



HOOVER ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2010

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“TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE”



FROM THE PRINCIPAL by Mrs. Stump

Parents must call the office, 573-5900, on each day a student is absent for any reason. State law requires the school to report students with more than 5 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences during the year. Please call the office and not the classroom teacher every day your child misses a day of school. Unexcused tardies can add up to absences too, so make sure students are on time everyday and make appointments when school is not in session.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, remember the dress code guidelines for school. No spaghetti strap tops, short shorts or skirts, very loose or baggy clothes, see-through fabrics, and shoes must be good for PE activities—No flip-flops!. The dress code is published on our web site in the Student Handbook if you need to review this and other rules for Yakima Schools.

We're looking forward to meeting parents at the upcoming Conference Week, March 22nd—March 26th. There will be noon dismissal after lunch is served during that week.

TOLERANCE CHARACTER TRAIT FOR MARCH

Tolerance is being able to accept things that you wish were different. When you practice tolerance, you have flexibility. You don't expect others to be just like you.

News from the 21st Century Community Learning Center

GO GLOBAL: Exploring Our World Together: Europe is our destination for our Go Global Family Night on **Monday, March 15th from 6:00-7:30 p.m.** We will have a variety of hands-on activities that families can participate in together. As always, the rock wall will be open, so wear your tennis shoes if you want to climb. **Join us for a fun evening of learning together, and bring a friend along!**



Before and After School Classes: The spring session of before and after school classes begins the second week of March. Registration forms were due on February 24th. **Forms can still be turned in, but students who turned their forms in on time will receive priority in being placed in classes.** Notes will go home by March 5th to let students know that they are in the program.

Parent Home Support Program: We want to continue to enroll parents in the Parent Home Support Program where parents are encouraged to participate in educational activities at home. Monthly activity cards are sent home to remind families of things they can do together. Parents are asked to return these to the school each month. If you would like to know more about this program, please call Fabiola Vargas at 823-9179 or speak to her at a Go Global Night.

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact Heidi Mayes, 21st Century Site Coordinator in Portable F or call 573-5967.



Counselor's Corner: Keeping it Simple

It is almost spring again, and that means more daylight hours for sports, travel and family activities. As you get busier, it's especially important to keep the routines for your children consistent and simple to follow. Adequate sleep and time for homework need to continue to be priorities. When children feel rushed and are tired their school performance and behavior suffers while well rested children are able to be at their best during the day. Have fun, enjoy the warm weather and keep your children's lives simple so they can do their best.

STOP Gang Violence Parent & Community Forum Sat., March 20th L/C Middle School Free Seminar
 Registration from 8:30-9:00 AM. Lunch is provided with 21st Century Program student performances of singing and dancing. Training is from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM with free educational child care provided.

This forum is part of an ongoing effort to bring schools, parents, agencies, and churches together to reduce gang-related behaviors in our schools & communities. Everyone is welcome, but space is limited.

News from Hoover PTA:

Come help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's Birthday on Tuesday, March 2nd. We will be having cake, ice cream and other fun activities to honor the author/illustrator of over 44 children's picture books. The winners of the drawing contest will be decided at the party, but you need not be present to win a prize for your drawing.

PTA needs your help to find and elect new officers for the next school year. No experience is necessary to become an active member of our vital organization. All you need to get involved is a desire to help make Hoover a great place for every student to learn.

Some activities sponsored by Hoover PTA are: Field Day, Book Fairs, Halloween Festival, Family Food Baskets, Classroom Field Trips, and Husky Tshirts and folders for all students.

PTA Officers :

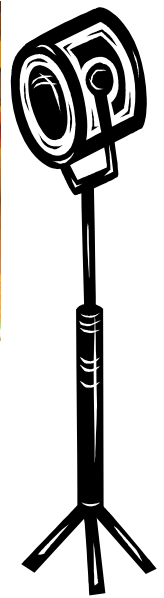
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Spotlight on 3rd Grade: Making Plants Grow!



Third grade students are studying how plants grow and develop. Each student plants their own seeds and then watches the plants grow. They even get to pollinate their flowers with real dead honey bees.

FROM THE LIBRARY:

The library will be open every afternoon during conference week for parents to come check out extra books. We will keep a tally of which classes have the most parents coming to get extra books & the winners will get an ice cream party for their whole class. Get extra books for home reading!

We're also starting a school challenge to see if Hoover students can read at least 10,000 AR books before the end of the year. We're at 5,000 books now, so keep on reading every day for at least 30 minutes. The library computers are reserved for AR testing every morning so students can come in early or after breakfast to take their quizzes and then check out new books too!

Calendar for March 2010

Tues., March 2nd PTA Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party from 6-7 PM

Student of the Month Assemblies Wed., Mar. 3rd grades K-1 & Thurs., Mar. 4th grades 2-5

Conference Week noon dismissal, Mon. March 22-Friday, March 26th

Spring Break Mon., March 29th—Fri., April 2nd

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