

April 2010

Cougar Chatter



# Arthur Academy

## **Parent Conferences**

We will be conducting our spring conferences April 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>. Your child's teacher should have made contact with you by now for an opportunity to hear about your child's academic success. Typically, conferences in grades kindergarten through fourth are teacher-led conferences without children. However, if you might miss your conference because of lack of supervision, we would rather have you bring your child than miss your time. 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade conferences are student-led, with guided assistance and input from their teacher.

## **½ Day of School Next Week**

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> is ½ day of school. Kindergarten will be dismissed at 11:00, while the other grades dismissed at 11:30. If you have siblings of kindergarteners, they may be excused at 11:00. Please send a note to your child's teacher so they know to send them out at 11:00 for dismissal with the kindergarten. Your child may also order sack lunch that day and we will send it home with them at dismissal time. An order form will go home on Tuesday.

## **Scholastic Book Fair**

During conferences we will have a book fair set up in the cafeteria. Please browse our selection of books and help encourage the love of reading with your children, as well as and support our classroom libraries. Since teachers are in conferences, we are looking for help to operate the book fair. Your job is fairly easy and would consist of collecting money and keeping track of the sold items. A volunteer request has been sent out already. Each teacher receives a portion of our total profit to add to their classroom libraries. The dates of the book fair are April 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>.

## **All School Picture**

This Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, will be the all school panoramic picture. Your child must be in khaki or navy bottoms and white or navy polo tops to be in the picture. The order form for this has already been handed out to students.

## **Planning for College**

Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, the school will be hosting a meeting to help any parents who are thinking about sending children to college in the next few years and all the unanswered questions that come with how to pay. Tim Tank, a financial consultant with AXA Advisors, will be here for a presentation and to answer questions.

### **Changed Your Number or Moved?**

If you have moved or you have a new phone number, please contact the office. We need the most current information in order to send out report cards and to be able to reach you in an emergency.

### **Coming Back Next Year...**

We have completed the first phase of lottery applications. If you know that you will not be attending next year please let the office or teacher know.

### **Playground**

As the weather becomes more enjoyable, more kids tend to be on the playground after school. The school policy is that a parent must be on campus to supervise children on the playground. This is a safety issue for everyone. If your child walks/rides a bike they must leave campus at dismissal time. If you are late picking up your child please call. Your child will be with their teacher.

### **OAKS**

Students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade have been participating in the state test for reading and math in their perspective grade. The chart below shows how each class is doing currently with the number of students who have taken the test. Each student receives a total of 3 chances to pass or improve score.

Grade/Subject	Reading	Math	Science	Writing
3 <sup>rd</sup>	96%	77%	x	x
4 <sup>th</sup>	90%	61%	x	68%
5 <sup>th</sup>	82%	85%	Testing this week	x
6 <sup>th</sup>	65%	53%	x	x

### **Spring Used Book Sale**

The Friends of the Library are having a book sale this weekend. The sale will be held at 670 NW Eastman Parkway on Saturday and Sunday. This is a great sale to help build a home or a classroom library. We would love any book donations to our classrooms. Ask your child's teachers if there are particular books they might need to help enhance their science or social studies units during the year. Books are priced from .50 to \$6.00.

### **Capri Suns**

If your child drinks Capri Suns we have been collecting empties as a fundraiser. We receive 2 cents per container. Sounds like a little, but every penny counts. If your child likes those please continue to purchase Capri Sun drinks for their lunches or send the empties to school.

### **Campbell Soup Labels and Box Tops**

Each classroom has a container to collect soup labels and box tops. You can send them in as you wish or you can wait for contest's during the year. We will be sending home a box top contest sheet this week.

#### **Up Coming Reminders**

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.....RAAPO meeting at 6:30  
Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.....Spring Student Pictures  
Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.....No School/Teacher work day  
Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>.....No School/ Holiday  
Wednesday, June 9.....Talent Show  
Thursday, June 10.....Field Day  
Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup> .....Last day of school and ½ day  
Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.....6<sup>th</sup> grade fun day and graduation at Glen Otto Park