

Griffin School Monday Tidbits

Edition #3
October 19, 2009



Picture Re-takes

Picture re-takes will be on Wednesday, October 28th.

No School This Friday

There is no school this Friday (October 23rd). This is a calendar alignment day, which keeps our calendar consistent with the Olympia School District.

Thank you Griffin PTO...it was a great Fall Festival!

I just wanted to personally thank our Griffin PTO and absolutely everyone that had a hand in the 2009 Fall Festival. In the next edition of the "Tidbits" I would like to recognize a few individuals who made significant contributions; but many people spent a great deal of time, effort and energy to ensure that our community could enjoy a wonderful event. The Griffin staff feels extremely fortunate to have such an active and supportive PTO and we can't thank them enough.

Halloween Costumes

This is a friendly reminder that we are not celebrating Halloween at school in both the elementary and middle school grades (as is the standard practice in most schools and districts in the state). We are asking that students not wear Halloween costumes to school on the weekdays leading up to Halloween. This is the philosophy agreed upon and shared by our staff.

There are several reasons for our decision regarding not dressing up for Halloween. First and foremost, the costumes are not curriculum related and are often distracting to the learning process in the classroom. Additionally, some families are opposed to the ghosts, witches and other Halloween related themes. Finally, younger students can be afraid of the costumes that might come to school. We do want fun to be part of school and we look to provide that in other ways. Your cooperation and understanding are greatly appreciated.

Conference Week and Book Fair

This is a reminder that conference week begins on Monday, November 2nd and runs through Friday, November 6th. During conference week, school ends at 12:20 each day. Also during conference week, Mrs. Enfield's "full time" Kindergarten class will be attending school each day, but both of Mrs. Robarge's "half time" Kindergarten classes will not be attending school for the week. The PTO Book Fair will also be going on during conference week (in the Griffin library).

Middle School Curriculum Night

Thank you to all middle school parents who attended our Middle School Curriculum Night last week, we appreciated you being there.

Staff Quality Work

Remember to nominate Griffin staff members for staff "Quality Work." Nomination forms can be found at the front office and in the main entrance foyer.

Upcoming Events

October 23 (Friday) NO SCHOOL/FACILITY CLOSED (Calendar alignment day)
October 28 (Wednesday) Individual Picture Re-takes
October 29 (Thursday) Elementary Recognition Assembly (2:45—Griffin gym)
November 2-6 Fall Conferences/Book Fair (dismissal @ 12:20 each day)

Have a great week!

Greg Woods
Principal, Griffin School
Go Grizzlies!

"Rigor, Relevance and Relationships = Readiness"