October 2011

Dear Families,

You are all invited to our OPEN HOUSE this Thursday! We hope you will be able to join us between 5:30 and 7:00 so that we can share our curriculum and some of your child's work from September. If you are able to car pool or walk it will help our parking congestion. Your child will be your 'tour guide' for the evening!

A little more about our new curriculum "Math Expressions…"

Math Expressions consists of 5 core structures which provide learning opportunities that promote mathematical discourse, an intellectual mathematics classroom community, and mathematics learning for mastery. These core structures include:

Math Talk: Students share strategies and solutions orally and through proof drawings using reflective discourse throughout the lesson

Building Concepts: Objects, drawings, conceptual language, and real-world situations strengthen mathematical ideas and understanding

Student Leaders: Teachers facilitate students' growth by helping them learn to lead practice and discussion routines

Helping Community: A classroom in which everyone is both a teacher and a learner and where enhanced mathematical understanding, competence, and confidence are present in an intellectual mathematics community

Quick Practice: Routines which involve whole-class responses or individual or partner practice

Halloween

With Halloween coming up, please look for information from your child's teacher regarding the parameters for costumes. Teachers use their discretion on whether to permit costumes during the school day. *IF* your child's teacher does allow costumes, she/he will give specific criteria for those costumes. In all cases, no weapons or "play weapons" are ever allowed. Thank you for your assistance with this!

Enjoy these warm, autumn days!

Respectfully,
Chris Thomas

Upcoming Events

October 4th
Student Pictures
Strom/Hansen to SL Bog

October 5th
Student Pictures
Unruh/Hesby to SL Bog

October 6th
Bennison/Markert to SL Bog
Open House 5:30-7:00

October 7th
Waiver Day – No School

October 12th & 13th
Walk-a-Thon

October 17th-21st
MCT – Cinderella

October 17th
Fricke/Garmey Field Trip to Fish Hatchery
Betlach/Pierce Field Trip to Cedar River

October 18th-20th
Health Screening

October 18th
Hanson/Haws Field Trip to Fish Hatchery
Blechschmidt/Reynoldson
Field Trip to Cedar River

October 19th
Conklin/Hagen Field Trip to Cedar River

October 21st
Spirit Wear orders are due

October 22nd
Make a Difference Day

October 25th
Barnett/Hogan Field Trip to Fish Hatchery

October 27th
2nd Grade Field Trip to Pioneer Farms & Ohop Indian Village

October 28th
Early Release @ 1:10 AMK Attends

Spirit Wear and Walk-a-Thon forms will be emailed home and may also be found on the front page of our website or in our school office.

Order your Glacier Park Sprirt Wear now!

Order forms will be emailed home and can also be found on the front page of our school website as well as in our front office. Please note that the online store will open on Wednesday 10/5/11. Order forms must be turned in to our office by Friday, October 21st.

Please remember that birthday treats must be non-food items only.

No Food Treats at School

Tahoma School Board Policy #3420

OPEN HOUSE:

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US FOR OPEN HOUSE ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH FROM 5:30-7:00.

A note from the Music Department

Glacier Park Elementary
5th grade presents

A Veterans Day Program

Thursday, November 10, 2011

9:20-9:50 am
(Betlach~Blechschmidt~Reynoldson)
and
10:10-10:40 am
(Conklin~Hagen~Pierce)
Glacier Park gym

All military personnel are cordially invited.
Please RSVP to our school office @ 425-413-3702

This program is in honor of all the brave men and women of the US Armed Forces, past and present. Please join us!

Families and friends of our 5th graders are also welcome.

A Message from the Nurse

Nurse Terry will be doing Health Screening on October 18th, 19th & 20th. If you would like to volunteer to help with vision or hearing screening, please call our school office @425-413-3700.

Health & Fitness

This year in P.E we will be incorporating a wellness strand into our curriculum. We will be learning about our hearts and the important role that it plays in our body. We will also be learning about healthy food choices and how a good diet with a healthy mix of all the food groups is important for young people as their bodies are growing and using lots of energy.

Please remember to send your child with appropriate footwear for P.E. The right shoes make a huge difference in the ability of the student to have a safe and fun time in class. They don't have to be expensive running shoes, just a pair of shoes that are comfortable and will stay on the student's feet when they are running and jumping. Please no flip flops, they are dangerous.

Student Pictures

Tuesday, October 4		Wednesday, October 5	
9:15	Scarbrough	9:15	Blevins
9:30	Lagerquist	9:30	Tabit
9:45	Chapman	9:45	Benson
10:00	Greenfield	10:00	Mittelstaedt
10:15	Piche'	10:15	Conklin
10:30	Hogan	10:30	Pierce
10:45	Barnett	10:45	Reynoldson
11:00	Rau	11:00	Blechschmidt
11:15	Bennison	11:15	Hagen
11:30	K. Hanson	11:30	Meeks
11:45	Haws	11:50	Emery
12:00	Unruh	12:00	Break
12:15	Hogan	12:15	Fricke
12:30	Hesby	12:30	Strom
12:45		12:45	Betlach
1:00		1:00	Blevins
1:20	Garmey	1:15	Tabit
1:35	Markert	1:30	Davidson
		1:45	Morrow
		2:00	Talmadge
		2:15	Visaya
		2:30	A. Hanson

Glacier Park & Missoula Children's Theater
present
"Cinderella"
October 21st ~ 7:00 ~ GP Gym
We hope you can join us!

Make a Difference Day

October 22nd 9:00-12:00 a.m.

Glacier Park Green Team, Garden Club, and PTSA are hosting a community service project with the goal of cleaning up and beautifying the front of the school and expanding our Glacier Park vegetable garden. Bring your family and help us make a difference in our school and community.
Free Coffee and Hot chocolate and cookies

Student Writing

Early April Fools
A True Personal Narrative
by Alex C. ~ Mrs. Hanson's Class

This girl named Faith raced up our ramp, shoved the classroom door open and said, "Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Hanson, there's a rocket ship, there's a rocket ship. Come quickly, come quickly, there's a rocket ship in the field!"

Everybody raced down the ramp and ran to the field. No rocket ship. Even with three eyes we wouldn't see it. "Early April Fools!" Faith said.

Everybody went back to class. Some people were mad, but I wasn't. I thought it was funny. The first graders were coming out and some people started to tell them there was no rocket. Thanks for making me embarrassed. They weren't rushing out to see a rocket, it was just their recess time.

Thanks to Faith we got out of class for five minutes just for the heck of it. It actually gave me some thoughts on what I can do on real April first.

Early April Fools
A True Personal Narrative
by Kanon K. – Mrs. Hanson's Class

I was sitting at my desk listening to Mrs. Hanson when suddenly . . . boom, stomp, crash! A fifth grader named Faith ran really fast through the door. Faith yelled, "Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Hanson, there's a rocket in the field, there's a rocket in the field."

I jumped out of my chair. I zoomed out the door, and I ran as fast as lightning to the field. I was thinking excitement, if I could go in the rocket and meet the person in the rocket. I think I was the first one to get to the field, but when I got there, I didn't see a rocket. Faith kept complaining that the rocket disappeared, but I thought she was kidding. I was getting ready to go back to the classroom when Faith teased, "Early April Fools!"

Finally, Mrs. Hanson said, "Okay kids, we can go back to the classroom." I sprinted back to the classroom. I was the first one to reach it, and I thought to myself, "If I were Faith's mom, she'd be grounded."

"Fall" Into Action At The Emergency Preparedness Fair 2011

Are you ready for a disaster?

Do you have a disaster kit for your home and car? Emergencies can happen at any time to anyone. Now is the time to prepare.

Attend the Emergency Preparedness Fair
Saturday October 8th
Rock Creek Elementary School
9:00am – 2:00pm

There will be:
paredness demonstrations

- *Informational displays*
- *Emergency Preparedness classes*
- *Hourly drawings with plenty to give-away*
- *First Aid kits & disaster supply starter kits*
- *Bread making*
- *Mama Passarelli & The Soup Ladies*
- *Emergency Response Vehicles*
- *And so much more*

The Maple Valley Food Bank will be at the fair and will accept non perishable food items. Please support your community and stop by their booth.

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