

Principal's Newsletter

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B.F. Day School

Dear Families,

Thank you to our many B. F. Day Families and community members who attended our first Family Dinner on November 6. It was a very fun filled evening, and we appreciate all the work that Beth Tesh and her crew put in to the dinner. We are especially appreciative to our performers; Sandy Buckner and students, Candace Wright and helpers, Rosalie Gustafson and dancer friends, for sharing their talents with all of us.

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held November 23, 24, and 25. There is no school for students at all on those three days. Some teachers will also be having conferences on **Saturday, November 21 and on November 19 in the evening.** You need to check with your child's teacher to find out if they are having conferences in the evening on the 19th or on Saturday, November 21. Everyone is expected to attend your child's conference because we know that you know how important these are. Your child's **Progress Report will be shared with you at the conferences as well as their fall Measure of Academic Progress (MAP) Scores** for grades one through five.

Thanksgiving Holiday will be celebrated November 26 and 27. There is no school for anyone on those days.



Attached to the newsletter is information about Parenting Classes which will be held here at B. F. Day on Thursdays, January 7 to February 11. FamilyWorks is sponsoring the parenting classes and there will be childcare available through our Boys & Girls Club.

Our Hip Hop classes are going very well. Ms. Simon's Room 101 and Mr. Corsa's Room 203 are participating in these sessions of Hip Hop classes. We are very grateful to our PTSA for sponsoring the classes.

We had our last Lit Circle today. Our Lit Circles are only possible because of the volunteer help from our parents, community members, and staff. Thank you so much for another successful session of Lit Circles. Especially thank you to Robin Kinney-Robbins who organizes the whole deal.

I hope you are keeping up with the New School Assignment Plan. You can go on the school district website and get all the information you may need: <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.html>

Our Lost and Found is truly growing. The Lost & Found is located outside the office on a coat rack and a book rack.

Mark your calendars for our December Peace Assembly, December 15 at 9:20. We will have our Winter Music Program and all families are welcome to join us.

When to keep your child home from School

Children must stay home from school when they have contagious illnesses or do not feel well enough to participate in school activities. Please keep your child home if he or she has: - A fever of 100 degrees or higher and for 24 hours after the fever goes down (without the use of fever-reducing medications) - Recurrent vomiting (until there is no vomiting for 24 hours) - Diarrhea or loose stools (until there is no diarrhea or loose stools for 24 hours) - Conjunctivitis (pink eye) until 24 hours after treatment has begun (It is okay for children with red, itchy eyes due to allergies to be in school unless it interferes with their ability to concentrate on class work) - Contagious skin conditions such as impetigo, scabies or ringworm until 24 hours after treatment has begun - Head Lice until live lice and nits have been removed by treatment and/or combing. Children sometimes need extra time to recover from an illness. Please let your child stay home and rest if he or she is: Too tired to concentrate in class or play at recess - Coughing too hard and too frequently to participate in school activities - Keeping sick children home is the best way to avoid spreading illness. Frequent hand washing and remembering to cough and sneeze inside the elbow also helps. Eating three meals a day with lots of fruits and vegetables and getting 8-9 hours of sleep every night will also help children stay healthy.

Above & Beyond

Thank you to all those who made our first Family Dinner for this year so successful.

Congratulations to one of our former students, Traveler Tucker, for being KMPS Student of the Week for his hard labor and outstanding volunteer time working on the B. F. Day Rain Garden this summer.

Thank you to all our B. F. Day families who have already signed up for their Parent/Teacher Conference and have every intention of attending the conference.

Thank you to Kevin Emerson, our Writers in Schools author, for bringing such enriching classes to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and to the PTSA for sponsoring this.

Thank you to FamilyWorks for hosting Parenting Classes right here at B. F. Day in January and February.

Congratulations to the Lakeview Office of Windermere Realty for receiving the Fremont Rotary Vocational Award. Windermere does so much for B. F. Day School and it was wonderful to be able to thank them. Check out the billboard by subway on 34th Avenue North heading east.




Congratulations to Madison Jackson-Hite for being spotlighted in the B. F. Day Club Connections for the month of November. There is a wonderful article on Madison.

Respectfully,

Thank you to Mr. Gil for hosting our Bookfair.

Susan McCloskey
Principal

November/December 2009

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT/SUN
16 Picture Retake Day	17 Lit Circles, 10:00 - 10:45 HipHop After School Tutoring	 18	Room 206 to Fremont Library, 9:45 - 11:00 After School Tutor- ing/Chess some Parent/ Teacher Conferences 19 3:30 - 7:00	20 Room 101 to Fire House #9, 11:00 - 11:45 Writers In Schools	some Parent/Teacher Conferences 9:00 - 4:00 21 22
23 Parent Teacher Conferences	24 Parent Teacher Conferences	25 NO SCHOOL	26 Thanksgiving	27 Holiday	28/ 29
30	1 HipHop After School Tutoring	 2	3 After School Tutoring/Chess	4 Room 101 & 103 to Woodland Park Zoo Writers In Schools	5 6
7	8 HipHop After School Tutoring	9 Room 307 to International District & Microsoft, 9:15 - 3:00 	10 Rooms 306, 307, 309 & 310 to Roosevelt Jazz, 9:30 - 11:30 After School Tutoring/Chess PTSA Board Mtg., 6:30 @ Hale's Ale	11 Rooms 304 & 310 to Fremont Dance in Shoreline, 11:30 - 12:30	12 13