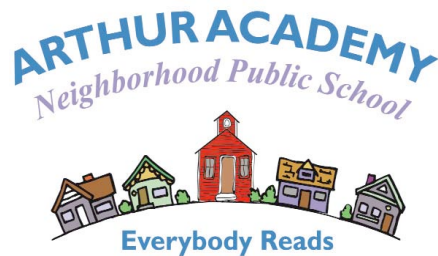


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February 10, 2006

Dear Families,

2006-2007 Enrollment

If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten in 2006, he/she will receive first priority in our class. However, you **MUST** submit an enrollment application before March 1 in order to be guaranteed a spot in the class. We now have enough applications to know that a lottery will be held after March 1. We continue to take applications for waiting lists in the other grades in the order they are received. Enrollment is easily done from our website at www.arthuracademy.org.

"Youngest Only" Newsletters

I just completed one of those shelved organizational tasks that nag at me.

Beginning with this newsletter, we will only send home **school-wide news and information** with the YOUNGEST child in your family. We have so many siblings at our school, that this will cut back on 30 copies per newsletter, not to mention that you won't be overrun by multiple notices to sort through and recycle. If you see a particular problem with your youngest child bringing home the information, let me know and we can adjust. Please become even more aware of checking the folders of your youngest child. I will continue to post school-wide news on our website and teachers will continue to send home their individual newsletters to the whole class.

"Adopt a Soldier" Service Project

Please remember to send in your contributions for our care packages to soldiers serving in Iraq. The children are also making pictures and cards at school to include with each class' package. As explained in the letter last Friday, cash donations will also be gratefully accepted to help defray the shipping costs. Many thanks to Jenny Gilpin for organizing this project and for the beautiful class photos she took to enclose with each package. Please call Jenny if you have any questions or would like to help her in any way.

Valentine's Day

Each class will be celebrating Valentine's Day in some way on Tuesday, Feb. 14. If you need more information, please contact your child's teacher directly.

Of course, children are not required to bring any cards, but if they do, we ask that they bring a card for each child in the class. Handmade cards can be a fun weekend activity!

Construction Update

Progress does continue to be made... By now the concrete sidewalks and ramps into the buildings and the new handicapped parking area should be complete. The filling and leveling of the field is to be done today. If all the mildew removal testing goes well, redoing the interior of the small building will begin on Monday. I am waiting to be sure that the interior of the big building is now done so that we may begin setting up the classrooms and office. The city has not yet approved the drawings submitted for the new sidewalk access and we cannot complete the parking lot entrance without those plans. I will call out the volunteer troops as soon as I have a firm date that we can get in there and get things going.

Reminder

School is closed on Monday, February 20 in observance of President's Day.

Transportation Needed

We have a family in need of carpool/transportation. If you live near the Palmquist Rd. area or would be able to help one of our 3rd graders get home from school each day, please call Beatriz Marron at 503-663-0896 at work or 503-708-5554 on her cell phone. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

We have a new temporary school cell phone (503-502-3596) which you may use to contact us directly during the school day, although we may not always be able to answer it right away if we are all teaching. We will continue to check messages at our regular number (503-465-8882) throughout the day.

Thank you for all of the birthday wishes, cards and flowers! I can honestly say that I have never before received so many of either and each one truly brightened my day and made it special. I am reminded daily of how fortunate I am to have such a caring community of children, parents and staff to work with. Thank you also for the extra help packing up last Friday. Our staff stepped up to make sure that things went very smoothly the last two days in my absence. These are the payoffs of having a true team of staff and parents that view the children as "ours". Happy Valentine's Day to all of you!

Warmly,

Peggy Concillo, Principal

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