

Fairmeadows

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February 1, 2010

FAIRMEADOWS CALENDAR

Feb 4	4 th Grade Orchestra Concert, Stilwell Junior High Gym, 7:30 p.m.
Feb 8	Conference Sign Up Sheets posted
Feb 8	K-3 Family Gym Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Feb 12	Valentine Parties, 3:15 p.m.
Feb 15	4-6 Family Gym Night, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Feb 19	No School
Feb 23	4 th Grade Musical, 3 p.m., gym
Feb 23-25	Book Fair
Feb 24-25	Conferences
Feb 26	No Chess Club

CONFERENCE SIGN UP

The sign up sheets for conferences will be posted February 8 on the other side of the office.

Wednesday, February 24

7:30-8:30 a.m. (before school)

3:30-7:15 p.m. (after school)

Thursday, February 25

4:15 – 6:45 pm (after school)

BOOK FAIR

Our Spring Book Fair is coming the week of February 22. It will be open Tuesday from 4-6 p.m., Wednesday 4-8 p.m. and Thursday 4-8 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, teacher/student previews, and selling books.

Contact Kelly Maxwell at 440-1233

(kmaxwell@msn.com) if you are interested.

This is a fun way to interact with students ...browse through books...and help raise funds for the media center and classroom libraries.

SIXTH GRADE PARENTS

Has your student signed up for the I-Care project running the first two weeks in February? Review the information sent home or contact Mrs. Wheeler at Laurenwheeler99@gmail.com.

CLASSROOM MICROPHONES

Recently the district installed sound systems in most classrooms at Fairmeadows. Even though sound systems have been around for years, in the elementary classroom, it's a somewhat new technology. The primary purpose for using sound systems in our classrooms is to amplify a teacher's voice *evenly* throughout the classroom. When this happens, every student can hear every word all of the time no matter where they sit or where the teacher stands in the classroom.

Nationwide studies have shown the effectiveness of using sound systems in the classroom in improving the learning and instructional environment of students. Research has also established direct positive correlations with the implementation of classroom sound systems, and the improvement of students' academic performance and test scores, regardless of their individual learning needs, socio-economic status, ethnicity, or limited English proficiency.

CHESS CLUB

Our team chess tournament has started. Please be on time! Also note there will be no Chess Club on February 26.

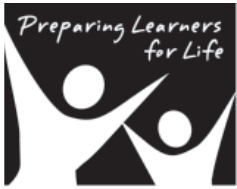
RECEIVE THE FLYER VIA E-MAIL

Are you interested in receiving this Flyer and the PFC Newsletter by e-mail? If so, please complete the following information and return it to the office.

Parent Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Student/Teacher: _____



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the regular meeting Jan. 25, the Board of Education:

- Held a hearing and awarded the bid on the resilient floor finishes project at Crestview Elementary to Ralph N. Smith at a cost of \$76,651
- Held a hearing on the Valley High School locker room air conditioning project
- Approved a change order on the Crestview renovation project
- Approved the Stop Loss Policy agreement with Wellmark
- Recognized the outstanding accomplishments of district students and staff
- Held an executive session and voted to separate a district staff person from employment

Next meeting: Mon., Feb. 8
7 p.m.
Learning Resource Center

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Mother Nature has had the upper hand! The last day of the 2009-10 school year will now be **Wed., June 9** to make up for snow days missed so far this winter.



LEARNAPALOOZA – SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for a fun, fabulous and free family event where learning is fun! Learnapalooza is a learning zone that has many fun and educational activities for children of all ages. There will be door prizes, bingo for books, interactive games and much more!

Saturday, April 10, 2010
9 a.m.-Noon
Valley Southwoods Freshman High School

ADVENTURES

Sign your student up today for an Adventures class through West Des Moines Continuing Education program. Adventures classes are held for students after school, in the evening and on weekends. Adventures classes range from learning to dance to art to computer or math club. There is sure to be something for the student in your life. For a full listing of the Adventures classes visit our website at wdmcs.org.

Registering for Adventures classes has never been easier! Go to our website at www.wdmcs.org – click on Community Education then on Adult Education/LEARNwest. Please call 633-5001 with any questions

OPERATION HELP HAITI

Students at Valley High School are sponsoring Operation Help Haiti to assist with Red Cross relief efforts on the island nation which was devastated by an earthquake Jan. 12. Operation Help Haiti t-shirts are available for \$10 each and donations will also be accepted. All proceeds will go to the Red Cross. The shirts are for sale at Valley and at many schools in the district.

Donations to Operation Help Haiti will be accepted through Mon., Feb. 15. Checks may be made payable to Valley High School.

