

Thursday, February 4, 2010

Dear Shadow Lake Families:

Looking ahead, the testing season is coming up fast. This year grades 3, 4 and 5 are taking the new 2010 Measurement of Student Progress test in May. The testing window is from May 12 to May 27.

**Grade 3      *Math and Reading***  
**Grade 4      *Math, Reading and Writing***  
**Grade 5      *Math, Reading and Science***

In order to facilitate the administration of the tests over three grade levels, we are strongly encouraging families to not schedule medical appointments or vacations during this time frame. Students tend to perform better when they follow their normal routine instead of testing in a make up setting. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Also, I would like to remind families if you are planning to have your students out of school for vacations or family emergencies, please submit the pre-arranged absence form that can be found on page 7 of our student/parent handbook to the office. If you do not have ready access to this form, please contact the office in order to acquire this document.

Please remember to vote Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. Tahoma School District is proposing to continue local levy support for students through the Educational Programs and Operations Levy and the Technology Levy. Both measures would continue funding for staffing, programs, equipment and supplies that are provided through local levies that expire at the end of 2010. The Educational Programs and Operations Levy would also replace some of the state education that is being reduced in the current biennium. Please visit the Tahoma website at [www.tahomasd.us](http://www.tahomasd.us) for details about the levy request.

As a reminder, if you drop your children off in the morning please have them exit your vehicle on the curb side. Also encourage to be ready to leave your vehicle promptly upon arrival at school. Following these recommendations will help us insure a safe arrival for your child at Shadow Lake.

Respectfully,  
*Christina Everett*  
Christina Everett, Principal

## Announcements:

**Read-a-thon:** Shadow Lake is hosting its first "Get 5 for \$5.00 Challenge" Read-a-Thon. Coming at the end of February, this fundraising event is designed to help kids learn to help their school! Kids will be asked to get sponsors for a week of intense reading from March 1-7<sup>th</sup>, *if every child can get just 5 sponsors for \$5.00 each our school can raise more than \$10,000.* 100% of the profits from this fundraiser will be channeled back into the school so help your student by supporting this event! Watch kid mail and packet information coming home for more details or contact Michelle Behrendt at [m.behrendt@msn.com](mailto:m.behrendt@msn.com)

**All School Skating Party:** Please join us at our SLT (Student Leadership Team) sponsored skating party, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Patterson's Skating Rink in Federal Way, 6-8 pm. More information to come!

**Sock Hop, Friday, March 26:** The Annual Shadow Lake Sock Hop will be Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Our commons will be rocking and rolling in the fashion of the fifties! Please remember this is a family event and **all students must be accompanied by an adult.**

**Thanks to PTA!** Throughout the last month, our wonderful PTA volunteers have been busy sponsoring the very successful Missoula Children's Theater production, getting ready for the Sock Hop, selling popcorn; and planning for the upcoming read-a-thon and yearbook. Our school community is privileged to have the support of these hardworking volunteers.

**Kindergarten and Preschool Registration Week:** The Shadow Lake office will be open for Kindergarten and Preschool Registration from 9:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. the week of March 15<sup>th</sup> -19<sup>th</sup>. Parents are asked to bring their child's **original birth certificate, record of immunizations, and emergency contact names and numbers.** If there are young families in your neighborhood with an upcoming kindergartener, please spread the word.

## Dates for Your Calendar:

<b>2/5</b>	No School-Waiver Day
<b>2/8</b>	PTA General Board Meeting, 6:30 PM in the Library
<b>2/9</b>	Equal Exchange Fundraiser Product Pick Up
<b>2/11</b>	Second Grade Music Program, 7 PM
<b>2/12</b>	PTA Read-a-thon Kick-off Assembly
<b>2/15-2/19</b>	Mid Winter Break- No School
<b>3/1-3/5</b>	PTA Read-a-thon Reading Week
<b>3/2</b>	All School Skating Party, Patterson's Federal Way, 6-8 PM, \$4.50 per student
<b>3/8</b>	PTA Board Meeting, 1:30 PM
<b>3/12</b>	Read-a-thon Pledges Due
<b>3/15-3/19</b>	Kindergarten and Preschool Registration Week
<b>3/19</b>	No School-Waiver Day
<b>3/26</b>	Progress Reports Go Home
<b>3/26</b>	PTA Sock Hop
<b>3/29-3/31</b>	Camp Casey, Session 1, Mitchell and Gren
<b>3/31-4/2</b>	Camp Casey, Session 2, Lindstrom and White