

David Douglas



March 2006 Newsletter

Parent Survey

To complete survey go to: www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/

Thank you to all families who have filled out this quick survey. We are in need of more families to complete survey on our charter school and the overall concept of a charter school.

Decision on 5th grade

The David Douglas School District will vote for our request of expansion for 5th grade on Thursday, April 20th, 2006. We encourage all parents to participate in this meeting in support of Arthur Academy.

New Staff

We have 3 new members who have joined the Arthur Academy Staff. The growth we have experienced has made these additions necessary. The funds granted to us by the Walton Foundation made it possible for us to enhance our already existing financial services office. Dennis Tiede, business manager, Jill Domine, bookkeeper/office manager and Cory Larson, human resources specialist will make up this team.

Kindergarten Class of 2006-2007

If you have a student currently attending Arthur Academy and next year you will have a kindergarten please let me know *if you have not already done so*. We have a record high of 20 sibling students for kindergarten next year. That leaves 5 open spaces, with over 50 applications, for the lottery on April 1st, 2006. Contact Ms. Arnold immediate if you have not filled out a K form or application.

Spring Fundraiser and Music performance

Monday, April 3rd, we will hold a fundraiser at Papa's Pizza. In addition the students will perform for the parents.

K & 1st graders will sing from 6:30-6:50.

2nd, 3rd & 4th graders will sing about 7:00

TAG Identification

Students identified as Talented and Gifted have certain unique characteristics and educational needs that distinguish them from other students. These characteristics include: An intense intellectual curiosity, an ability to conceptualize broad issues, themes and concepts, they demonstrate a higher level of thinking skills, have an independence in thought and work and strong sense of truth and justice.

If you feel your child has some or all of these characteristics please contact your teacher. Testing takes place at the David Douglas District in May.

Attendance

It is very important that your child attends school every day. Our curriculum is broken down into small parts and activities that accumulated towards larger objectives. This process occurs EVERY DAY. We understand health issues are always the source of absenteeism, which we highly appreciate your thoughts of other students and staff, but please make sure school is #1 priority.

Lunch Tickets

Our lunch program is a day to day option for families. We only buy lunches for those students who have a lunch card or money for that day. The school does not have funds for extra lunches nor does the vendor send extra lunches. If your child forgets their lunch, we will call for you to make arrangements for your child to eat.

Field Trips

Each class will be taking a field trip either in May or June. More information will be coming out to you regarding your child's class.

Summer Day Care

Arthur Academy will not be holding a summer day care program this year. As we find alternative programs for this summer we will send out information. We are also looking at contracting out to the YMCA next fall for the Before and After School Program.

Upcoming Dates

Spring Break.....March 27th-31st
Conferences.....April 13th & 14th
Carnival.....May 20th
Memorial Day.....May 29th
Field Day.....June 8th
Last Day of School.....June 9th