

Griffin School Monday Tidbits



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Welcome Back Grizzlies!

I want to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to a new school year. We have all settled in here at Griffin and this has truly been one of the best starts to a school year in recent memory. Our students are learning and our staff is focused on making this a tremendous year for every Griffin student.

Our teaching staff is again committed to our philosophy, “Rigor, Relevance and Relationships = Readiness.” In other words, our teaching staff will strive (more than ever) to provide challenging learning opportunities (rigor) for all students and to make each of those learning opportunities meaningful. Additionally (more than ever), our teaching staff will be making the state learning standards the foundation for their curriculum (relevance). As a parent, you can expect to hear your student(s) talking about GLE’s (Grade Level Expectations) and how these expectations will help them prepare for their daily lessons, as well as school and state assessments (readiness). Our staff understands that the relationships we establish and maintain with our students will make rigor and relevance a reality.

As always, you can help your student(s) by being an active participant in their education. Take time to ask questions about what is happening in class and provide support with work that comes home. One of our continuing goals is to communicate often with families and provide meaningful feedback for students and parents. We are really excited about the 2009-2010 school year and we hope you are too!

The Griffin School Community Walk-A-Thon is coming!

Friday, September 25, 2009

This year, you will have the chance to blast your favorite Griffin staff member with the “Aqua Blaster” (\$1.00 gets you 3 chances). The money raised will help support the District’s general fund and next year’s Walk-a-thon.

This year’s Walk-a-thon is sponsored by the Griffin PTO! Everyone is welcome to come and walk at the Griffin Walk-a-thon, as we try to walk as many miles as possible! Walk with your student(s) during these times below...

The Walk-a-thon walking schedule has been updated as follows:

*Corrected and Updated 9/21—you may have received other times, but these are correct.

Kindergarten: 12:50 to 1:20 p.m.
1st Grade: 1:20 to 1:50 p.m.
2nd Grade: 11:50 to 12:20 p.m.
3rd Grade: 11:20 to 11:50 a.m.
4th Grade: 1:56 to 2:26 p.m.
5th Grade: 2:26 to 2:56 p.m.
6th Grade: 10:21 to 11:03 a.m.
7th/8th Grade: 8:45 to 9:32 a.m.
7th/8th Grade: 9:36 to 10:17 a.m.

Volunteer Breakfast

We will be having our annual volunteer breakfast on Friday, October 2nd from 8:30 – 9:30 am (in the library). At this time, we will talk about responsibilities and experiences for volunteers. If you plan on serving as a Griffin volunteer this year, you are invited to join us for breakfast.

From our PTO

This year, the PTO and Griffin teachers are supporting the Passport Geography program. Students will be learning different places (countries, states, deserts, mountains, oceans etc.) throughout the school year. Each student will be tested on the last Wednesday of each month. Last week, students should have received an explanation letter, September map and a blank map in their backpacks. The September map shows which areas your child will be studying. Students will receive a passport book and stamps for each level that they pass during the testing. Please study with your child at home so that they are prepared for each month's test.

If you have any questions, please call Tiffany Wright at 866-5285.

Please don't forget to turn in your PTO membership! It was attached to your PTO Back to School packet. Memberships are \$10.00 and include a Student Directory and a bumper sticker.

From our Office Staff

- Please send a note to school with your child if you need to make (out of the ordinary) after-school arrangements.
- If possible, please save emails and phone calls (for the main office) for emergencies only.
- Also, please try and get notes to the office in the morning, so they can be stamped and returned to students. The end of the day is very hectic and we are not able to deliver notes after 3:00 pm.
- Please return enrollment cards as soon as possible.
- Please update your email addresses (if need be), so we can change them in our address book.
- Thank you!

Upcoming Events...

October 1 st	Elementary Picture Day (M/Th Kindergarten pictures on this day)
October 2 nd	MS and Kindergarten Picture Day (T/F Kindergarten pictures on this day)
October 2 nd	Volunteer Breakfast
October 5 th	MS ASB magazine sale begins

Have a great week!

Greg Woods
Principal, Griffin School
Go Grizzlies!

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