

NO SCHOOL TOMORROW – LID DAY

MANAGER'S MINUTE

Tomorrow (Friday, October 10) is a Learning Improvement Day (LID) for staff, no school for students. Next week is busy beginning with Vision and Hearing Screening for all students on Monday. Different classes are collecting apples to be squeezed at our Harvest Festival on Thursday morning, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. The Fire Department will be here on Friday, October 17th for a fire safety presentation. And the 3R's are being taught between all the extra activities.

PLEASE NOTE: CALENDAR ADDITION - Five new **EARLY RELEASE** dates have been added to the school calendar. Students will leave Beach at **11:50 a.m.** on the following Wednesdays: December 11, January 14, February 25, March 25, and May 13. Please add these dates to your calendars.

All Grange members need to be thanked for their annual gift of a dictionary to our third graders. The Beach School staff appreciates your volunteer spirit and support for education.

QUICK NOTES:

1. **INSURANCE INFORMATION AVAILABLE** – Ferndale School District is committed to helping all families find medical insurance for their students. More information is available in the school office.

2. **MEDS Reminder** – As cold and flu season descends upon us, please remember that students may not bring cough drops, etc. to school without a signed over-the-counter self-administration form filed in the office. Thank you for your help with this matter.

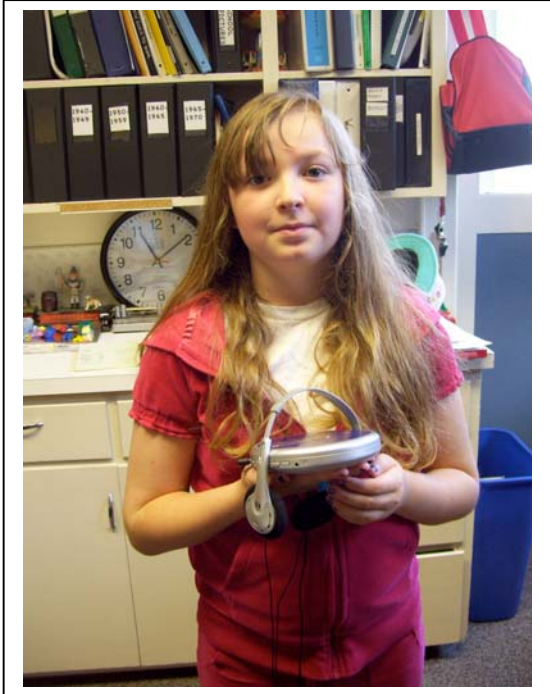
3. Students are all encouraged to bring a carved pumpkin on Friday, Oct. 24 for the Carved Pumpkin Contest.



THANK YOU TO THE GRANGE FOR OUR NEW DICTIONARIES FOR OUR THIRD GRADE CLASS!!



FAVORITE TOYS....



Chrissy's favorite toy is a cd player. She likes to listen to lots of music on it such as "Move It."



Adele's favorite toy is a stuffed panda. She like it because a panda is her favorite animal and ever since she was a baby she has loved soft and fuzzy things. She has a collection of over 12 pandas of all different types and sizes.

His red electric guitar is Micah's favorite toy. You can hear him play it every Monday and Friday during music class as Mrs. Larson is teaching a unit on guitar.



Mrs. Sheek brought her favorite toy to share this week. It is a magnetic toy that her class made several years ago. She likes it because it is fun and it helps her to understand magnetism.



COUNTY VISIONING WORKSHOPS

Elected officials and county and city planners are planning how Whatcom County will grow and develop in the next 20 years. Residents, business owners and all interested citizens are invited to the Whatcom County 2031 Vision Workshops. You will have your first opportunity to tell the county about your vision for Whatcom County's future at the workshops below. Have a voice in shaping Whatcom County's future!

Wed., Oct 15, 6-8 pm, Bloedel Donovan Park (Multi-purpose Room) € 2214

Electric Ave € Bellingham

Thurs., Oct 16, 9-11am, Bellingham Public Library (Lecture Room) € 210

Central Ave € Bellingham

Thurs., Oct 16, 6-8 pm, Lynden Community Center € 401 Grover Street € Lynden

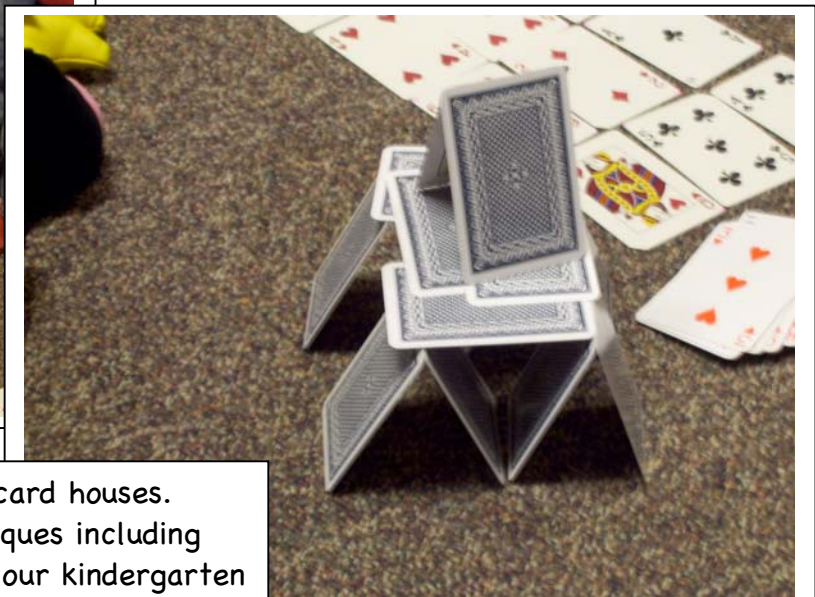
For More Info Kate Koch, Public Involvement Coordinator Whatcom County Planning & Development Services, (360) 676-6907 € pds@co.whatcom.wa.us

MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

School stability is a key to helping children and youth experiencing homelessness maintain educational continuity. Preventing homeless children and youth who are highly mobile from falling behind in their education will help them break the cycle of poverty leading many to a future of limited opportunity.

In January 2002, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was reauthorized as part of the federal No Child Left Behind Act. This law insures that homeless children and youth have access to the education and other services needed to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same challenging academic standards to which all students are held. The law says that a child or youth without a fixed, regular and adequate residence is homeless.

School districts are required to address barriers to stable school attendance. If you have any questions regarding the McKinney-Vento Act, please contact Michael Berres, Director of Special Services, 360/383-9212.



Our toy challenge this week was to build card houses. Eighteen students used a variety of techniques including the "flat house" pictured above by one of our kindergarten students.