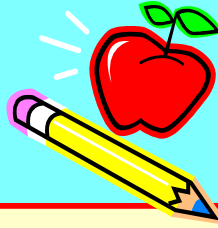




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Dear Parents & Families a word from our principal:

Dear Parents, welcome to a new year! I hope that you all were able to enjoy the season of festivities, spiritual contemplation and fun.

As students and teachers return to classes there will be little time pass before we begin our mid-year testing. The two types of tests that students will take in January are the following:

DIBLES - This is a reading test and tells us and you how well your student can sound out words, read fluidly as well as comprehend what they read. It is our intent to have most of our students at proficiency by year end.

MAPS - This includes a math and reading test for all grades as well as Language Arts and Science for the upper grades. Our goal as a school is to have 60 % of all students proficient.

How your child performs on these tests is important because:

- They are predictors of future success in school
- Success in school, or being able to read, write, do math, etc., are predictors of the ability to get a job
- What kind of job do you want your child to get when they are an adult?
 - a job that pays well
 - a job that has benefits like health insurance, vacation, personal leave
 - a job that doesn't disappear in tough economic times
 - a job that your child will enjoy

Please contact me or your child's teacher if you have questions about testing.

Education IS Power

Dance:

We will be beginning dance practices for our end of year carnival in February. We are currently looking for parents to volunteer and help out with this activity. There will be 3 groups - Kindergarten and 1st grade, 2nd -3rd grade, 4th - 6th grade. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to teach a group please contact Maria Mendez or Yesenia Salgado

Science Club

Science Club Members & Parents:

Due to the high number of students who'd like to participate in science club this year, meeting dates are different for each grade. The club will meet once a month after school in the cafeteria from 2:45-3:45. **Fourth grade** will meet the **2nd Tuesday** of the month, **fifth grade** will meet the **2nd Thursday** of the month and **sixth grade** will meet the **3rd Thursday** of the month.

Involvement in science club will require ongoing teacher approval. Students must complete assignments and show positive behavior in the classroom if they wish to participate in science club.

Parents, thank you for your interest in the science club. Please pick up your child promptly at **3:45** in the school lobby. If you are unable to pick your child up, we need a note explaining who will be picking up your child.

4 grade - 1/10/12 - 2:45 - 3:45pm

5 grade - 1/12/12 - 2:45 - 3:45pm

6 grade - 1/19/12 - 2:45 - 3:45pm

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Attendance:

Here are the winners of December attendance:

Kindergarten - Boucher

1st grade- Blaisdell

2nd grade- Maag / Pettit

3rd grade- Campbell

4th grade- Tonnie & Hansen

5th grade- Nielsen

6th grade- Jones

Congratulations to all the class winners.

Healthy Kids + Healthy Habits= A + Students!

Breakfast / Lunch:

We serve breakfast at our school. Breakfast starts at 7:40am Monday- Friday. We send home breakfast and lunch menus every month. If you haven't received one or lost it they are available on our school website . If your child has a food allergy or has a special diet, we do need a doctors note and please speak to Mr Gary Silver our Lunchroom Manager.

Mr. Armando Venegas

Mr. Venegas is our new vice principal at Odyssey and Dee Elementary. He comes to us from George Washington High School as the supervisor for Youth in Custody. He loves to hike, read, and spend time with his wife and four children.



Upcoming Events

- No School - 1/2/2012
- No School - 1/16/2012
- Community Council - 1/12/2012 @ 5pm
- PTA Mtg. - 1/19/2012 @ 4pm
- Candy Cove is every Tuesday and Thursday after school.
- Fridays are school spirit days don't forget to wear your school t-shirts / colors (maroon & white).

Tongue Twister of the month :

The first 10 students who can come up to Mrs. Salgado and say these tongue twisters 3 times correctly in a row will win a prize. Their names will be out on the "Tongue Twister Hall of Fame". Good Luck!

1. The thirty-three thieves thought that they thrilled the throne throughout Thursday
2. Can you can a can as a canner can can a can?

STRINGS Program:

We have the STRINGS program at our school. This program teaches a few of our students how to play the Violin, Cello, and other orchestra instruments. They have been working hard and they have performed at Weber State and at our school in an assembly in December. They will continue to have practices and will have another performance at the end of the year. Thank you for your continued support and to the students for working so hard.