



# WGES NEWS

## November 2010



### Principal's Talk

Dear Parents/ Guardians:

Report cards for the first semester will be available to elementary students on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. They will be given out that evening at the parent/teacher conferences, or during the day conferences on Friday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. **Please make note there is no school for students in UPK-8<sup>th</sup> Grades on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.** In observance of Veteran's Day, there is also no school on Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for all students Grades UPK-12.

Inclement weather is quickly approaching; you can find emergency school delay/closing information on your local radio and television stations. This information will also be posted on our district website by the Transportation Dept.

As the holidays are upon us do enjoy the time with your families and have safe travels during these long weekends.

Respectfully yours,  
Rod Weeden, Principal

### Reading Corner

#### New Reading Program Kickoff November 1st

This year we are doing something a little different with our annual Read for Speed Program.

We will start the program much earlier and it will run for almost the entire school year. Our goal is to motivate students to read more during the whole year. We have adopted a program this year that opens up reading quizzes for nearly any current reading 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 new (AR) Accelerated Reader section that was recently added to the elementary website.

[www.watkinslenschools.org/elementary/AR.cfm](http://www.watkinslenschools.org/elementary/AR.cfm)

### Health Program

The focus for November's health program at the elementary school is nutrition. Please help us reinforce good eating habits at home. Look for flyers, which will be coming home to help give students, and parents, great tips on this topic. The U.S. Department of Agriculture also offers great resources for children ages 6-11 at <http://www.mypyramid.gov/kids/>

### PTO News

Our Parent Teacher Organization is asking for your help & support to raise funds in order to support the year's projects. You will be asked to take orders from the new 2010 Cherrydale Gift Catalogs. *This sale will be a parent activity - please do not allow students to sell.* More information will be sent home later in the month with your child(ren).

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for November 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the elementary school library.

### Important Dates:

- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - BOE Meeting- 6:30 PM, HS
- Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> - Read for Speed Kickoff
- Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> - End of the ES Marking Period
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> - Daylight Saving Time Ends  
Turn clocks back 1 hour
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> - ES evening P/T conferences
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> - Veterans Day - No School
- Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> - P/T Conferences - No school  
PreK-8 only
- Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> - BOE Workshop 6:30 PM @  
HS
- Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - PTO Mtg ES Library @  
5:30PM
- Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> - All UPK Classes held  
in the AM - NO PM Classes
- Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> - No School  
Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> - ES Picture Retakes
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> - Cherrydale Orders Deadline  
(PTO Fundraiser)