



Brouillet Elementary Bobcat Newsletter

December 2011



MARK YOUR CALENDARS . . .

12/14	PM Kindergarten attends
12/15	Chorus Program 6:30 pm
12/19-12/30	Winter Break
01/04	AM Kindergarten attends
01/11	PM Kindergarten attends RAM PTA Night
01/16	M.L.K. Jr. Day—NO SCHOOL
01/27	NO SCHOOL

Message From the Principal

We hope you enjoy the upcoming winter vacation. Even during this busy time of year, we encourage you to keep learning part of your daily focus. Pick up a great book to share together, play a new game or talk about a special event your family experienced. We look forward to seeing your children after a restful vacation.

Math Information

Parents of students in kindergarten through grade five can learn more about a new Bridges in Mathematics curriculum being used for the first time this year at elementary schools across the district. The last of three parent forums is scheduled from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. on January 17 at the Education Service Center, 302 2nd Street, SE in downtown Puyallup.

Lisa McNamara
Principal



News From the Library . . .

Brouillet Library website

The Brouillet Library website continues to be updated and improved! The main page may be found at:

<http://rosekimberly.webs.com>.

There are over 1,000 websites linked to this site and they are organized by subject area. A listing of Resources can be found by clicking on the "Teacher Resources" link on the home page, or by going to <http://rosekimberly.webs.com/teachers.html>. There is also a link on the home page to information from OSPI for parents - for MSP-related information.

Happy Surfing!



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From the Nurse . . .

Dental Van Information - Free Dental Care

Please be aware that there is a free dental van that goes to some of the Puyallup schools. It is available for all Puyallup school district students that are in need of dental cleaning and/or treatment. It is a free service! This is for students that have no medical/dental coupons or have no dental insurance. Please call Mrs. Rouse, our school nurse, if you are interested.



Wednesdays ONLY

School starts at 8:15 am (Tardy bell rings at 8:10am)

Dismissed at 11:51 pm

Kindergarten AM & PM attend on alternating weeks and lunch is served.



MORE IDEAS FROM OUR RECENT STEEL DRUM ASSEMBLY

RECYCALYPSO CHALLENGE!

How creative can you be using recycled materials to create music?

1. Look around you in your house and your school. Find interesting-sounding recycled materials from the recycling bin or elsewhere. The only rules are A. NO GLASS, B. NOTHING SHARP (so make sure and remove sharp edges from tin cans, etc.), C. MAKE SURE THE ITEM IS CLEAN.
2. If you want you can combine materials as well as using tape or other methods. How would that tea box sound taped to the top of the plastic yogurt container? It is also okay to use noodles, beans, or other food items to turn your recycled item into a shaker.
3. Maybe you want to decorate your recycled instrument with paint or any other method.
4. When you finish your instrument, figure out all the ways you can make sounds with your recycled instrument. Can you hit it with your hand to make a nice sound? Can you hit it with a stick and make a cool sound? What happens if you hit it in different spots, does it make different sounds? Is it louder when you play it one way then when you play it another way? Can you shake it and make a sound? How many different ways can you shake it?
5. Come up with a name for your instrument. It could be a name that describes what the instrument does. For example, one student who made a really fun looking shaker called it the supercalafrajshaker. Or the name can have nothing to do with the sound of the instrument. You can call your instrument "Frank" if it looks like "Frank" to you. You can name your instrument anything you want, just be creative.
6. Practice your instrument so you learn how to play it. Remember, you are the world's expert on playing your instrument.
7. Bring the instrument you created to the assembly or performance by Ian Dobson's Pan Leggo and you'll get to play it with the band! You might even get to show the band how to play your instrument!

Engage Senses for Quick Stress Relief

The speediest way to stamp out stress is by engaging one or more of your senses—your sense of sight, sound, taste, smell touch or movement—to rapidly calm and energize yourself. The key to practicing quick stress relief is learning what kind of sensory input helps your particular nervous system find calm and focus quickly. Below are examples:

Sights

Look at a cherished photo or a favorite memento, bring the outside indoors (buy a plant or some flowers), surround yourself with colors that lift your spirit

Smells & Scents

Light a scented candle, smell roses or flowers, enjoy fresh air in the great outdoors, wear your favorite perfume

Taste

Indulge in a small piece of chocolate, sip a steaming cup of coffee or tea or a refreshing cold drink, eat a piece of fruit, enjoy a healthy crunchy snack

Movement

Run in place or jump up and down, dance around, stretch or roll your head in circles, go for a short walk, squeeze a rubbery stress ball



INFORMATION FOR WAIVER STUDENTS

While it may be only December, it is time to begin thinking of which school your student will attend next school year. The waiver process begins now in order for the district to determine staffing and classroom needs at each school prior to the end of the current school year.

The optimal timeline for receiving waiver applications is coming soon: March 1-5. Waiver applications not received until after this window will not be considered until May 1-5 or June 15-20.

Out-of-district applications: Please visit your residential district to request a "Release of Attendance". Complete a "Non-Resident Application for Enrollment" form. Submit both to the Director of Student Services at 302 2nd St SE, Puyallup, 98372.

In-district applications: If your student is currently on a waiver, and you wish for him/her to attend this same school next year, you do not need to do anything. According to new policy guidelines, the student will continue automatically at the same school unless *rescinded by the parent* or *revoked by the school*. Parents who wish to request a new school for their student will need to complete an "Intra-District Transfer of Schools" form. Submit this form to the Director of Student Services at 302 2nd St SE, Puyallup, 98372.

6th graders: Parents who wish to request a different junior high than their residential junior high need to submit an "Intra-District Transfer of Schools" form by the secondary timeline of January 10 in order to register for the desired school and classes in late February.



GREENHOUSE

Thank you Mrs. Myers for stepping up and volunteering to dig in the dirt with the kids!

We are still looking for another parent (or two) to help in the greenhouse at recess time.

We will be looking for donations of potting soil, small shovels, recycled small planting containers, seeds, and watering containers. Spring will be here before we know it.



LOST & FOUND

Please have your student (s) check the lost and found before Winter Break!
We have a very full lost & found. All items left will be donated to charity.

FROM THE COUNSELOR . . .

Dear students, parents, staff, and community members,

These past two months have shown us all what a generous community we live in. Our Food Drive supported 25 families with Thanksgiving baskets and the remainder of the 4,100 items, along with 7 turkeys, were donated to the Puyallup Elks Club. On Saturday morning, the Elks Club in partnership with All Saints School and many schools of the Puyallup School District, will provide Holiday Food Baskets to 28 of our families and hundreds of other families in the Puyallup community.

Our Giving Tree was also tremendously successful. Thirty-five families at Brouillet will be having a memorable Holiday with the help of the Giving Tree (31), High Pointe Church (3), Puyallup Gift makers (24), and the Pierce County Santa Cops (1). Also, a heartfelt thanks to the people who were able to help wrap the hundreds of gifts: Mrs. Anders, Mrs. Gommi, Mrs. Sorenson, Mrs. Swanson, Mrs. Kirkendall, Mrs. Radcliffe, and Mrs. Caughie. It truly helps us all feel a little more merry when we witness the true beauty of giving to others.

Thank you so much for all your support.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Larson