



WGES NEWS

November 2011



Principal's Talk

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Report cards for the first semester will be available to elementary students on Wednesday, November 9. They will be given out that evening at the parent/teacher conferences, or during the daytime conferences on Thursday, November 10.

Please make note there is no school for students in UPK-8th Grades on Thursday, November 10. In observance of Veterans' Day, there is also no school on Friday, November 11, for all students in Grades UPK-12.

Inclement weather is quickly approaching; you can find emergency school delay/closing information on your local radio and television stations. The Transportation Dept. will also post this information on our district website.

Respectfully yours,
Rod Weeden, Principal

Reading Corner

Reading Program Kickoff

On October 28, we held our 8th Annual Read for Speed Kickoff Assembly. This is the 2nd year starting the program during the fall, extending the program so that it has a greater effect on our children. Our goal is to motivate students to read more during the whole year. We have adopted a program that opens up reading quizzes for nearly any current book that has been published. Parents will also have the opportunity to have more access to their child's reading progress through automated emails from the program. Flyers will be sent home with more directions on how to access the information. Please feel free to check our (AR) Accelerated Reader section located on the elementary web site. It will offer an up-to-date count toward our school-wide reading goal of 10,000 books read, and 10,000 quizzes passed, by May 18th.

www.watkinsglenschools.org/elementary/AR.cfm

Primary Project



We are excited to announce that Watkins Glen Elementary School has been awarded a Primary Project grant, a school-based early detection and prevention program that fosters social, emotional, behavioral, and learning skills within our youngest population. Moderately at-risk students identified by teachers, in part through an assessment, will have an opportunity to engage in developmentally appropriate child-led play once per week. 1st graders and older kindergarteners will be considered for participation during the 2011-12 school year. Child associate/school counseling intern Heather Loud will be working directly with students, with supervision from school counselor Laurel McIntyre. For more information about Primary Project, a program of the Children's Institute, see www.childrensinstitute.net/programs/primary-project

Important Dates:



- October 28th – Read for Speed Kickoff
- Nov. 4th – First Marking Period Ends
- Nov. 6th – Daylight Saving Time Ends,
Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour
- Nov. 7th - BOE Meeting, 6:30 PM, HS
- Nov. 9th – PTO Meeting, 5:30 PM, ES
- Nov. 9th –ES evening P/T conferences
- Nov. 10th –Parent Teacher Conferences -
No school, PreK-8 only
- Nov. 11th –Veterans Day – No School
- Nov. 21st - BOE Workshop 6:30 PM @
HS
- Nov. 23rd –25th - No School Thanksgiving
Recess
- Nov. 29th – ES Picture Retakes
- Nov. 29th – Cherrydale Orders Deadline
(PTO Fundraiser)

PTO News

Our Parent Teacher Organization is asking for your help & support to raise funds in order to support this year's projects. You will be asked to take orders from the new 2011 Cherrydale Gift Catalogs. **This sale will be a parent activity - please do not allow students to sell.** More information will be sent home November 9th with your child(ren).