

September 2005

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4	5 Holiday	6 First Day of School	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 PFT Meeting 7:00 pm	16	17
18	19	20 Hearing & Vision Screening	21	22 Picture Day Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00	23 No School	24
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30	31	Early Release (12:10 PM) Parent/Teacher Conferences No Half-Day Kindergarten				



Curriculum Night

PARENTS...

...please mark your calendars for Thursday, September 22, 6:30-8:00 PM. You are invited to visit classrooms and listen to teacher presentations that will detail your child's classroom curriculum for the school year. This is a parent night and students are encouraged to remain at home.

There will be two sessions for parents with two students at LWE.

5th grade parents will receive information on instrumental music.



Principal's Place

David Koyama, Principal
 Rita Richard, Editor

Dear Families,

Welcome to the first year of Lynnwood Elementary! Last week over 300 parents, students, relatives, friends, and staff crowded into our gymnasium to share ice cream, meet as a school community and hear a little about our school. One of the messages that will be consistently heard this year is this: education for kids works best when everyone works together. We need your help to make this the best possible school for your child. We need you to partner with us.

There are many ways that you can help. You can pitch in and help through our Parent Faculty Team (PFT). Our first meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, in our library from 7:00-8:30pm. We need parents who are willing to help the school. Our Parent Faculty Team is responsible for fundraising. Each year these fundraising efforts allow us to better the school (we have obtained computers for classrooms, books for the library, the large play equipment on the lower field, etc.), provide each classroom with funds to offset costs for field trips, and grants for different projects. This year, we hope to put in a street sign on 44th as well as a reader board. We would also like your ideas on ways to make our school better. Please come to the next meeting.

Another way to help is by volunteering to help in the classroom. Cindy Bartlette is collecting names of parents who would like to help out in their child's class. Please pass on your name to your teacher or call the office and let Cindy know. She will provide you with the necessary paperwork to be a classroom volunteer.

Some parents would rather volunteer outside of their child's classroom. Again, Cindy Bartlette, in our office, is the person to contact. If you are unsure of how you can be of help, she will be able to match you up with a school need. Typically, we need volunteers in the library, the office, and other areas of the school.

Of course, some of you do not have the spare time. You can still be of help by supporting our fundraising activities, attending school events, and being actively involved in monitoring your child's progress.

On **Thursday, September 22**, we will have **Curriculum Night**. This will be your opportunity to hear what your child's teacher is planning this year. This is meant to be an event for the adults and **children are discouraged from attending**. All of our other events for the rest of the year, will be billed as family events. We will be trying a new format this year. From 6:30-6:55 pm, classroom teachers will be in their classrooms to explain their program and answer questions. From 7:00-7:25 pm parents should show up in the gym for a short presentation and opportunity to meet with all of the other staff who are important in your child's life, such as, the music and PE teachers, ESL specialists, reading and math support teachers, and the volunteer coordinator to name a few. Fifth grade parents interested in exploring the band or orchestra option should go to room 25. From 7:30 - 7:55 pm, classroom teachers will be back in their rooms to explain their programs to parents who might have more than one child in our school.

Thanks in advance for all of your support!

**City of Lynnwood
After School Program**

The Fun Center after school program will be held at LWE Monday - Friday. Children who participate will enjoy fun games, healthy snacks, homework assistance and crafts on a daily basis. Recreation staff supervise the program after school until 6:00 pm for a daily or weekly fee. For more information or to register please contact the Lynnwood Recreation Center at (425) 771-4030. We also now offer on-line registration at reconnect.ci.lynnwood.wa.us.

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Wednesday Folders

Each Wednesday students will bring home important notices and information in a Character Education Folder. Please review the items and return the folder to your child's backpack or bag.

This newsletter will be sent home the 1st Wednesday of each month. *Please share your thoughts on the newsletter by calling the school office or sending email to richardr@edmonds.wednet.edu*

**Keep Your Child Safe
To & From School**

Regardless of whether your child walks or bikes all the way to school or just to a bus stop, you want her to stay safe. You can help your child stay safe on the way to school and back home by doing the following:

Plan ahead. Whether your child walks to the bus stop or to school, figure out the safest route. Choose a way that has the fewest street crossings. Use crossings where there are crossing guards.

If you can, avoid vacant lots or places where there aren't many people. Walk the route with your child.

There's safety in numbers. If possible, arrange for your child to walk with a friend, neighbor or family member.

Play "what if." Think ahead with your child. What if she gets a bloody nose? What if a large dog is in the path?

Talking about these unexpected things will make handling them easier for your child.

Teach your child never to ride with strangers. Remember, a stranger is anyone your child doesn't know well. Many families have a "secret code." If you had to send a friend to pick up your child, you would tell the person this secret word. It is a signal to your child that this person is safe to ride with.

PFT News

The first Parent Faculty Team (PFT) meeting of the year is scheduled for Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 pm in the LWE library. Membership is free and all parents are encouraged and welcome to attend. The PFT is actively seeking officers. If you are interested in participating as an officer this year, please leave a message at (425)670-7313 ext 2889 or attend the board meeting which will begin at 6:00 pm. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

Look for information to come home with your student in September regarding the Sally Foster fundraiser. We will also be collecting Box Tops For Education, Campbells Soup Labels, Tyson & Foster Farms Chicken labels. All of these products help benefit school pro-

A Message From the Kitchen

Students who qualified for free and reduced lunch and breakfast in the Edmonds School District last year, will receive the same services through September. Applications for the 2005-2006 Free & Reduced lunch program were mailed to households in July. Please complete the application and return it to the food service department as soon as possible. If you need an application, please contact the school office.

Parents, please remember to write your child's first and last name and classroom number on checks submitted for lunch. The foodservice department cannot give change back from checks, so please make checks for the exact amount. Lunch is \$2.00 and breakfast is \$1.25. Reduced lunch is 40 cents and reduced breakfast is 30 cents.

Safe Schools Tipline

The Edmonds School District provides students, parents, and community members a way to report safety concerns. The Tipline is on 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and is checked twice during each school day. "Tips" are referred to school or law enforcement authorities. The number is:



425-670-7010

Focus on Fitness

Lynnwood Elementary School is committed to providing your child with a Physical Education program that includes a developmentally appropriate, skills based curriculum that promotes physical fitness. Your child will be participating in a twice-weekly program where they will have the opportunity to learn and practice a great variety of life-long sport and recreational skills. In order to insure the comfort and safety of your child as they actively participate in each 30-minute session, we ask that you make sure that your child is . . .

Dressed for Success:

- * **TENNIS SHOES/SNEEKERS** – but be careful – today's fashion choices do not necessarily make good safety choices. Avoid shoes that have "chunky" or platform soles. Also avoid mules and slides. **IF THEY HAVE LACES – THESE ARE TO BE TIED DURING ACTIVITY – NOT TUCKED INTO THE SHOE!** If your child does not know how to tie his/her own shoes, now is a great time to teach them!
- * Wear shirts that are "tuckable" – stay tucked in at the waistband when the arms are raised straight overhead.
- * **GIRLS** – dresses are fine, but it is a good idea to bring a pair of shorts to slip on underneath on PE day.
- * **BOYS** – if your pants tend to slip while you run, wear a belt or tuck in your shirt while at PE.

If we make good choices about how we dress – we will be safer, more comfortable – and have more fun!!

Susan Sellers, Physical Education

**THE CHARACTER EDUCATION PROGRAM
AT LYNNWOOD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL...**

- *is a comprehensive program that involves home, school, and community.
- *uses a common character language.
- *implements classroom and school-wide character programs.
- *is visible through posters, bulletin boards, and banners.
- *has everyone focusing on Character Education and they make a deliberate effort to teach character directly and to integrate it into the existing curriculum.
- *uses modeling as an important tool to develop character. (i.e. people caring about people)
- *involves ALL students and gives them leadership positions in the school and provides them with opportunities to do good things.

The character theme for the month of September is **Anti-Bullying**. Students will be reciting the Lynnwood Elementary Anti-Bully Pledge and learning about how to recognize bullying and how to stop bullying. The following are books on bullying that parents and students can share:

Allen. Dancing in the Wings
Blume. Blubber
Cohen. Molly's Pilgrim
Cosby. The Meanest Thing to Say
Crisp. My Dog, Cat
DeClements. Nothing's Fair in Fifth Grade

Hahn. Stepping on the Cracks
Naylor. Reluctantly Alice
O'Neill. The Recess Queen
Skinner. Wrecker
Spinelli. Crash
Spinelli. Stargirl



Anti-Bullying Pledge

**We do not bully others
We help students who are bullied
We include students who are left out
We tell an adult at school and an adult at home when somebody is being a bully.**