for meals. It's simple to do. On the Internet you can go to [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org), click on Nutrition Services. Click on "Great News! Lunch Money Now is available for on-line payments." You will need your child's student ID number, your phone number (make sure this is the same one that the office has) and your child's birthdate.

## VISITORS/VOLUNTEERS

For the safety of all children and as a courtesy to our staff at Woodmont, always stop by the school office each time you enter the building to sign-in and get a visitor's badge. Please do not go directly to your student's classroom without a visitor badge.



## 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.

## CELL PHONES & PAGERS



Students may carry a communication device, i.e. cell phone or pager, under the following condition. They may not be used during school time. Also, a permission slip must be completed by a parent/guardian prior to having these devices on campus; otherwise these items may be confiscated. Forms are available in the office.

## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!!



### 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders Invited To Join "Battle of the Books"

All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students are encouraged to join this year's school and district-wide reading competition, "Battle of the Books". The rules are simple: Students read as many books as possible (or at least four) from two award-winning nominee book lists. (See the list below.) Students study the books to remember important information from each book, including characters, plot, setting and something about the author.

Participants will form teams in January, and prepare to "battle" for the most knowledgeable team at Woodmont. The competition will take place in March, with one team advancing to the district "Battle of the Books" in April. Team members will have a chance to consult with one another before answering each question, and the answer will be the title of one of the 16 books. The district winners bring home a championship trophy, which they keep at their school until the next year's competition. Parents, please encourage your child to join this exciting reading competition. It's easy to get started. Just cut out the book list, and choose one book to get started on. Remember, students have until January to begin forming teams of four! **Read, Read, Read!!**

## Battle Book List - 2009-10

### 2010 Young Readers' Choice Award Nominees

The Candy Shop War by Brandon Mull AR 5.0

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Paul Curtis AR 5.4

Igraine the Brave by Cornelia Funke AR 5.6

Marley: A Dog Like No Other by John Grogan AR 4.9

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart AR 5.6

No Talking by Andrew Clements AR 5.0

The Invention Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick AR 5.1

### 2010 Sasquatch Award Nominees

Sasqurn of the Killer Cat by A. Fine AR 3.2

Brendan Buckley's Universe and Everything In It by S. Frazier AR 4.0

Deep, Dark and Dangerous by Mary Downing Hahn AR 4.0

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat by L. Jonell AR 4.7

Heat by Mike Lupica AR 5.3

Ten Ways to Make My Sister Disappear by Norma Fox Mazer AR 3.7

Mutiny On the Bounty by P. O'Brien AR 5.6

How to Steal A Dog by B. O'Connor AR 4.0

Lawn Boy by Gary Paulsen AR 4.3