

May 2010

Washington Newsletter

Submitted by Melissa Bosnich, Principal

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. LEONE and MRS. EBENER



Two teachers at Washington School will be retiring at the end of the 2009 – 2010 school year. In honor of our retirees, we will be having two special spirit days at Washington School. On Friday May 21st, everyone is encouraged to wear red, the color chosen by Mrs. Ebener for her day of honor. On Wednesday May 26th everyone is encouraged to wear black, the color chosen by Mrs. Leone for her day of honor.

Mrs. Leone is currently a fourth grade teacher and has been teaching in the Peru District for 31 years. She has been touching the lives of many students and we will miss her! We wish her the best in her retirement. She plans to substitute and we will enjoy seeing her when she is at Washington School.

Mrs. Ebener has been teaching in the Peru District for 31 years. She has taught in several areas of special education and most recently in the fourth grade special education resource room. She also has had an impact on many students over the years. We will miss her and we wish her the best in her retirement. She lives in Minooka so we may not see her substituting too often!

We hope they enjoy their retirement and all of the hobbies and activities they may not have been able to spend as much time doing as they would have liked while teaching. Congratulations and best wishes ☺

Earth Day Decorated T – Shirt Winners

Students in 2nd – 4th grade colored a t – shirt, cut out of paper, in conjunction with celebrating Earth Day. The t – shirts were hung on lockers and judged for their creativity, neatness, and correlation to the Earth Day theme. Winners were Nolan Guinn, Kamryn Olson, Sheridan Ferguson, Hannah Yerly, Grace McCormick, Marisa Guisti, Anna Gruenwald, Mikeal Mortimer, and Sophie Geddes. Students were awarded an Earth Day water bottle for their accomplishments.

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Congratulations Young Authors

Nine students, along with Ms. Emily Graham, attended the Starved Rock Reading Council Annual Young Authors Conference at Grand Bear Lodge on Wednesday April 21st. The main purpose of the Conference is to give our young authors the chance to hear and see a famous author and celebrate their writing accomplishment. Esther Hershenhorn, author of *S is For Story – A Writer's Alphabet* spoke to grades K-3. Steve Layne, author of *This Side of Paradise*, spoke to students in grades 4-8. The young authors representing Washington School are:

2nd grade – Sheridan Ferguson, Haley Holloway, and Eric Rimmele

3rd grade – Piper Bottomley, Hannah Lynch, and Raven Stevens

4th grade – Jackson Considine, Sam Pantoja, and Cailey Taylor

4th Quarter AR INCENTIVE

Students are reading and working hard to reach 100% of their goal. The incentive for working so hard is students that reach 100% of their goal 4th quarter get to throw a WATER balloon at their TEACHER! Students are very excited about this opportunity and can't wait until June 3rd, the day of the water balloon throw! Students that made their goal **ALL 4 quarters** get to throw a water balloon at the PRINCIPAL! What fun!



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Report Cards

It is hard to believe that the school year is coming to a close. It doesn't seem like it has been over 8 months ago that Washington School gymnasium was full of boxes and furniture waiting to be placed in the classrooms. It has been a fun filled and very busy year with many activities, events, outstanding class projects, and many memories that will remain with us for a life time. Report Cards will be issued on Monday June 7th. Regular bus schedules and routes will run. Regular start time 8:45 AM and students are dismissed after receiving their report cards. Buses will remain outside and students can go right back to the buses for the ride home. Parents may wait outside for their child since they will be dismissed immediately after getting the report card. Enjoy the summer and don't forget to encourage your child to READ!!!!

Lunch Accounts

Just a reminder of the procedure regarding any remaining balances that your children may have on their lunch credit accounts at the conclusion of the school term. Any positive balances on these accounts after the last day that lunches are served will automatically transfer to your children's account for next year. If your child has a negative balance it must be paid at this time. A record of these balances will be provided in each child's report card and will also be available during registration next August. We hope that your children have enjoyed the school lunch program this year.

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Jr. Band & Recorder Concert



4th grade students have been busy learning how to play the recorder. Mrs. Kelsey has been working with the students for several weeks during their music class practicing their skills. Now it is time for them to show how their practice has paid off. The recorder concert will be in

conjunction with the Parkside Band Concert. The concert will take place in the gymnasium at Parkside on Tuesday May 11th at 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there. The students and Mrs. Kelsey have worked hard and will appreciate the support.

FUN DAY

The end of the year Fun Day for Washington School students will Tuesday June 2nd. There will be an inflatable bouncing station and other fun games planned by Ms. Bryant. A big thanks to Ms. Bryant, the teachers that helped plan the events, and to all of the parents that will be helping out that day. Also, SPECIAL THANKS to the PTC for providing the bouncing station, the afternoon snack and the lunch from McDonald's. What a special treat!

Law Day



Students will be attend an assembly that will be a mock trial for Law Day. The assembly will be Thursday May 6th. A member of the legal community will come to school and present a mock trial promoting a greater understanding and appreciation of the law and the legal system among students. Nine students will act as jurors. Mr. Berg, Mrs. Jaegle, Mrs. Ebener, Ms. Graham, Mrs. Charbonneau, Mrs. Goddard, and Mrs. Happ all volunteered for other roles in the mock trial. This year we have selected the mock trial The Three Bears vs. *Goldilocks*.

Upcoming Dates

- Jazz Band and Choral Assembly Friday May 7th
- Recorder Concert @ Parkside Tuesday May 11th
- Mushball for girls Tuesday May 11th
- Mushball for boys Thursday May 13th
- Exhibition for mushball Tuesday May 18th
Girls 4:30 – 5:30 Boys 5:45 6:45
- Board of Education Meeting @ PS Wednesday May 19th
- Wear red for Mrs. Ebener Friday May 21st
- wear black for Mrs. Leone Wednesday May 26th
- Memorial Day – No School Monday May 31st
- Teacher institute – No School Friday June 4th

REPORT CARD DAY
Monday June 7th