



Mid- October 2007 News

Animal Assembly

On Wednesday, October 31st the students will have their first assembly of the year. The Bureau of Lectures will be presenting "Wild About Animals". There will be 5-8 animals in the presentation. The performer will talk about what the animals eat, where they live, and how to preserve them.

Lice

We have been notified of a lice incident. Lice eggs (called nits) look like tiny yellow, tan, or brown dots before they hatch. After hatching, the remaining shell looks white or clear. Lice lay nits on hair shafts close to the skin's surface, where the temperature is perfect for keeping warm until they hatch. Nits look sort of like dandruff, only they can't be removed by brushing or shaking them off. Unless the infestation is heavy, it's more common to see nits in a child's hair than it is to see live lice crawling on the scalp. You can purchase lice kits at stores or you may call your doctor for a prescription shampoo.

Please check your child's head at home on a consistent basis.

Emergency weather

As colder days approach we would like to remind families about emergency procedures regarding the weather. Reynolds Arthur Academy falls under Reynolds School District. If Reynolds closes schools for the day Arthur Academy is closed. If Reynolds has a 2 hour late start Arthur Academy starts at 10:30 AM. There is no Kindergarten if there is a 2 hour late start.

Pictures

Picture day is scheduled for Friday, October 26th. Lifetouch starts at 9:00 AM with student pictures. Picture packets have been sent home already. If you are purchasing pictures you may dress up for your picture and not wear your school uniform.

Conferences

Thursday, November 8th and Friday, November 9th are conference days at Arthur Academy. Conference sign ups will be sent out sometime next week. Some teachers may be holding conferences other than those 2 days.

Winter Concert

There will be no musical concert this winter. We feel that by waiting until the spring, the students will be a little more prepared with an assortment of songs.

1/2 Day of School

Wednesday, November 7th is our first 1/2 day of school. This day gives teachers a day to prepare for conferences but yet keeps kids on academic track.

1st – 5th : 8:30-11:30

Kindergarten: 8:30-11:00

NO lunch is served, however, if you want to purchase/order a lunch you may do so. We will send it home with them at the end of the day.

TESA/OAKS

The Oregon state test for the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders was called TESA last year. The program had many problems and it caused all schools in the state to take a paper/pencil test last year. This year the test is called OAKS. This stands for Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

The testing window opened on October 15th and will remain open until May. Some of our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will start taking this test. The students have 3 chances to receive a passing score.

Scholastic Book Fair

During conferences this year we will have the Scholastic Book Fair available for families to purchase books. We need several volunteers to help organize the fair during the 2 1/2 days. If you are interested in helping, please contact April Fletcher at 503-661-6648. We are looking for parents to take shifts manning the booth. This entails collecting money, keeping track of what books were purchased, some set up and tear down of the display.

The school will receive free books depending on the total value of what was sold.

Siblings for next year

If you have a child attending Arthur Academy currently and your next child will be in Kindergarten next year please send a note to Ms. Arnold.

Building Update

We now have POWER in the new building. Last Friday PGE hooked up the power. The swell, next to the parking lot, is almost complete. The fire and alarm company are scheduled to finish Friday, October 17th. An inspection is scheduled for Monday to get the approval from the fire Marshall. There are still a couple of things the general contractor must do before we can request for the last inspection so we may get our occupancy.

Reminders

- Tuesday, October 30th.....Parent meeting 6:30 PM
- November 7th.....1/2 day of school
- November 7th,8th and 9thScholastic Book Fair
- November 8th & 9thSchool Conferences
- Monday, November 12thNo School
- November 21st, 22nd & 23rd.....Thanksgiving/No School
- December 24th – January 4thChristmas Break
- January 21st, 2008.....No school
- January 28th, 2008.....No school