

Clear Creek Middle School Tuesday Take Home

February 10, 2010

At Clear Creek the 4Rs, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, RELATIONSHIPS, AND RESULTS, are what matter most.

Immunizations

7th Grade Immunization School Exclusion Date is February 17

STUDENTS WITHOUT UPDATED SHOTS WILL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL STARTING ON THAT DATE! CALL THE OFFICE FOR DETAILS.

8th Grade End-of-Year Promotion Expectations

It is hard to believe that soon the first mid-term grade report will go home to parents. For eighth graders in particular it means that we must review the requirements for participation in the 8th grade trip and promotion ceremony. We hope you will find the following information informative and helpful. Our goal is to have all students participate in all end of the year activities. We make it a point to inform all parents and students in the eighth grade of these requirements several times a year. Please call us if you have any questions.

Kah-nee-ta Trip: During the last week of school each year the eighth grade class takes a trip to celebrate together their accomplishments. Students are eligible to participate unless they are suspended during the school year or exhibit a pattern of behavior that leads the administration to believe that there could be difficulty managing the student during the trip. Students will be notified if they are not eligible to attend. Individual exceptions to this rule may be made on a case-by-case basis and appeals should be submitted in writing to the principal prior to May 15, 2010.

Participation in the Promotion Ceremony: Student has met academic expectations and is in good standing if:

- All required work samples are submitted prior to **May 27, 2010 and at least one sample meets or exceeds the standard in each academic area.** A list of the requirements is available from your child's teachers.
- All classes, core, elective, and PE/health, must be a "D" average for the school year.
- Exceptions to this academic standard may be made by teachers with consultation from the administration if the student has made a substantial effort to meet this standard.
- Student is in good standing.

One or more of the following may jeopardize good standing:

- Unexcused absences **or attendance issues. Students who have missed more than 7% of the school year are not considered to be in good standing.**
- Behaviors that have resulted in suspension.
- Failure to meet goals of an individual behavior contract.
- Patterns of behavior that might jeopardize the environment of the promotion ceremony.

Our goal is to help your child meet all of these expectations. If you believe a parent-teacher conference will be helpful, please contact an assistant principal and we will be happy to schedule one. If you have any questions regarding this policy please feel free to contact your child's teacher, counselor, or assistant principal.

This Week:

Education Foundation
Read-a-Thon

Immunizations

Transfer Requests

8th Grade Year End
Activity Info.

Positive Behavior
Referrals

Upcoming Events:

February is Black
History Month

Feb. 8: National School
Counseling Week and
Site Council Meeting

Feb. 12: Springwater
Trail high School
Assembly

Parent Request for In-District Transfer Being Accepted

- Do not reapply if your student is currently attending on a transfer unless moving from elementary to middle or middle to high.
- Transfer requests must be received between February 1 and 26, 2010.
- Call the Main Office if you would like more details or copies of the form.
- Copies of the form can also be found on the district website.
- All requests, using the required form, must be received by 5 PM on February 26, 2010.

Note: According to current district practice, parents whose in-district transfer requests have been approved in a prior year **DO NOT REAPPLY unless the student is moving from elementary to middle school or middle to high school.**

You can help students become better readers! February 22-25

Students throughout the Gresham-Barlow School District are becoming better readers thanks to parents like you! The Gresham-Barlow Education Foundation's "Learning to Read" campaign, funded by the annual phone-a-thon, provides resources for young readers in our elementary schools. Last year the event raised nearly \$40,000. From February 22-25, volunteers will call parents and community members again and ask for donations. By "Answering The Call," you can help more students become better readers and be more successful in school. The event also provides fundraising support to high school student groups. You can visit the website www.gbefkids.org to make a pledge right now, or you can donate when a student calls you during phone-a-thon week. Remember, when you hear the phone ring in February, Answer The Call!

Thank you to this year's phone-a-thon sponsors: Gresham Ford and the Gresham Outlook.

Positive Behavior Referrals

Positive Behavior Referrals are written by staff about students that have gone above and beyond expectations or have shown significant turnarounds in performance. Below is a list of students that received PBRs from their teachers last week.

Maddie Miller from Mazama demonstrated RESULTS by presenting an outstanding speech to the entire school board entitled: "How has AVID helped me?"

Dillion Murray from Mazama demonstrated RESULTS by presenting an outstanding speech to the entire school board entitled: "How has AVID helped me?"

Katie King from Mazama demonstrated RESPONSIBILITY by working hard in science and RESULTS by earning great grades in her science notebook.

Austin Taylor from Sharks demonstrated all 4Rs by doing an outstanding job in SMAT.

Bola Hanna from Sharks demonstrated RESPONSIBILITY by making a good decision, RELATIONSHIPS by acting in a mature and responsible way when taunted by others, and RESULTS by avoiding a confrontation.

Jernela Hollowell from Mazama received two positive referrals for demonstrating all 4 Rs with the RESULT of getting all good grades in her classes.

Laurel Strobel from Mazama demonstrated RELATIONSHIPS and RESULTS by being a leader in her cooperative group and asking excellent questions.