

Central Cubby Express

August 29, 2007

Kindergarten, 1st grade & 2nd grade Parent Nights

First and Second Grade Parent Night is tomorrow night, Thursday, August 30. First grade is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and second grade is from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Kindergarten Parent Information Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 6 at 6:30. Please report to your child's classroom. This meeting is for parents only.



School Picture Day

School pictures are scheduled for Thursday, October 18 for kindergarten, first and second grade. A picture packet will be coming home around the first of October. Please watch for those packets in your child's backpack. Pre-school pictures will be Tuesday, October 23 at West Elementary.

Office Hours at Central

Office hours at Central Elementary are from 7:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Our teachers' contract day is from 7:50 a.m. until 3:50 p.m.

Central PTO & Site Council

The Parent Teacher Organization meetings here at Central are held on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the library. The Site Council meeting will follow the PTO meeting and meet from 6:30-7:30. We would like to extend an invitation for you to join us on Monday, September 17.

Campbell's Labels for Education and Box Tops for Education

The Campbell's Labels for Education program is a great way to earn FREE merchandise for our school, and Campbell's makes it so easy to redeem labels. With your help Central can make this year the best ever. Participating in the program is easy. Simply save labels from Campbell products and send them to school. Central also saves Box Tops for Education, so please send them to school also.

A Word from the Principal

The beginning of school is a very exciting time for students, teachers and parents. We have had such a wonderful start to the new school year. We had an excellent turn out at open house and our annual reading meeting for parents. We encourage parents to stay involved by visiting school as often as you can, helping your child with homework and communicating with us if you have questions or concerns.

You can check our web site (www.usd320.com) for information, email addresses and special events. There is a calendar of events posted on our web site we hope you check from time to time. Lunch menus are also posted for your convenience.

We have a parent night for each grade level. Preschool was held on Aug. 28. First and second grade parent night is scheduled for tomorrow, Thursday, Aug. 30. First grade is from 6:30-7:00 p.m. and 2nd grade is from 7:00-7:30 p.m. Kindergarten parent night will be Thursday, September 6 at 6:30 p.m. It is important that you know what your child is doing in school and the expectations at each level. If you were/are unable to be at the meeting, please speak with your child's teacher individually.

We continue to work toward improving our educational system. We have identified two target goals. They are:

All students will improve reading skills

All students will improve math/problem-solving skills.

We expect that at least 90% of our students will be at or above the proficient performance level (on grade level) on the assessments we give for each target goal. This past year we met or exceeded that goal in each area. With your help, we can help all kids succeed.

This year we are studying the possibility of adding science as a school improvement goal. Our science curriculum is being revised and we will have new materials and opportunities.

You can help by staying in contact with your child's teacher, helping with homework and reading to or with your child for at least 15 minutes each day. If your child is already reading, listening and encouraging them to read, is the single greatest thing you can do. If your child is not reading or just beginning to read, read to them at least once per day. Helping them identify environmental words they know (like McDonalds, K-Bee Toys) will help very young children feel like a reader and that is the first step in becoming a reader.

We look forward to a great year with you and your child. Please come visit our school every chance you get.

This and That

Cubby Shirts - Shirts and sweatshirts are sold at the school office. If we do not have the proper size, they may be ordered. The cost is **\$8.00 for T-shirts** and **\$13.00 for sweatshirts**. We will have "Cubby" day the first and third Friday of each month. The children can wear their shirts or blue if they wish on these days. For those of you who ordered T-shirts/Sweatshirts at enrollment, it will be at least two weeks before we get those back from the store printing them.

Sending Money To School - When sending money with your child, be sure to **always** put the **child's name, teacher's name, amount of money and what it is for** in a **sealed envelope**. This is a safe way to make sure your child will get credit for what's in the envelope.

We remind you that **lunch and breakfast** money will need to be a **separate check** from all other monies. We would like for you to pay for semester milk if possible. We will be accepting only \$3.00 or more for milk money. **We will not accept daily milk money** for snack milk.

Please be extra careful when sending a check, as not all children have the same last name as the person sending that check. We appreciate your help with this. **Thanks!**

Cubby Newsletter - Be sure to always check your child's back pack for our **Central Cubby Express** the last Wednesday of the month. The newsletter will contain short notes from teachers, a calendar of events and the breakfast and lunch menu.

Review of Safety Rules - This is a good time to review all safety rules with your children. Please have your children **use the crosswalks** when you park on the opposite side of the street here at Central. Also, remind those students who shuttle to West Elementary and the middle school to use the sidewalks there. Students at Central are **not** to ride their bikes.

Notes and Telephone Calls - Please send notes to school with your child to let the teacher know what is going on. We need to keep phone messages to a minimum.

Signing In and Out of the Office - When your child is late or needs to leave school early, they need to sign in or out of the office. As a reminder to parents, please remember that if you need to visit with your child, you will need to do so through the office. **Please do not go directly to the classroom**. All visitors to the building need to report to the office. We would like to remind parents that all doors, except the main door, are locked for the day at 8:20 a.m. Also, please do not try to visit with your student on the playground during the school day without checking with the office first. These are both for the safety of the children.

Children Absent From School - If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, please call the school office (456-7271) by 8:30 a.m. At that time you may also request assignments for your child.

Arrival At School - Please remember that your child **should not** arrive at school before 7:45 a.m. If they will be eating breakfast they need to be here no later 7:55 a.m., as we do not want them to be late to class.

Girls Wearing Shorts - Please have all girls wear shorts under their skirts and dresses to school.

Invitations - Home party invitations should not be delivered at school. Please see page 17 in the parent handbook.

Nurse's News

The sun is shining at 8:00 p.m., but its bedtime! Adequate hours of sleep are important for students to maintain their energy levels through the day for work and play. A tired child is more likely to become ill. Beat the clock, beat the virus, and stay well!

If your child is complaining of "not feeling well", please take a few minutes to talk with them and find out what is bothering them. If the complaint is a headache, sore throat, earache, nausea, diarrhea or a persistent cough, you may need to take their temperature to see if their body is trying to fight infection. If their temperature is 99.6 or above, you need to keep your child home and have them rest. With the closeness of the students and easily spread viral and bacterial illnesses, it would be better to keep them at home so the other students aren't exposed. If you find your child needs medication at school, you will need to have a medication form signed by the doctor and parent along with the medication that is to be taken at home first.

Please be on the lookout for head lice. It is a good idea to check your child's hair weekly and be alerted if you have a child who is complaining about his/her head itching.

You can obtain treatment for head lice over the counter or with a prescription from your physician. It is important to follow the directions on the product that you use and to wash the bedding and clothes at the time of treatment. Please notify the school when your child has head lice.

VISION SCREENING AT CENTRAL

One in four American school children have a problem with vision. Routine vision screening is done in schools to identify those children as soon as possible. The most important goal of vision screening is for a follow-up visit to be done with an eye doctor if a problem has been identified, so it can be corrected. Accurate vision is essential in a school setting. Vision screening is scheduled to start during September at Central for all first grade students, all new students and special education students. All preschool students will be screened at a later date.