

Discovery Fox Newsletter

10/1/11

Mr. Morris' Message

- **Celebrations:**
- **During the month of September 306 students had perfect attendance!!!!!! WOW, that is amazing. Keep it up to stay in the drawing for a bike at the end of the school year!**
- **NWEA and easyCBM testing are over with. Our students did really well, and we hope to see a lot of growth this year.**
- **We have recess! After weeks of waiting we now have an area where we can play and enjoy the nice weather outdoors.**
- **By December all construction will be done.**

Important Reminders:

Teachers are not in the building before 8:00. We have noticed that some students are arriving at 7:30 in the morning. Our front doors will not open until 8:00 at that time students are welcome to go to recess or eat breakfast. Please do not send students to school before 8:00.

Thank you for all you do for these exceptional students!

I have never enjoyed a job as much as I am enjoying being the principal of Discovery Elementary School. I am impressed with the hard work and the friendliness of the students, the collaborative atmosphere of the staff, and the willingness to help of the families. This is a wonderful school, and I am privileged to be here. I love seeing students out in the community. I do not know all of your names yet, but am still learning one by one.

We have grown a little more than expected this year. We currently have 28 students more than we anticipated. This could mean that we may see a few changes in the near future with our 1st grade classes. Currently there are 27-28 students in each first grade class. Our first grade teachers are doing a fabulous job making sure that their students are learning despite the high class sizes.

Some parents have asked if their children can use the Robinwood Lane park out of the back of the school to walk home. We still have not opened that up due to the fact that there is still a lot of work to be done on our fields. They are working on putting in sprinkler systems, and will be laying sod in the near future, please be patient and realize it may be a few months before we allow students to walk back there. By Halloween we are

anticipating having some different areas of the school open for us to use, including the main offices, the bus parking lot and hopefully the Kindergarten classrooms. This has been a major inconvenience, but we are going to have a wonderful new building to use.

Thank you to all of you that supported the school through donations and the cookie dough fund raiser. This money has been very beneficial to our school, and to student learning in these hard financial times. We have a lot of growth coming next year as we are anticipating over 100 new students and a few new teachers to our school when the boundary changes go into effect for next school year.

Halloween is quickly approaching, please make sure to be safe this Halloween. There will be announcements going home by teachers and by the PTO about some of the activities we will be having. Please remember we do not dress up on Halloween, other than for an approved activity.



October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 SEOP	4 SEOP	5 SEOP	6 SEOP PICTURE DAY!	7	8
9	10	11	12	13-1st grade field trip	14	15
16	17	18 PTO Meeting/ Popcorn	19-SEOP trade day No School	20 Fall Break No School	21 Fall Break No School	22
23	24 Red Ribbon Week	25 Commu- nity Coun- cil	26	27	28	29
30	31 Hallow- een					

Schedule of Events

- Oct 3-6 SEOPs are on October 3-6. Please come talk with teachers about your students academic needs.
- Oct 6 Picture day at school.
- Oct 13 1st grade field trip to the corn maze.
- Oct 18 3:40 PTO Meeting in the media center.
- October 18 will be our first popcorn day.
- October 19-21 Fall Break No School
- October 24-28 Red Ribbon Week activities: Watch for a flyer describing the different days activities.
- October 25 Community Council Meeting at 3:40.
- Oct 31 Halloween-Please do not send candy to school with your child after Halloween.

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As a member of the Discovery fox community, I will be safe, I will be respectful, I will be responsible. I will act in such a way that I will be proud of myself and others will be proud of me, too. I came to school to learn, and I will learn. I will have a great day!

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