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2011

Important Dates to Remember



Wednesday, 2/2/11
PTO Sponsored Positive
Parenting-Ruth Freeman
6:00 PM @ SHE

Thursday, 2/3/11
NO PTO Meeting



Wednesday 2/9/11
Board of Education
PHS Library 7:00 PM



Monday, 2/14/11



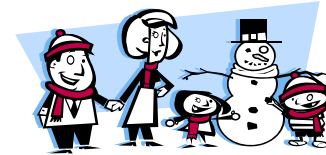
Wednesday, 2/16/11
Six Flags Reading Challenge
Logs due

Friday, 2/18 thru 2/22
NO SCHOOL
Professional Development
Presidents' Day
Winter Vacation

Monday, 2/28/11

SPOTLIGHTS!

Dear Parents & Friends of MES,



Raising children is both the most challenging and rewarding job. Ruth Freeman, the Family Services Coordinator at EASTCONN will be presenting a free workshop entitled *Positive Parenting* at Shepard Hill Elementary School on February 2, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 PM. A snow date is set for February 3rd. The workshop is sponsored by the Moosup Elementary and Shepard Hill Elementary Parent/Teacher Organizations. Parents and other caregivers will learn how to increase cooperation and strengthen the parent-child connection. I strongly encourage you to attend. Ruth is both knowledgeable and entertaining. Childcare will be provided!

Many of you have met our social worker, Mrs. Sundstrom. You may not be aware that she conducts a Character Education lesson each month for every class. Topics include Being a Good Friend, Homework Habits, Respecting Individual Differences, and Having a Positive Attitude. This month, all the classes will be hearing a lesson on Personal Safety. Mrs. Sundstrom will be conducting this lesson using the *Committee for Children Personal Safety Curriculum*. She will be discussing safety issues such as wearing bike helmets, what to do if someone offers you a ride, and "safe and unsafe touch" using age appropriate language. The goal of the program is to help children recognize a variety of different situations that may not be safe and give them ideas of how to get help safely. The lesson covers to whom students can go to for help when they are unsure of their safety. The program is designed to encourage open communication in a child's family, remind students of school resources, and emphasize basic safety rules. If you have any questions regarding Character Education, please feel free to contact me or Mrs. Sundstrom.

Think Spring!

Mrs. Hogsten
Principal





Reader of the Month

Lindsay, Josemanuel, Cole, Cameron, Joseph, Sarah, Owen, Cassie, Colby, Emma, Kristen, Noah, Jon, Drew, Brody



Mathematician of the Month

Michael, Aiden, Rachel, Drew, Madison, Bridgette, Roane, Sebastian, Richard, Zoha, Frederick, Kalina, Caleb, Chelsey, Zachary



Writer of the Month

Camdyn, Lauren, Molly, Madison, Gary, Michael, Caleb, Aiden, Kyle, Lindsay, Christopher, Samantha, Bethany, Loralie, Julie



Art Award of the Month

Zachary, Kristen, Brooklyn



Bookworm of the Month

Paige, Joey, Zachary, Brody



Fitness Award of the Month

Caleb, Kalina



Safety At All Times

Nathan, Abigale, Jack, Lily, Mark, Savannah, Isabelle, Parth, Lillyana, Ethan, Courtney, Shealynn, Braden, Rebekah, Sawyer, Madeleine, Zoe, James, Abdulla, Michael, Riza, Jasmine, Ashley, Devin, Kyla, Tucker, Brooklyn, Amaya



Music Maker of the Month

Molly, Lucas, Elijah, Sophie, Brody, Cassandra



Did you know... Students who attend school regularly:

1. Get better grades
2. Have a positive attitude about school
3. Are more likely to graduate from high school
4. Are more likely to avoid risky behaviors, such as drinking alcohol and using drugs

Students who miss a lot of school are more likely to be considered truant. Truancy is linked to many problems later in life, such a difficulty finding a job, earning less money, legal problems, and unhealthy habits.

Get involved in your child's school...

1. Keep in touch with teachers
2. Volunteer
3. Go to school events
4. Talk to your child each day about school
5. Read with your child
6. Have your child teach you something he/she learned in school
7. Help your child set short-term and long-term goals

Research shows that when parents teach their children to value learning, students become more engaged in learning. One way to teach children to value learning is to be sure they come to school each day on time!



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