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Calendar

October

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| 6 | Bus Evacuation Drills
Fund-Raiser Turn-in Date |
| 9 | No School- Teacher Workshop |
| 13 | PTO – 6:45 PM |
| 15 | No School |
| 16 | No School |
| 19 | Book Fair Begins |
| 20 | 4:00-8:00 Conferences |
| 22 | 4:00-8:00 Conferences |
| 28 | 4:00-8:00 Conferences |
| 29 | No School for Kindergarten
K Conferences 7:30 AM-8:30 PM |
| 30 | No School for Kindergarten |

November

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| 1 | Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn you clock 1 hour back |
| 5 | Picture Day |

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I have enclosed our Strategic Plan and I am requesting that you read it and talk about it with your family. ISD #279 Osseo Area Schools has mission to help all students learn. We have six core beliefs that we value. They are important for all of us as it guides our work. We believe that all students can learn more and will do whatever we can to help your child succeed.

We pride ourselves on student achievement. In fact, Edinbrook had the highest percentage of students in grades 3-6 make their expected target growth score on the 2008 MAP Reading assessment of any of our elementary schools. This year we will continue to focus on increasing student achievement in reading and math.

October provides you another opportunity to get involved with your students learning. Conferences for students K-6th are scheduled for October 20, 22, and 28 from 4:00 – 8:00 and October 29 from 7:30 AM-8:00 PM for Kindergarten ONLY. This is an important time of communication between the teacher and parent/guardian. As a teacher, I always enjoyed conferencing with families because I learned more about the students and strengthened my relationships with my families. **Our goal is to have 100%** of our parents/guardians participate in conferences. Your involvement and input is critical to the success of your child. Please see the information about preparing for conferences inside the newsletter. Remember, conferences are approximately 20 minutes so it is important we make the most of the time.

Technology at Edinbrook- Thanks to PTO and you we will be adding over \$14,000.00 of technology to our classrooms. Numerous teachers submitted technology grants to enhance the learning for our students. I am excited that we will add SMART Boards, document cameras and projectors to many classrooms. The purpose of these enhancements is to help increase student engagement and thus increasing student achievement. We hope

Dear Edinbrook Families,

We have had an OUTSTANDING start to the new school year. Our students are doing a great job and are working hard to learn the routines of school. Our entire staff has been working many hours together to do whatever we can to increase student achievement. I greatly appreciate their efforts to help all children learn more.

to have a technology fair later this year to share our learning with you.

Safety Week- The week of September 14th staff and students practiced evacuation, severe weather and lockdown procedures. Every building is required to have an emergency plan and we want all students to be aware and to be knowledgeable about our procedures in the event we did have an emergency. In the event that our building needed to evacuate and leave the Edinbrook campus, we have an off site location that students would go to. **Our emergency evacuation site is the Brooklyn Park Community Center at 5600 85th Avenue North.** This is the location you would pick your child up at in the event we needed to evacuate the building off site. **The safety of your students and our staff is my first priority!**

I am proud to join you and staff as part of the Edinbrook community. It is my goal to provide your child a safe, nurturing environment where all children feel they belong! I believe in building strong and healthy relationships that encourage children to do their best and reach their full potential. I believe that all children can succeed and it is the responsibility of the child, parent, school and community to ensure this happens. **Together we will make a difference.** I believe our district's mission states it all:

Our mission is to inspire and prepare all students with the confidence, courage and competence to achieve their dreams; contribute to community; and engage in a lifetime of learning.

I look forward to a great year and working with the Edinbrook community! Please feel free to contact me at any time by phone, in person, or by email groenkej@district279.org

Yours in partnership,

John M. Groenke

Absence Reporting

Please refer to your "Message Magnet" for absence reporting. Call 763-493-4737 and press #1 for reporting an absence or if your student will be late. The absence line is available 24 hours.

Requests to Ride an Unassigned

Bus

The transportation system is not designed to permit children to go on different busses or to other stops because of birthday parties, clubs, etc. Parents need to find other systems for meeting these needs. Requests will be denied for children to ride a bus other than the one assigned.

Page 22 of the "Parent Handbook"

No Pet Policy

Due to health and air quality concerns: No dogs, cats, rodents, rabbits, reptiles, fish, birds or exotic animals are allowed at school. Certified therapy dogs will be permitted not more than three days per week. Science curriculum approved by the principal may bring in the above listed animals. Organizations that may be approved for presentations may include but not be limited to Critters & Co., Raptor Center, and Humane Society. Animals brought in for "show and tell" should be scheduled for fall or spring, thus permitting the viewing of these animals in an outside location of the school.



Edinbrook is a LATEX SAFE
and PEANUT SAFE
environment.

Making the Most Out of Conferences

Conferences are a critical time for communication between parents and teachers. It is important to be well prepared. Here are some tips for parents.

Before:

- Talk with your child. Ask about concerns he/she would like you to discuss with teachers.
- Ask what subjects your child feels he/she is doing well at. Are there some that need extra work?

During the Conference:

- Please be on time. Conferences are scheduled very tightly. Each conference should last at most 20 minutes.
- Keep an open mind. Some parents get angry when teachers discuss trouble spots. Remember that it probably isn't easy for the teacher to share the difficult information but the goal is always to help the child achieve. Working together with the teacher will help your child succeed.
- Have questions prepared. Here are some examples:
 - Is my child working up to his ability?
 - In what areas is my child doing well?
 - In what subjects does she need to improve?
 - How much time should my child be spending on homework each night? How can I help with homework?
 - What can you tell me about how my child learns best? Is he a hands on learner? Does she need to move around? Does he enjoy cooperative learning or independent learning?
 - Does my child get along with other children?

- What other ways can I reinforce classroom learning at home or learn more about my child's progress in school?

After the Conferences:

- Have a meeting with your child and discuss the teacher's comments. Remember to praise all the things your child is doing well and pass along the teacher's compliments. If you need to, talk about what areas that you and the teacher will be working on to help your child improve.



"This document is available in alternate formats upon a 72 hour request. Please contact 763-493-4737 or TTY 763-391-7250 to make a request. Examples of alternate formats may include: large print, Braille, audiocassette, etc."



Free Child and Teen Checkups

Preventive health care includes living a healthy lifestyle and having physical examinations, laboratory tests, and immunizations.

The Child and Teen Checkups program in Hennepin County is a health benefit for all children, teens, and young adults under age 21 who are covered by Medical Assistance or Minnesota Care. The no-cost exams are provided at the children's own medical and dental clinics.

The Hennepin County Child and Teen Checkups program can assist with finding medical and dental clinics; make clinic appointments; and arrange transportation or interpreter services. The program wants to help families break down any barriers that prevent children from receiving the health care they deserve.

If your child is uninsured, contact the Child and Teen Checkups program in Hennepin County at 612-348-5131 to get connected to community health services. Español: 612-348-9994 or 612-348-6383; Hmoob: 612-348-5606 or 612-348-0174.

If your child is privately insured, consult your health plan about preventive health care benefits.

Osseo Area Schools **Safe and Drug Free Schools Program** **2010 Minnesota Student Survey**

The MN Department of Health, MN Department of Public Safety and the MN Department of Human Services in partnership with the MN Department of Education will be administering the eighth Minnesota Student Survey in the **early spring of 2010**. Osseo Area Schools has been participating in this survey since 1992.

The survey is anonymous, confidential and voluntary. **The survey will be given at some point between February and April, 2010.** Parents of 6th, 9th and 12th grade students will receive another notice by mail in late winter and will be given more specific information about the survey, including when it will be given in our schools. Parents will also be allowed to review the survey and be given the opportunity to elect not to allow their child to participate in the survey.

If you have any questions about the upcoming survey, please contact Lorry Day, the District Prevention Specialist at (763) 391-7128 or dayl@district279.org.

From: Paske, Bobbie (EC)
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Attachments: oasis calendar 2009-2010.htm

OASIS 2009-2010

Osseo Area Source of Information and Support

Information and Support Group for Parents of Children with ADHD, ADD, LD, EBD, ODD, OCD, anxiety, autism, depression, and other learning and behavior

differences

**Weaver Lake Elementary School-Media Center
15900 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove (763) 420-3337**

Tuesdays 7:00 -9:00 p.m.

(except for our first meeting which is on Thurs. 10/8)

Meet at 6:30 p.m. prior to our meeting, for a time of support and sharing with other parents.

**Share your concerns, or just listen. Get the support of others who have struggled and found solutions.
This part of Carour meeting is facilitated by Sue Sullivan, experienced teacher and parent.**

Starting the year with TWO outstanding programs in October!

10/8/09- Transforming the Challenging Child: The Nurtured Heart Approach-Back again this year, Tina Feigal will help explain why typical parenting and teaching techniques might not work with some children. Learn strategies for students 2-18 that emphasize their physiological response to emotional input, which can then help adults, avoid triggering opposition. These methods are especially helpful for children with ADHD, ODD, and autism. Specific approaches for auditory or sensory integration issues, anxiety, and perfectionism will also be included. **Tina Feigal, MSED**, parent coach, trainer and owner of Circle for Challenging Children. She is KARE 11 TV's "Super Nanny"

10/13/09-ADHD from both sides: medication management and behavior intervention -Our speakers will discuss ADHD and executive functioning. The focus will be on teaching about medication and behavioral interventions. They will review evidenced-based practices and provide parents with tools and strategies to use at home and in the school setting. **Sandy Sondell Ph.D., L.P** of Pediatric Consultative Specialists evaluates children with cognitive, neuropsychological, and social-emotional concerns. **Allen Kuperman M.D** is a pediatrician with a special interest in the evaluation and management of children with behavioral and developmental problems, such as ADHD, Autism and other school-related problems.

11/10/09- Promoting Resiliency in Children and Teens with special needs- Our speaker will be sharing her passion for promoting health and wellness in students of all ages. She will give us ways to teach children self-care skills that can empower them to more effectively deal with a variety of mind and body challenges. **Rebecca Kajander BSN, MPH, CPNP**, a Certified Pediatric Nurse specializes in using an integrative approach to help children and adolescents deal with medical, health and emotional issues. She is the author of Living with ADHD: A Guide for Coping with Attention Deficit Disorder, and co-author with Timothy Culbert, MD of Be the Boss of your Stress, Be the Boss of Your Pain, and Be the Boss of Your Sleep

Mark your calendar for these upcoming dates.

Jan 12
Feb 9
Mar 9
April 13
May 11

Questions: Contact: Michele Vance (651-631-3219) michelevance@hotmail.com; or Sue Sullivan (763-494-3240)sullivans@district279.org; Michelle Spurrier spurrierm@district279.org,

CHILDCARE: contact Michele Vance 651-631-3219 (michelevance@hotmail.com) or Weaver Lake Elementary 763-420-3337 prior to the meeting. OASIS is sponsored by Weaver Lake Elem. School, ISD 279 Dept. of Special Education, The 279 Foundation, District 279 Community Education and supported by volunteer parent and professional facilitation. These programs are open to all parents, caregivers, and staff

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