

LYNNWOOD LEOPARDS

Curriculum Night

PARENTS...

...please mark your calendars for **Thursday, September 14, 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 2 students at LWE.



5th Grade Music Night

5th grade students will have the choice between band, orchestra or general music for their 5th and 6th grade years. Parents of 5th grade students are invited to learn about the instrumental program on Tuesday, September 19, at 7:00 pm.

Your Child's Classroom Placement for the 2006-07 school year is as follows:

Principal's Place

by Chris Lindblom

Welcome back to another school year at Lynnwood Elementary School! I am very excited to join the staff and parents of the Lynnwood community in order to do great things for our kids this school year.

A Little About Me: Before coming to Lynnwood Elementary, I was a principal in the Tumwater School District, near Olympia for three years. Prior to being a principal I taught reading and math as a special education and Title I teacher in Tumwater, Texas, and Michigan. I also spent two years in Japan, teaching English as a Foreign Language. My wife, Tomoko, and our two boys, Noah (almost 4) and Jonah (almost 2) have settled in well to our new home and are thrilled to be here as well.

Teachers Have Been Working Throughout the Summer:

It might be time for school vacation, but our teachers have been working hard throughout most of summer. Many teachers take college courses and professional workshops during the summer. There were also many school and district sponsored trainings in which staff took part. In July, most of the staff participated in a week of training, observations, and planning with the GLAD program (*Guided Language Acquisition Design*). Teachers practiced using a variety of teaching strategies that have been proven successful in supporting our English Language Learning students in the classroom. The great thing about this program is that the strategies used are beneficial to all students.

Many teachers also participated in district workshops that looked at district reforms in reading, math, and how boys and girls learn differently. The entire staff will be getting together again for three days at the end of August to continue our planning for the new school year.

Seismic Upgrades at Lynnwood:

Besides the teachers, our school building was also busy during the summer months. Teachers packed up their classrooms to make room for construction workers and their materials. Walls and ceilings were reinforced with support timbers and braces. As a result, our school is now much safer in the event of an earthquake. The project was completed on-time, within costs, and without any real problems. Our district's custodial crews work equally hard in putting the classrooms back together so that teachers would have time to get things back in order.

New Fencing Installed:

You will probably notice our new fencing along the length of the park and 44th Avenue. Higher fencing (six feet) was installed in order to make our school and playground safer. Funding for this project comes from the City of Lynnwood, a grant from Edmonds School District, and our own PFT.

I am looking forward to meeting you all and getting the school year started. I would like to also invite you to stop by the office or call anytime whenever you have a question, comment, or would simply like to chat.

We'll see you at the **Ice Cream Social** on Thursday, August 31st!

Upcoming Events:

- * August 31, 6:00-7:00 PM **Ice Cream Social.**
- * September 14, 6:30-8:00 PM, **Curriculum Night**
- * September 18, **Fundraiser Kick-Off**
- * September 19, 7:00 PM, **5th Grade Music Night**
- * September 20, **Picture Day**
- * September 21, **Hearing & Vision Screening**

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, October 12 at 7:00 pm in the LWE library. Membership is free and all parents are encouraged and welcome to attend. LWE's new principal, Chris Lindblom, will be speaking to the group.

The PFT is actively seeking officers. If you are interested in participating as an officer this year, please leave a message at (425)431-2889 or attend the board meeting which will begin at 6:00 pm on October 12. Childcare and refreshments will be provided.

Look for information to come home with your student in September regarding the kick off fundraising event beginning September 18. We will also be collecting Box Tops For Education, Campbells Soup Labels, Tyson & Foster Farms Chicken labels. All of these products help benefit school programs.

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 2006-07 Free & Reduced lunch program were mailed to households on August 21. Please complete the application and return it to the food service department as soon as possible. Questions concerning the applications can be directed to the Foodservice department at 425-431-7080.

Parents, please remember to write checks to Edmonds School District (ESD) and 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, for the first time, students qualifying for reduced lunch will receive breakfast at no cost.

MENU for September 5:

Corn Dog, Chicken Burger or Stuffed Bread Sticks

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:



425-431-7010

Parent Drop Off & Pick Up

Please carefully read the following plan for parent drivers. It is critical that traffic flow (specifically the first few days of school) move smoothly and safely through the parking lot. The plan for parent drivers is as follows:

1. All parents who drive their students, must use the 44th Avenue playground entrance (north of the main entrance). The school entrance off 188th Street will be restricted to bus traffic only. This means that cars may not enter through 46th Ave W.
2. Parents who are dropping off a kindergarten student or a student in our special education program (Ms. Fitzgerald's or Mrs. Siebers' rooms) will follow the green arrows on the playground and drop off their student(s) near the steps leading to their classroom wing. A greeter will be stationed near the steps and helpers to walk your student to their classroom. Parents will exit using the regular 44th Avenue entrance just to the south of our playground (right turn only).
3. All other parents who are dropping off students will enter through the same playground entrance on 44th Avenue, turn left and then turn right to drop their student(s) off just past the office at the front of the school. Please follow the red arrows. There

will be official greeters to show you the way and where to drop-off your students as well as other adults to walk your student to class.

Important: Please train your student(s) to exit and enter your vehicle using the passenger side (curb side) door.

Very Important: Due to the anticipated traffic crunch and the lack of parking, if you are planning on walking your student to their classroom, please plan on parking off-campus.

Pick up in the afternoon will follow a similar traffic pattern. Kindergarten students, their siblings, and students of Ms Fitzgerald and Mrs. Siebers will be waiting by the steps. All other students who are picked up by parent drivers, will be waiting at the front of the school near the western end.

Thank you for helping us establish a safe traffic pattern for our students!

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.

2006-07 Calendar

September				October				November						
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June				Parent/Teacher Conferences:			
M	T	W	Th	F	Oct 23-27 & Mar 15		
				1	Thanksgiving Break: Nov 23 & 24		
4	5	6	7	8	Winter Break: Dec 18 - Jan 1		
11	12	13	14	15	Spring Break: Apr - 6		
18	19	20	21	22			
25	26	27	28	29			

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