

Habit of Mind:
Managing Impulsivity-Thinks before
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Shadow Lake Tiger Times

December 8, 2011



Dear Families,

It was a pleasure to see so many of you during our conference week. The conference opportunity provides such a valuable time for parents and teachers to meet on the progress of their children in the academic and social areas. Thank you for your participation.

During our early release days our staff is engaged in a variety of trainings. This valuable time provides opportunities for collaboration and new learning that have a direct impact on our students in the classrooms. We thank you for your support for teachers and staff with these educational opportunities.

With winter upon us, please remind your children to dress for the cold days with heavy coats, hats, and gloves. We want to see our students at school, not home sick.

With the holidays approaching, we extend best wishes to all of you. Each and every one of you is special and an important member of our Shadow Lake community. Have an enjoyable Winter Break. (December 22- December 30, No school January 3rd for a Staff Development Day)

Warmly,

Christina Everett, Principal

Mark Your Calendars!

- 12/12 PTA Board Meeting, 1:00 PM
- 12/12 Choir Concert, 7:00 PM
- 12/16 Discovery Program Nominations Close
- 12/16 Last Day for Missoula Children's Theater Registrations
- 12/21 Early Release, 1:10 PM-AM Kindergarten Attends, No School for PM Kindergarten
- 12/22-12/30 No School-Winter Break
- 1/3 No School-Staff Development
- 1/4 School Resumes



Shadow Lake Green Team Receives Grant for Composting: Donors Choose.org is a nonprofit that connects teachers with people who want to support classroom learning. Liz White, 5th grade teacher, wrote a project proposal for a vermicomposting system called "Let Those Worms Work My Food!" United Parcel Service and Disney Planet Challenge have both generously funded Mrs. White's proposal. The worm composting system should arrive late December and Mrs. White and her class will promptly begin food composting with the kit. Mrs. White hopes her class will be able to share some beautifully enriched compost thanks to the worms in time for spring planting at Shadow Lake!

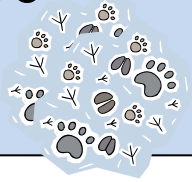


Missoula Children's Theater will be on campus the week of January 9th to put on a musical production. Students will audition on 1/9 and up to 60 kids will be able to participate in the play; the performance will be on 1/14 at 11:00 a.m. This fantastic opportunity has been sponsored by PTA. Deadline to register is 12/16.

Please encourage your children to participate in our PTA sponsored **PAWS to Read** program! Students earn rewards for reading 20 minutes per day for 20 days per month. Reading logs are due on or before the 3rd of the following month.

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ENERGY TIP:

Close your blinds at night-this will help keep your heat in and could lower your energy bills!

Bus Passes/ Pick Ups:

When requesting a bus pass the following information is required:

- The complete address of where they are going.
- The bus number.
- The first and last name of the student they are going home with.

If you are calling the office for a pick up pass or a bus pass, you need to call before 3 PM. Notes are always best! Remember, no bus passes on early release days.

Please help us with this, we have 540 kids here, it is difficult to send them to the right place without a last name, address and teacher name on the note. All notes sent to your teacher come to the office for processing, if your note just says "Suzy is going home with Alex today afterschool" it is difficult for us to decipher who they are, exactly where they are going and how they are getting there.

School Hours: Student supervision is provided from 9:00 a.m. to 3:50 p.m. Please do not drop your students off before 9:00 and be sure to pick them up by 3:50 at the latest! We cannot be responsible for supervising students outside of these hours.

2012 Discovery Program for Students Currently in Grades 2-4: Nominations for next year's district gifted program are now being accepted. If you believe your child demonstrates characteristics of a gifted child, you may pick up a nomination form in the Shadow Lake office. These forms must be signed by both the parent/guardian and the classroom teacher. They are due to the Tahoma Teaching & Learning office **by December 16th**. No late referrals will be considered.

Bus 82

Bus 82 is at full capacity, sorry we cannot issue bus passes!

Food Bank Programs: The Maple Valley Food Bank has a Christmas Food Basket and Christmas Gift Store that families can register for. Please contact the food bank at (425) 432-8139 to register. Christmas Basket Registration and Christmas Gift Store registration open until December 15th.

The Food Bank is located at 21415 Maple Valley Highway. They are open Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:30 am-1:00 PM. On the second Thursday of each month they are open 5:30-7:00 pm.

CAMP CASEY COSTS: The student cost for this year is **\$150**. Options for making this payment are as follows:

- One payment of \$150 paid any time prior to March 15, 2012
- Monthly or multiple payments (however it works best for your family). Available October through March 15, 2012

Please make checks payable to Shadow Lake Elementary or you can pay online using the school district's E-Funds system, which is available through Family Access. You may contact our school office if unfamiliar with Family Access.

