

The Hawk Herald



Emerald Heights Elementary

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October 2009

Dates to Remember

October

- 7: Mad Science begins (Wed. 3:30-4:30pm)
- 12: No School! Columbus Day
- 12-16: National School Lunch Week
- 19: Band Concert 5th/6th 6:30pm
- 20: PTA Fundraiser orders are due!
- 21: French Class begins (Wed. 3:30-4:30pm)
- 21: Kindergarten Open House & Pumpkin Night
- 23: Vision/Hearing Re-screening
- 26-29: Islandwood trip – all 6th graders
- 30: Monster Mash 6-8:30pm

November

- 5: Reflections Entries Due
- 10: Veteran's Day Concert
2pm assembly & 6:30pm concert
- 11: No School – Veteran's Day
- 18: Orchestra Concert 6:30 pm
- 20-25: Fall Parent Conferences
- 26-27: No School – Thanksgiving Break

Emerald Heights Band Performances

Performance is a required part of participation in band. Students need to attend and participate in all band concerts. Parents, come and enjoy the developing talent of your children. The bands will perform concerts on the following dates:

- ***Fall Concert**, Monday., Oct. 19, 2009 - 6:30pm
- ***Winter Concert**, Monday., Dec. 7, 2009 – 6:30pm
- ***Spring Concert**, Monday., March 8, 2010 -6:30pm
- ***District 6th Grade Band Festival** -

Thursday, April 29, 2010 CKHS at 3:00PM

- ***Final Concert**, Monday, June 7, 2010 - 6:30pm

If you have questions, please call Mr. Goans at 662-2937 or email dennisg@cksd.wednet.edu

Roller Skating in PE Class

On **October 16** students will begin roller skating in P.E. Students will be learning skills that develop safe skating habits such as stopping techniques, skating under control, and various skating patterns such as tuck, scissors, zigzag. Students are welcome to bring their own roller blades or skates during our skating unit, though skates are provided. **Helmets are required!!! EM will provide helmets with hair nets, however students are encouraged to bring their own helmet.** If students bring their own equipment they **must** only bring it on P.E. days. Please check with your student which days they have PE and remember students will be responsible for any equipment they bring to school. Student helpers will be assigned to all 1st and 2nd grade classes to help with lacing skates and individual skating. This unit is a very fun, rewarding unit for students. If you have any questions, please contact me at 662-8511. Thank you, **Eddie Beloate** (PE Specialist)

Emerald Heights Halloween Protocol

Each teacher will send home information about their specific classroom guidelines regarding Halloween. Each teacher will determine whether their students will wear costumes. In addition to the teacher's Halloween guidelines Emerald Heights has some costume rules that must be followed. Parents will be asked to pick up students who do not comply with the following rules:

- Student's costumes should not prohibit students from independently using the restroom.
- No full face make-up
- No masks
- No Freddy Krueger/Friday the 13th/Scream
- No blood or weaponry

Islandwood Campers!!

6th Grade Islandwood trip is October 26-29th.

Students should arrive to school on Monday, October 26th at the usual time. However, they cannot take the bus to school with their gear. Upon arrival, students should drop off gear in the plaza area near the sign of their lodge. Parents will be there to assist students. Parents will need to pick up their children at school around **1:30pm on Thursday, October 29th. Students are not allowed to go home on the bus with all of their gear.**

Traffic, Traffic Everywhere!!

As most of you know, traffic can be challenging at Emerald Heights. The rain and snow usually make it even more hectic. Our first priority is the safety of all our students. Here are a couple of reminders that will continue to keep our students safe:

- *Right hand lane (lane nearest the building) is for loading and unloading children.
- *If you park and leave your car, you need to use a parking space. **Do not leave your car unattended in either lane.**
- *The left hand lane is for through traffic.
- *If all parking spaces are taken, please continue to circle in the left hand lane until parking is available or a space has opened in the right hand lane to drop off and pick up children.
- *Cars **should not stop moving** in the left hand lane for dropping off and picking up students.
- *Move forward as far as possible when dropping off and picking up so that traffic can continue to move without complications.

Most importantly, **please watch for students in the crosswalks.**

National School Lunch Week

Students, come join us in the lunchroom for a hot lunch during National School Lunch Week. The week of October 12-16 we will have Lucky Trays! Students who get a Lucky Tray will receive something special. New lunch menus are sent home at the end of every month. Put it in a convenient place and mark the days your child buys lunch. It's a quick and easy way to track how much lunch money your child has on their account.

Veteran's Day Concert

The students of Mrs. Eathorne, Mrs. Roberts, and Mr. Robinson present a concert in honor of our Veterans

"Of Thee I Sing"

Songs and history of our Flag
Tuesday, November 10, 2009
at 2:00pm and 6:30pm

Please join us as we celebrate our country's flag in song, and honor the men and women who gave so much to keep us free. Special guests from Naval Base Kitsap Bangor will join us.

Federal Impact Aid Survey count will begin on Monday, November 2nd.

Every year the District must apply for Federal Impact Aid funds from the US Department of Education. These funds compensate CKSD for the loss of local tax dollars from tax exempt federal property in the Silverdale and Bremerton Area. The District must conduct a Federal Residence and Employment Survey on a yearly basis in order to obtain a current count of families in the District who live and/or work on federal property. On November 2, 2009, students will be bringing home the survey form used for this count. **It is important that all appropriate sections on the form be filled out completely and accurately and the form is signed and dated.** These funds benefit all of our students and are used for basic education programs District-wide (except for the special education portion, which is used for that program). Your cooperation in assisting the District in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Free and Reduced Lunches

Parents, just a reminder if you were on the free or reduced lunch program last year and have not yet renewed your application for the 2009-10 school year, you must do so by **October 15th**. As of October 16, 2009, any student that has not turned in an application will be charged the full price of \$2.50 for lunch. To check your student's status, please call Food Services at 662-1090.

Kindergarten /Pre-School

Pumpkin Night & Open House

This is a night where pre-school and kindergarten meet in the evening from 6-7:30pm in the gym. We will carve pumpkins and then light them. We walk around looking at all the Jack-o-lantern creations. We will play a few games, eat goodies and then go to the kindergarten and pre-school classrooms for open house. This is a night the kids can show off!

Health Information

Hello, my name is Marilyn Rumble and I am very pleased to be your school nurse. I plan to be at Emerald Heights most Tuesdays and can come for visits on other days as needed. You can reach me via CKSD e-mail, marilyn@cksd.wednet.edu, through Central Kitsap Health Services Office at 662-1070 or by pager 478-3118. I follow students who have life threatening illness, and acute or chronic health problems. I'll always appreciate hearing from you about existing or new health concerns that might be a barrier to your child's learning while at Emerald Heights. I may also help you and your children with health education and research. Please let me know how I can support you and your family.

Soon after school begins, we often see an increase in the number of students with upper respiratory infections or "head colds." Spread of respiratory infections can be reduced through control of coughing or sneezing and by keeping hands clean. To reduce the spread of germs, please help your family with the following habits:

- 1) Cough or sneeze into your sleeve or cover your mouth and nose with a tissue.
- 2) Put your used tissue in the waste basket.
- 3) Clean your hands** after coughing or sneezing by washing for 20 seconds with soap and water or
- 4) Clean with alcohol-based hand cleaner.
- 5) Wear a mask.
- 6) Keep children home when they feel ill, look ill or have temperature that is one or more degrees (such as 99.8) above their norm.
- 7) Get a flu shot now. Don't wait until influenza arrives to Kitsap County.

I look forward to working with Emerald Heights students and families. Please keep in touch.

From the Art Cart

Art instruction is well underway this year. For those of you looking for me, my room location has been changed. I am now in Room 61 (downstairs next to Doug Carpenter). I will continue to teach here two days a week as before. Each class will have art instruction one-and-a-half hour, once a week, for eight weeks. Currently, I have students from Eathorne, Smith, Jones, Butts, and Thomas' classes. Each student has put together a sketchbook, reviewed the art elements and principles, and practiced observational drawing. As usual, we will be connecting art instruction with classroom curriculum. Eathorne's class, studying sound, will create clay ocarinas (musical instruments). Jones, Smith, and Butts' classes studying colonial America, will create quilts using a variety of media, including crazy quilt bowls. Thomas' fourth graders will review Native American art, and will make clay masks inspired by that culture. This year, I do have a web page on moodle. I will post interesting websites and, eventually will post photos of student work. Be on the lookout for displays of student artwork throughout the school.

Leslie Boyer – Art Teacher

Our Volunteers are the Best!

We're off to a wonderful start this school year. We've already had a number of events for our volunteers to show their presence at the school. It was wonderful to see so many of them helping with "Picture Day" and "Hearing and Vision Screenings." We can honestly say that there is never a lack of opportunities to help at Emerald Heights.

We want to give a gentle reminder that in order to volunteer at Emerald Heights, you must have a current application on file. There is number of volunteers that have let their applications lapse and this means that if they want to volunteer that they will have to fill out another form and wait for the approval before they are able to help at the school. Please take the time to make sure that your application has not expired (list of current applications can be found on the volunteer board in the office). Applications can take up to a week to be approved.

We want to thank all our wonderful volunteers for what they do at our school. The many tasks accomplished by them never goes unnoticed. The students and staff at Emerald Heights appreciates all the things, be it little or big, that our volunteers do.