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From The Principal's Desk ...

Greetings,

Happy New Year!

I hope you all had a happy holiday and were able to get out and enjoy the snow.

Right after Christmas my husband took a quick trip south for some "golf therapy." I had plans to get a lot done around the house, but was quickly distracted by 2 boys who just wanted to play. We went sledding, bowling, ice skating, to hockey games, had movie night, slumber parties in each of our rooms, and numerous UNO tournaments. When it was time to come back to school, I was exhausted. But it was a definite satisfied, content, "happy tired"!

I read an article recently about raising happy children, by John Rosemond. One way he said to grow a happy child was "to let television and video games into your children's lives very little, if at all. The happiest kids are not found staring at television sets of frantically manipulated video game consoles. They are found in parks, on playgrounds, and in other three-dimensional places."

Although my house didn't get the improvements I wanted it to, the time I spent with my kids will be something we will all cherish and remember.

I hope you all can find the time in the New Year ahead to play. You won't regret it!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Schmitz



Calendar of Coming Events

JANUARY

- 11 Report Cards, sent home. End of Second Quarter
- 15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday - NO SCHOOL
- 24 4th Grade NEAP Testing (math)

FEBRUARY

- 6-8 TERRA NOVA Testing - Grade 5
- 6-14 Valentine Express
- 8 GW Family Mardi Gras Swamp Dance 6-7:30pm
Sponsored by PTO

MARCH

- 8 Gladys Wood Science Fair
- 19-23 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

APRIL

- 3-5 SBA Testing Grades 3-6
***Attendance IMPORTANT
Please !!!!!

Dress for the weather

We go outside when it's above 10 below.

Be prepared with hats
gloves. boots and snowpants.

Always



A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO OUR SCHOOL BUSINESS PARTNERS

Gladys Wood appreciates the value and commitment of our school-business partnerships. Just can't hide our pride! A big Woodchuck thanks to:

**Tastee Freez Carrs-Jewel Lake
Borders Books and Music**

Special Education Community Forum

Special Education Community Forums are a disability outreach and informational series of workshops for everyone; parents, teachers, students, caregivers, etc.

January 20, 2007

Clark Middle School

8:30 AM to 1:00 PM

Lighting Up the Winter Months: Mental Health Issues for Children with Special Needs

Hear nationally acclaimed expert on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

Diane Malbin

For more information on the other presenters & topics, contact the STeP Center at 742-3872 or click on the SECF icon on our website:

<http://www.asdk12.org/depts/step/>

Free childcare by calling 742-3872 24 hours in advance.



A Resolution to Resolve Conflict: A Healthful Start to the New Year

According to the "Conflict Resolution Education" report, the purposes of conflict resolution are to provide an environment in which "each learner can feel physically and psychologically free from threats and danger and can find opportunities to work and learn with others for the mutual achievement of all. The diversity of the schools' population is respected and celebrated." Although this idea is expressed in schools' throughout our country, there is little schools can do when conflict happens in families. Issues of family conflict that are ongoing and stressful can be very damaging to a child. Some children lose their temper and become intentionally hurtful, aggressive or even violent towards other children. All too often schools are dealing with this type of situation. But there are methods of positive communication that can defuse family conflict and help bring about peaceful resolutions. Some of the more common causes of family conflicts include family changes such as separation, divorce, a new baby, a death, and loss of income or needing to move. With these changes, finding a peaceful resolution is sometimes difficult. It helps if everyone decides as a family to try negotiating and listening to each other's point of view. Work as a team and seek professional advice if needed. All peaceful conflict resolution depends on negotiation and respect for the other persons' point of view. Children are very affected by what's going on in the family environment.

When they feel free from physical and psychological threats and danger, they can find opportunities to work and learn with others for the mutual achievement of all.

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STELLER APPLICATION AND LOTTERY INFORMATION

One alternative you may want to consider is Steller Secondary School, a 7-12 alternative school in the Anchorage School District. An Open House for parents and students is scheduled for Thursday, February 15th at 7 p.m. in the Steller Multipurpose Room located at 2508 Blueberry Road.

There will be a short program about the Steller's alternative program. Steller staff, students, and parents will be available for questions and small group discussion after the presentation.

STELLER SECONDARY SCHOOL SPECIAL DATES AND DEADLINES

OPEN HOUSE (all grades)
February 15, 2007, 7:00 pm
Steller Multipurpose Room

APPLICATIONS DEADLINE
No later than 3:00 pm
Late applications will not be accepted!

March 14, 2007 in Steller's Office
2508 Blueberry Street
Drawing - March 15

Applications and more information can be downloaded from the Steller website:

www.asdk12.org/schools/steller/pages/

DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION.

There are no bonus points for being late -
AND you run the risk of missing the deadline.



Central Middle School of Science Lottery 2007

ATTENTION: SIXTH GRADE PARENTS

Visit our school and learn about our hands-on, experimental based, science-infused curriculum. Lottery tours for potential lottery families will take place on the following dates:

February 6, 2007	7:00 p.m.. (evening tour)
February 13, 2007	8:30 a.m.
February 20, 2007	7:00 p.m. (evening tour)
February 27, 2007	8:30 a.m.

Call Ms. Roberts, 742-5133, to schedule your tour.

Lottery applications are due in Central's main office by 4:00 p.m. March 14. Lottery draw is March 15. Lottery applications can be obtained at the Central Middle School Office.



www.asdk12.org/schoolgladyswood/pages/



FROM THE PTO.....

Activity Time at Gladys Wood "Participate"

All About Box Tops

Box Tops for Education has helped America's schools earn over \$175 million in just over 10 years. You can make a difference for our school with Box Tops.

Earn cash for our school through everyday activities; buying groceries, shopping online and making purchases with a credit card. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of participating brands and turn them in to your child's classroom.

Participating products list is on the following page.

Chorus

Mon./Tues. 3:30-4:15 (2-6)

9 Minute Workout

Tues-Fri 8:50-9:00 (K-6)

Pickleball Tournament

Tues/Fri 8:00-8:50 (4-6)
Starting next week

Badminton Tournament

Tues-Fri 8:00-8:50 (4-6)
coming soon!!!

King of the Mountain coming soon after school (2-6).

Permission slips required

SATURDAY INDOOR SOCCER

STARTS JANUARY 20

There are still spots available.

Sign up at the front desk
or contact Mr. Magestro
school - 742-6760 home - 561-2889
or online at: mages@gci.net



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