

STORM TRACKER

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CALENDAR:

October

12-25 ASB Magazine Drive

17-21 Red Ribbon Week

19 McTeacher Night at
McDonalds 5:00 - 7:00

20 IPR Grades available on HAC

27 ASB Dance 2:15 - 4:00

November

3 7th Grade Health Screening

10 Veteran's Day Assembly

11 NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day

18 Booster Bingo Night

24 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving

25 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving

30 Student of the Quarter
Breakfast

December

6 Winter Concert - Band

8 Winter Concert - Orchestra

9 Booster Movie Night

12-16 Spirit Week

13 Winter Concert - Choir

19-30 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break



Storm community-

September has come and gone and we are starting to see the leaves turn colors! The students and staff are settling into a routine and the fall sports teams are in mid-season. It has been a great start to the school year.

As principal, one of the things I am focused on is school wide safety. We have a Safe school and want to continue providing that Safe school environment to all our stakeholders. We have spent the first month of school addressing several safety issues and making sure the staff and students are well trained. Here are a few of things we have done:

1. *Pierce County Deputy - Jeff Papen anchoring the Stahl Storm News once a week (Tuesdays).*
2. *All School Safety Day (September 14th-Practicing Drills).*
3. *Charlie the Pierce County Drug Dog came and worked Stahl with no findings (September 23rd).*
4. *Grade level assembly about "Empathy" and dealing with harassment (September 30th).*
5. *All staff completed Safe School Training (8 sections with testing).*
6. *Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying training for staff and students (All Month).*

As a staff, we are committed to a SAFE School. I am confident that together with each of you, we can build on those trainings. If you have any ideas to make Stahl a safer place we would like to hear from you. Here's to a safe 2011-2012 school year!

Troy Hodge, Principal

HELP SUPPORT STAHL ASB ACTIVITIES

Our magazine drive fundraiser has started !! Sales help support our ASB activities AND help families in Bangladesh.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17th : Turn in 3 orders and receive prize tickets + you'll get to attend our Main Event (out of class + Jamba Juice + Bingo + Minute to Win It)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25th: Turn in 3 orders and receive prize tickets + send a REAL chicken to Bangladesh.

Thank you for your continued support !!

Winter Sports Information:

Season two is starting on Monday, October 31st for 8th and 9th grade Girls Basketball and Wrestling.



7th grade GBB will start Tuesday morning, Nov. 1st at 5:45 AM.



All athletes will need to clear with Mr. Halverson during lunch the week of 10/25 - 10/28. Everyone needs to check in even if they participated in Cross Country, Volleyball, or Football....

LOCKDOWN

I'm Deputy Jeff Papen with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department; in this capacity I also work with the Puyallup School District as a School Resource Officer. The subject of school lockdowns is very serious because it's all about safeguarding the lives of our kids, staff and visitors we have on campus. Our kids plan and drill for lockdown situations and parents need to be aware of what a lockdown is and how to respond in the event of a lockdown.

So what is a lockdown? A lockdown is an event involving students, staff and visitors taking actions in which they position themselves behind secured openings and isolate themselves from threats. Lockdown scenarios may vary depending on the situation but here are two examples of how we prepare in the early stages of lockdown:

Full lockdown: School occupants remain out of sight and as quiet as possible, with only limited authorized entry, exit, or movement within the building. Occupants in corridors, common areas, or unsecured areas move quickly to the nearest secured area.

Modified Lockdown: School occupants are isolated from potential outside threats by remaining inside a building with exterior doors and other exits secured, and entry and exit from the building is limited to those who are authorized. Interior movement and other activities within the building may be allowed or restricted in accordance to the lockdown plan.

Students involved in a lockdown are expected to keep their cell phones put away and silenced. Unnecessary texting and calling to friends and family off site usually creates more problems for first responders.

During a lockdown, parents and visitors already on campus will be assisted in locking down with staff and students. **Arriving visitors** will notice signs posted on doors advising of a lockdown with instructions to **leave campus immediately**. The Sheriff Department and Puyallup Police Department expect your full cooperation by complying with these instructions.

School lockdown is done for the safety of everyone in the school. The key to a successful lockdown is to have everyone work together. Lockdown situations are serious and deserve a responsible response by everyone involved. Thank you for taking the time to review this information with your kids.

Deputy Jeff Papen

Sign up for district's Facebook and Twitter

More than 4,000 people are following up-to-the-minute news and information on the Puyallup School District's Facebook and Twitter social media sites.

Since starting the sites nearly two years ago, more than 3,450 fans have signed up for the district's Facebook site and nearly 600 people are following district news on Twitter.

Those who join the sites receive the first notice of school delays or cancellations. They are also the first to receive breaking news and other announcements.

In addition, the sites feature student artwork posted each week to the Student Gallery on the district website, as well as photos and feature articles about school programs, events, and accomplishments among students and staff.

To follow the district on Facebook and Twitter, go to the school district website at www.puyallup.k12.wa.us. On the bottom of the Home page, click the Facebook and Twitter links.

Please use our **Attendance Phone Line**.

Our 24 hour attendance call line is **840-8881 then press 1** to leave a message.

When a student is absent we need to hear from a parent. Please make sure to call in, preferably as early in the day as possible. All students must have a note or a message from a parent for the absence to be excused. All students are required to stop by the attendance window upon returning from an absence for a re-entry slip.

Safety Corner

Just a few reminders about student safety! We love our bike riders but please wear your bike helmets! We have noticed a few kids riding in without their helmets on.

Morning car pools: our drop-off lanes have the capacity to allow 15 cars to unload at the same time as long as all the cars pull forward in the drop-off lane. The first car should be at the speed bump. Please keep your car pulled up as far as possible in the drop off lane. Do not drive (cut through) the parking lot and drop kids off out of the lane; this is very hazardous. We do not want students walking between cars or cutting across the parking lots. Please help us keep the area safe.



THANK YOU... to all Stahl parents for your

support of the Booster Club's Entertainment Book Fundraiser!! With your help we raised over \$3000.00. Our top seller was Holley Hampton with 16 books !!

Future Booster Events:

October 19: McTeacher Night 5:00 - 7:00

October 17 - 21: Red Ribbon Week (National Say No to Drugs week)

The Booster Store will be open every FRIDAY

OFFICE OF DIVERSITY AFFAIRS

Caring adults making an EMPCC
Ethnic Minority Parent Community Council

You are cordially invited to attend our EMPCC meetings for the 2011/2012 school year.
November 10, January 12, February 9, March 8, and May 10

WHERE: Education Service Center
302 2nd Street SE
Puyallup, WA 98372
TIME: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Bridges Banter

By: Counselors Jackie Bridges and Donovan Bridges

Happy fall parents of Stahl! It looks like the season has officially changed; gone are the days of sun, only to be replaced by blustery days, rain and cooler temperatures. Towards the end of October we will see our first IPR (Interim Progress Report) coming home. Students should be bringing home their progress report on Thursday, October 20th. Parents, please discuss your child's current academic progress, and contact your child's teachers if you have concerns.

Home Access Center is up and going; please make sure you are checking your child's HAC account to monitor progress at home. If you need further assistance accessing HAC or setting it up, please contact Stahl's data processor for assistance.

Another great resource is the teacher SWIFT sites. Every teacher has a personalized SWIFT site that has class information, assignments, and downloads. You can access the SWIFT sites via the Puyallup School District website by clicking on Our Schools/Swift/Stahl. Please be sure to check these resources if additional information is needed.

Thanks,

Jackie and Donovan



CROSS COUNTRY NEWS:

The 2011 Cross Country team includes twenty-three athletes from seventh, eighth, and ninth grade. Leading the team are captains Megan Smith and Allie Caughie. Running through the heat of the afternoons in September or the downpours of October, the girls only get stronger. Each time we have a home meet means an opportunity to set a new personal record. During each of our three home meets we have had at least fifteen athletes set new personal records for themselves. Four athletes have accomplished this during each home meet including eighth grader Shaiyenne Monroe and seventh graders Kelsey Green, Ellie Saunders, and Brooke Spaulding. So far the team has earned four wins and two losses. The season wraps up Thursday, October 20, with a conference championship race at Bradley Lake Park.

FINAL MAGAZINE DRIVE ORDER FORM TURN

Volleyball

Congratulations to the varsity volleyball team: Cassie St. George, Cierra Warness, Gianna Sataraka, Kaity Nua, Katie Ragan, Kayla Phillips, Kaylean Thompson, Krystin McKelpin, Laura Moeller, Mackenzie Roberts, and Raven Olin. The team has shown great improvement and the girls are doing a spectacular job playing volleyball.

7th GRADE FOOTBALL

With several practices and games under their flag belts, the 7th grade flag football team is getting close to the end of the season. Each of the players has made Coach Rowan and Coach Leffers proud in one way or another. They are working as a team to prove that nothing can be accomplished without their teammates. Look for many of these players from Aczon to Yerbury to begin tackling for your 8th grade Storm team next year. Let's finish the season with some touchdowns and interceptions!

Scholastic Book Clubs – Online Ordering Information

Web address: scholastic.com/bookclubs

Class Activation Code: **HKMC7**

Dear Parents: Now it's easier than ever to find the perfect books for your child – shop our NEW online Book Clubs Web site. Choose from a much-wider selection of books than in the printed flyer. Plus, you can send your orders to me online and use your credit card to pay.

Best of all, **the school library earns a FREE book every time a parent places an order online.** It's so simple! Here's how it works:

- **SIGN UP** at www.scholastic.com/bookclubs. On the parent page, click the "Register" button in the "First Time Here?" section. Register for your own user name and password. When prompted, enter the one-time Class Activation Code (**HKMC7**). This unique code ensures that your order is sent to Mrs. G. Straessle, Teacher-Librarian.
- **SELECT** the books you'd like to order -- choose from thousands of titles -- many more than in our monthly flyers.

SEND your order to me online by the due date and your child's books will be delivered directly to the school.

Ordering online is fast, easy, and secure. Of course, you can still order using the form from the printed flyer. But why not see for yourself how convenient it is to order online?

Thank you and happy reading,

Mrs. G. Straessle, Teacher-Librarian

