



L.C. Webster Panda Paper

October 19, 2009

Stay in Touch With School

School Attendance Hours:
8:30 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

Main Office Hours:
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Main Office Number:
651-748-7100

Principal's Office
651-748-7110

Nurse's Office
651-748-7115

Attendance Line:
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Principal's News

Dear Webster Families,

Parent teacher conferences have arrived! This is a very important time for parents to connect with their child's teacher so that we are working towards the same goals of student success. Research has shown that when parents and teachers work together, children experience greater academic success. The key to a successful conference is two-way communication. By exchanging information, parents and teachers can set the stage for a great school year. Before you attend parent-teacher conferences, spend a few minutes with your child preparing for the visit. Ask what your child would like you to talk about with the teacher or what your child thinks the teacher will say. Ask about the things your child likes and does not like, problems and successes. Let your child know that after conferences, you will share what the teacher said. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, October 20, Thursday, October 22 and Friday, October 23.

GOOD ATTENDANCE + HARD WORK = STUDENT SUCCESS!



Webster Elementary School Absence Information

FYI: Our school instructional day is from 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.

If your child is...

- absent 3 days without an excuse or tardy 10 times you will receive a letter from our school
- absent 7 days without an excuse you will receive a letter from the Ramsey County Attorney's Office

Did you know...

- if your child arrives after 9:45 a.m. or leaves school before 2:15 p.m. they are marked absent for half a day

Please report all absences to the attendance line (748-7117, available 24 hours a day) by 8:45 a.m. – stating the reason for the absence!

Note: Lawful absences include; illness, doctors appointments, religious holidays and extreme family emergencies.

Sara Palodichuk

HARVEST MOON DANCE

We are excited for the annual Fall PTO dance on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend, and all students must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older). Students may wear school appropriate costumes: ***no blood or weapons.*** The cost of admission is \$1.00 per person, and there is a \$5.00 maximum fee per family. There will also be raffle items you may wish to purchase tickets for and treats such as cookies, popcorn, and candy for sale. We are excited to see you there!!!



Salvation Army Free Warm Winter Coats for Kids

Hotline: 651-746-3412.
Coats 4 Kids will be open

October 29th
from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
at

Salvation Army Lakewood
Temple
2080 Woodlyn Avenue
Maplewood, MN 55109
(two blocks from Denny's,
near the Maplewood Mall)

Bring: A medical card or Social Security card for each child

And: Head of household must have photo ID and proof of residence- a piece of mail with your name and address on it



PTO NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to fund-raiser "Lucky Duck" grand prize winner Teddy Drake! Teddy sold five items or more for the fall fundraiser and entered his name into the daily "Lucky Duck" drawing. His name was drawn from all the entries for the final day's grand prize. Teddy's family wins a \$100 gift certificate from Great America (our fund-raising company) to be used for merchandise from the Designs and Helping Hands gift catalog. Happy shopping Drake family! Thanks to everyone who participated in this year's PTO fund-raiser. Your orders will arrive on Thursday, November 12.

Halloween Candy for the Food Shelf

During the first week in November, Webster will again be collecting any extra or unwanted candy that your family would like to share with the food shelf. Please drop off the treats in the Halloween sharing box by the office. Last year, over 60 pounds of candy was collected at Webster. The food shelf staff was so pleased to share the candy and appreciated the generosity of our Webster community.

Dates to Remember

Tuesday, October 20th from 4 – 8 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Thursday, October 22nd - 1st grade field trip – "Bert & Ernie Goodnight"

Thursday, October 22nd from 4 – 8 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Friday, October 23rd – **NO SCHOOL**

Friday, October 23rd from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, October 27th from 5:30 – 8 p.m. – Celebrity Scoopers @ Hometown Creamery, No. St. Paul

Friday, October 30th from 6 – 8 p.m. – PTO sponsored Harvest Moon Dance

Monday, November 9th – 7 p.m. - Movie Night at the Plaza

Tuesday, November 10th – Picture "Retake" day

Thursday, November 12th – 3:15 – 6 p.m. – Fundraiser Pick Up Day

Thursday, November 12th – 5:30 p.m. – Family Math Night (more details to come)

Basic Needs Resource Guide: Initial Action Steps for Families

HOUSING:

- If families are past due on rent, first contact your landlord and see if you can make a payment arrangement. Often times, landlords are flexible with tenants if they know that they are trying to resolve the situation.
- If families need financial assistance for past due rent and you have no way of making arrangements on your own, contact emergency assistance through your local county. See below for directions.
- Project Hope is one example of a housing advocacy and homeless prevention program that does offer some resources and case management to families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness due to eviction and other circumstances. Project Hope: #651-842-1501.
- If homeless and need a shelter, families can call United Way's 2-1-1 for shelters in their county or call The Family Place at #651-225-9354 in Ramsey County or Washington County Community Resources at #651-430-6529.

FORECLOSURE:

Families facing foreclosure or behind on mortgage payments should:

- Contact their bank or mortgage company and notify them of situation.
- Get connected with a foreclosure prevention program by calling Minnesota Home Owners Center at 651-659-9336. These programs usually depend on your city, so they will help families navigate correct agency to assist you.

UTILITY ISSUES:

Contact Xcel Energy:

Speak to a Personal Account Representative at 1-800-331-5262.

- See if there is a payment arrangement that can be made that the family can actually afford.
- If family misses payments under their payment arrangements, Xcel is less likely to negotiate with family in future or to keep their service on if they are delinquent.
- Call Xcel and request an application for The Cold Weather Protection Rule that prohibits your heat to be turned off until April 1st of that heating season.

The Community Action Program (CAP) of Ramsey / Washington Counties:

- Apply for Energy Assistance for families paying their own electric, gas (heat) or both.
- If the service is already shut off, families should bring their application directly to the CAP office at 450 Syndicate St. N., Suite 122 in St Paul.
- Some funds may be available for past due bills, but these funds are limited and dependant upon what funds the agency has available and the family's eligibility.
- CAP phone #651-645-6470 for further information.

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE (EA):

* Emergency Assistance (EA) is a county-based resource for families with emergent financial needs [generally housing and utility].

Some things for families to know when applying for Emergency Assistance (EA):

- Contact EA through your local county human services program:
 - Ramsey County residents call #651-266-4444
 - Washington County resident's call #651-430-6455
- The family should contact their financial worker to see if they would be eligible for Emergency Assistance and to get an application.

- If they do not have a financial worker call Ramsey County Human Services or Washington County [same #'s from above].
- Can only be used one time per year
- Need a letter from landlord stating eviction or that will be evicted if amount not paid.
- Proof that they have spent at least 50% of income on basic needs in past 60 days [ie. rent, food, medical].
- Proof that if paid, the situation will not reoccur [ie. more income coming in household, situational basic needs crisis]
- If applying for EA for deposit on rent, same rules apply.

*Please note: Emergency Assistance will deny if you do not meet these guidelines.

- If denied for EA:
If the family has ALREADY used or been DENIED by EA, the family can apply for other grants in their community. They need to call United Way's 2-1-1 [or 651-291-1111 for cell phone users] to receive the local agencies that provide these additional housing resources.

FURNITURE NEEDS:

Bridging:

- Provides a once in a lifetime opportunity for families to receive free new and used furniture through a social service agency
- Go to <http://www.bridging.org/AgencyFinder.asp> to find any agency in the family's area that can refer them or call 2-1-1 First Call for Help.

Goodwill Easter Seals provides low cost furniture and household items. There are several locations: Phone # is 651-603-1544.

CLOTHING NEEDS:

- Gods Closet has used clothing and no one is turned away. Phone number is#: 651-771-4627
- Joseph's Coat has free used clothing and household items.
Phone Number is: #651-291-2472
- Penny Pinchers Clothing provides low cost clothing and household items, free if you get a referral from a case manager or social worker. Phone # is 763-783-3626.

FOOD NEEDS:

- Call United Way's 2-1-1 with address and zip code of family and they will provide the correct food shelf in family's service area.
- Emergency Food shelf Network can provide full lists of food shelves in service area. Calls must come from social workers, schools etc. Phone # is 763-450-3860.
- Fair For All provides monthly food packages and holiday packages at a reduced rate with volunteer services [minimum 2 hours per month volunteer services for reduced rate]. Clients can select own food [packages]. Phone # is 763-450-3881.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDS:

- Contact Metro Transit services at #612-373-3333 or www.metrotransit.org for bus routes, fares, etc.
- Contact health insurance carrier for information on transportation services for medical and mental health appointments.