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If you have not had the opportunity to visit Vinland lately to observe the brilliant fall foliage, I suggest you do it soon! The falling leaves are yet another reminder of how quickly our children grow up and how important it is to savor each chapter in their lives. Here are a couple of upcoming opportunities:

- Family Fun Night at Vinland this Friday night at 6:30. Bring a pumpkin to decorate and watch “It’s the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown!” on our big screen. Thanks to our PTSA for sponsoring and organizing this great family entertainment opportunity.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences on Oct. 29-30. Help your teacher set goals for your child for the year and learn more about how to support your child’s learning. Remember, too, that communication with the school and teachers is not limited to spring and fall conferences. Phone, email, and teacher newsletters or Web pages are all useful tools for partnering with Vinland.

Other updates:

- We are now in our fourth week of designated teacher collaboration time. Each grade level team is able to meet together for 45 minutes once every 6 days to focus on student learning. The immediate benefit to students is improved consistency of learning targets within grade levels and increased sharing of effective instructional strategies. This collaboration time is just one dimension of our growth as a professional learning community, a strategy that is in place in all North Kitsap schools.
- Yes, we are seeing students with colds and flu-like symptoms at Vinland. We are also carefully tracking our absentee rate, which has remained below 10%. Most days it is at or below 5%. When absentee rate reaches 10%, we notify the County Health Department. Continue to remind your students to use the “elbow cough/sneeze” and to wash their hands before meals. Students should remain at home with a fever of 100 or higher, and stay at home for 24 hours AFTER the fever is gone.

Thank you for your participation in our fall fundraiser! Remember that we also have our on-going Scrip program, a great way to support Vinland through your normal purchases of everything from groceries and coffee to clothes and appliances. Once you try it you’ll see how easy it is! Hope to see you at conference time, and remember to check out our fall colors.



Our first grade teacher, Sue Weaver, was awarded the
***Elementary School Teacher of the Year for the State
of Washington***

by the American Legion. Congratulations Sue. We are very
proud of you!

Dates to Remember

Oct. 22	Free Dress Ready Relief	Oct. 29 and Oct. 30	No school for students conferences
Oct. 23	6:30 p.m. Family Fun Night Dress in costume	Nov. 6	Veteran's Day assembly
Oct. 27 and Oct. 28	1/2 day kindergarten conferences No school for 1/2 day k	Nov. 11	Veteran's Day no school for students

DOLPHIN AWARD STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen by their teachers for making good choices
and following our expectations: Be Kind, Be Respectful, Be Responsible,
Be Ready to Learn.

ANDERSON/MURRAY

Gicela Jimenez

CLARKE

Alicia Goetz
Jonathon Wells

DORIA

Allie Wohler
Paige Arseneau

EZELL

Emily Friedman
Ariana Jimenez

FAIRCHILD

Ashley Fairchild
Bradley Linne

GERSTENBERGER

Dominic Perez
Kaitlyn Wentland

GODFREY

Julie Purvis

LEMAGIE

Mallie Russell
Isabella Villanueva

MANN

Sydney Erickson

MCCLANAHAN

Grace Briner
Carter Hoke

RARICK

Igmin Martinez

RUSSELL

Grace Billings

SOMERS

Anthony Bio

SWANSON

Jaimie Florent

Cookie cards are still available for \$4.50. Cookies are sold once per month.



Pennies for Peace



Start saving those pennies. Visit www.penniesforpeace.org to see what incredible things we will accomplish beginning in January.

5th Grade Fundraiser

Smencils are available in the school store before school in the morning. The proceeds will go toward the 5th grade for the end of the year Fifth Grade Lasting Project.

The 2009-2010 Vinland Student/Family handbook is now online.



Flu vaccinations for children are available at the Kitsap County Health Department. H1N1 vaccinations are not available at the Kitsap County Health Department at this time. There is a sliding scale fee for this service. The Kitsap County Health Department phone number is 337-5235.

New Vinland Groups Forming!

Core Values Focus On:

Empowering Children & Developing Independent Skills

The Power Of Nature To Awaken A Child's Senses, Curiosity, And Desire To Learn

Foster Leadership, Engaging Children To Give Service & Make Decisions In A Democratic Society

Enrich Lives By Expanding Skills & Building Positive Relationships

Inclusive - Everyone Is Welcome!



Group Activities Focus On WoHeLo - Work, Health, Love

This includes arts & crafts, service projects, developing relationships & skills, & many more exciting things!

Currently seeking Girls for Kindergarten and 2-3rd Grade

For more information on these groups, please contact Crystal Rich 360-598-9070 or richclan@native6.com

Other age groups for both girls & boys please contact Dianne Rivers 377-5513 or DianneR@campfire-usa.org

PTSA NEWS

Teacher Appreciation *Spooky Treat Tuesday*

If you would like to help show your appreciation to Vinland's teachers, please bring a spooky (or festive) treat to the teacher's lounge Tuesday morning,
October 27.

Please let Laurel know you can help out at
laurelpardee@gmail.com

Family Fun Night: "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"



Dress in your Halloween costumes, decorate your pumpkin, watch a movie, have some popcorn and a cupcake. Free admission (sponsored by the PTSA).

Please Bring:

- ◆ a pumpkin to decorate (we will provide stickers & paint)
- ◆ a blanket to sit on while watching the movie,
- ◆ your own drink
- ◆ smiles and imagination

The Vinland book fair will be open this evening from 5:30-7:00 p.m.

2009-2010 is going to be a FUN year...PTSA has already allocated nearly \$4000 to school assemblies and other programs!

Next Scrip Orders: October 19th and November 2nd...

Don't forget, scrip (aka gift cards) can be used for everyday expenses - gas, groceries, movies, books and coffee (our most popular cards are Chevron, Shell, Wal-Mart , Safeway, Regal Cinemas, Barnes & Noble, and Starbucks). And not so everyday expenses like clothing, home improvement, bedding and housewares (ex. Gap, TJ Maxx, Home Depot, Macy's). Many cards that you buy through the scrip program are reloadable (Starbucks, Gap, Chevron, Barnes & Noble, Hollywood Video & AMC Theatres). Check out all the selections at www.shopwithscrip.com. For more information, go to the PTSA page on the school website and click "Scrip Information". Happy shopping!



A big THANK YOU
To
Clear Creek Nursery
For providing tulip bulbs
for the first-grade
project.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct. 15: Hearing & Vision Screening
- Oct. 16: Picture Day
- Oct. 19: Next Scrip Order
- Oct. 22: Ready Relief, Free Dress Day
- Oct. 27-30: Conferences
- Nov 3: Next PTSA meeting (6:30 p.m.)



Standards Based Report Card - 2009-2010

The North Kitsap School District will continue to use a standards-based report card for the 2009-2010 school year in grades K-5. Standards based education is not new to the district or the state. Standards have been an important part of the curriculum in the NKSD for a number of years. However, we are striving for more consistency in how we report student progress to our students and their families.

You will receive more information at your parent/teacher conference.

Head Lice and Schools

Unfortunately, head lice in school-aged children are a common occurrence in schools throughout the country. Our school district is no exception. There are some simple steps that you can take at home to drastically reduce the number of cases seen in our district each year.

The following procedure is recommended for inspecting your child for head lice:

- Under a bright light begin looking at your child's head beginning with the area just above the back of the neck.
- Part the hair into small sections and look closely for head lice or nits (eggs). Head lice are about the size of a sesame seed. Nits are gray or whitish and attached firmly to the hair shaft near the scalp.
- If you find live lice on your child's head, start treatment as soon as possible. Your local pharmacist or family physician can recommend appropriate treatment options.
- Please call the Vinland office, 779-8990, to inform us if your child has lice.



Vinland's very own Morgan Pullom has been appearing in the Fifth Avenue Theatre performance of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat in Seattle. She is a part of the children's ensemble as a singer and dancer. Great job Morgan!

Remember to use www.goodsearch.com as your search engine.

The North Kitsap School District believes in fostering respect and recognition of cultural diversity, human dignity, and individual rights. In this regard, the district complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, national origin, age, gender, sexual orientation, religion, marital status, or qualified individuals with disabilities. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Compliance Officer Chris Willits (360-779-8710) cwillits@nksd.wednet.edu and/or ADA Coordinator Nancy Moffatt (360-779-3450) nmoffatt@nksd.wednet.edu and/or 504 Coordinator Dixie Husser (360-394-2601)



Reading Rocks!

Vinland Library News



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Family Reading Night
Thursday, November 19th

Students and their families in grades K-3 are invited to join us in the library for an evening of stories, snacks, and family reading.



6:30-7:00 Storytime
7:00-7:30 Snack & Family Reading

Thank you to the Simkins & Bue families for providing this evening's snack!

Thank you to the Denney Family for our October treats!

Visit our Book Fair Preview Site at:

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/vinland>

Breakfast Club Friday, October 23rd

Our "Spooky Stories" Breakfast Club will be October 23rd at 8:30 a.m. If your 4th or 5th grader has read one of the following titles, s/he is invited to join us:

The Graveyard Book
By Neil Gaimon

Skulduggery Pleasant
By Derek Landy

Deep and Dark and Dangerous
By Mary Downing Hahn

Dial a Ghost
By Eva Ibbotson

The Ghost Cadet
By Elaine Marie Alphin

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Vinland !

Friday, Oct. 23rd 5:30-7:00
Mon-Thurs, Oct. 26th-29th: 8:45-4:00
Friday, Oct. 30th: 8:45-2:00

If you would like to volunteer to help, please sign up in the main office. Shifts run 8:30 - 12:00 and 12:00 - 4:00. Gift certificates are given to all volunteers!

If you are unable to get to the school before October 23rd and would like to help at the book fair, please email Melissa Paul at melvorn19@hotmail.com.



Be sure to check out our library webpage! Link to it through the icon on Vinland's homepage, or click on the image above.

Giant Pumpkins!

Check out Mrs. Popp's pictures of the giant pumpkins she and Mr. Popp grow! Visit the library website to see their personal best at over 1300 pounds!

