Intermediate Elementary News

January 20, 2010

Greetings,

I would like to recognize the wonderful job our students, staff and parents did during an unexpected fire drill this past week. It happened during lunch and recess time, one of the busiest times of the day. Students knew exactly what to do by meeting their teachers in their assigned place on the football field. The Leadership Team was out of the buildings attending an all day workshop at ESD 112. Mr. Greg Cooper was the acting administrator and had a wonderful learning opportunity. All students and adults were accounted for in a timely manner. Good job to our students!

There is a new face in the Resource Room! We are pleased to welcome Mr. Greg Hall as the teacher for the 4th and 5th grade students in the Special Education classroom. He is a native of the NW, enjoys fishing and most importantly father of three with one on the way. Our Special Education staffs are members of the ESD 112. The former teacher, Mr. Chris Taylor resigned prior to the Winter Break.

A special 'Thank You' goes to PTO and contributors for their help in adding laptop computers and paying for the program licenses for the math program 'Success Maker.' This supplemental math program is used for our 4th and 5th graders in addition to the math instruction in the classroom. Student data shows our students are making gains in math during their 15 minutes sessions on the laptop.

Pennies for Port-Au-Prince

Beginning February 1st through February 5th, the PTO is going to have a "Pennies for Port-Au-Prince" charitable fundraiser. Collection jugs will be placed in the elementary for students and parents to drop change into for the organization they support: Red Cross, Mercy Corps, and/or N.W. Medical Team. The La Center Elementary PTO will collect unwanted pocket change and donate it to one of these charity groups bringing aid to earthquake ravaged Haiti. Many of our students are aware of this humanitarian need and have voiced a desire to help.

The Music Adoption Committee has met three half days this year to discuss the philosophy and impact we have on children through music. We have created a Mission Statement and Belief Statements that align with the Ends Policies and State Standards. This alignment provides a clear vision for all students involved in the music programs throughout the district.

There has been some significant attention put into the K-12 English Language Learners (ELL) program. Student cum files and program files are now providing consistent information about the success of our ELL students for all educators. Sally Doss, para- professional for the program has also worked with the HS counselors to have same ability grouping students in like English classes. This helps Sally serve the 18 students K-12 two hours a week.

Respectfully,
Carol Patton, Intermediate Principal