



Pearson 6th Grade Center

November 2013

NEWSLETTER

Hello Pearson 6th Grade Center Families!

It is hard to believe we have almost completed our first quarter of the 2013-14 school year. We hope your students are feeling more comfortable with their schedules, lockers, and peers and are truly enjoying their time at Pearson.

In the season of thanks, I want to take this time to thank you for all of your support with your children. You are sending us amazing students each day who are ready to learn and seem excited about their new independence as sixth graders. We appreciate your support in making our Pearson community such a positive place for our students and families.

We have had a busy first few months with activities such as our Anti-Bullying Day, Girls Tennis, Student Council, Yearbook, Breakfast and Books, Teen-Read-Week, our school fundraiser, Knowledge Bowl, and coming up in a few weeks our first round of parent teacher conferences. We look forward to seeing you in November at conferences and want to know if you have any questions or ways that we can be more supportive of you and your students here at Pearson. Thank you again for the time, support, and patience you have with us and the many changes we have also experienced this year such as our new website and student portal system, Infinite Campus. Let me know if you have any questions about these upcoming events or if there is any way I can help you or your student.

Thank you,

Angela

Conferences

Conferences at the 6th Grade Center will follow the secondary school format of Arena Style Conferences. Each of our teams of teachers will be setup at individual tables in the cafeteria or gym. You can visit all teachers in any order, or choose to visit just those teachers with whom you want to speak based on questions, concerns, or interest.

Conferences are on Monday, November 11 and Thursday, November 14 from 3:30pm-7:30pm.

Arena Style Conferences – key points

- You can attend either night, but to even out the crowds we are suggesting those students with last names A-K attend Monday, Nov 11, and those with last names L-Z attend Thursday, Nov 14.
- Copies of schedules and a map of locations will be available at conferences. (Or print your student's schedule at home through Infinite Campus)
- Conferences take place first come, first served.
- There will be an individual line for each teacher.
- When others are waiting, please limit the conference to 5 minutes. If you need more time or privacy you can schedule an individual meeting.
- You do not need to see every teacher.
- Plan ahead with what you want to ask, and who you want to speak with. For example, ask about homework, grades, tests, content, strengths, areas of concern, how can we help at home, missing work or anything else you want to know.



Upcoming Important Dates

- Nov. 7-End of First Quarter
- Nov. 11-Conferences 3:30 pm-7:30 pm
- Nov. 12-Discovery Team to Courage Retreat
- Nov. 14-Conferences 3:30 pm- 7:30 pm
- Nov. 19-Explorer Team to Courage Retreat
- Nov. 20-Trailblazer Team to Courage Retreat
- Nov. 21-Voyager Team to Courage Retreat
- Nov. 28 & 29-No School - Thanksgiving Break
- Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 - No School Winter Break

New World Flood

Throughout the month of October our students have been working on participating in random acts of kindness. TJ Duckett, a former NFL player, has a foundation called New World Flood. New World Flood helps students reflect on how they can be changing agents in their communities through service and giving. Our goal at Pearson is to commit 1,000 random acts of kindness. As students have witnessed random acts of kindness, they have been writing down the acts on cut out raindrops. The raindrops are being hung throughout our school.

Students are also participating in a variety of service learning projects with their team during an assigned Monday advisory. Each team has been assigned a Monday in November in which students will use this advisory time to complete projects around our school, such as cleaning desks, lockers, and carpeted areas. Ask your child how we are working to pay it forward at Pearson!

www.newworldflood.org

Si a usted le gustaría recibir más información sobre estas formas, por favor comuníquese con Lina Marin al 952-496-5869. Gracias.

Если у вас возникнут вопросы относительно этой информации или вам понадобится объяснение на русском языке, пожалуйста, позвоните Светлане по телефону 496-5094 и оставьте ваше сообщение. Вам ответят на звонок вскоре. Спасибо!

Keeping Kids Safe

(submitted by the Shakopee Police Dept.)

Everyone in the community can help strengthen law enforcement efforts by being the eyes and ears in our community. If you happen to see something suspicious around schools, near bus stops, in an area where children may be walking to and from school or home, call the non-emergency police dispatch number at 952-445-1411 or call 9-1-1 in an emergency.

Suspicious activity may include:

- An adult approaching a child or children that the child does not seem to be familiar with.
- An adult trying to get a child's attention while remaining in a vehicle.
- A vehicle following a child.
- A vehicle that is circling in the same area you may/may not have seen in the area before.
- An adult that appears to be watching a child, perhaps from a vehicle or park.
- An adult that appears to be hiding in an area where children may be (behind a tree, building, etc.)
- Remind children to travel in groups, safety in numbers.

In the event that you observe anything suspicious, the Shakopee Police Department is asking you to be the best witness possible. Helpful information for the police department would include a detailed description of a vehicle, license plate and the number or description of the occupants in the vehicle. Additionally, a description of a person's clothing, tattoos or identifying features, facial features. If you are able to take a photo of the individual or vehicle is greatly appreciated by local law enforcement, but only do so if safe for you.

Please contact the school resource officers if you have any additional concerns or questions:

Officer Matthew Conway 952-496-5710

Officer Jaclyn Yzermans 952-233-9400

Officer Chris Chrity 952-496-5167

