



Eagleridge Elementary School

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Dear Orca Parents,

During the last two weeks you may have heard a lot about our school Walk/Jog a Thon goal. Our school, led in the effort by our PTO, is attempting to raise \$20,000 to be spent on field trips, enrichment, assemblies and other projects throughout the year. It is a huge and worthy undertaking. (Although I think the kids mostly just want their principal to sleep on the roof.)

Goals that you likely have heard less about, but in the long run are even more important, are our reading (During the 2009-2010 school year, all students will master all components of fluency as measured by DIBELS and building-wide expression/ phrasing/accuracy rubric.) and math goals. (During the 2009-2010 school year, all students will have fluency with grade level facts as measured by a building-wide assessment. At least once each month, every student is being assessed in relation to these. You should be receiving your child's September scores shortly if you have not already.

Your response to the information is crucial. Celebration, support, communication and involvement create the structures needed for every child to meet these goals. All of our staff will do "Whatever it Takes..." to help our children succeed, and we cherish your partnership along the way.

Have a great week.

LIBRARY HELP NEEDED!

The Eagleridge Library could use your help with shelving books. If you would like to volunteer in the library for 30 mins. week - or for as long as you want - we would love the help. It would be of great help!

Box Tops – PTO to collect

Please help us in our effort to collect every dime lying around by asking friends, family and neighbors to continue to save their box tops for our collection. A lot of products also have bonus Box Tops so make sure to cut those out too! The week of October 12th will be the first collection time, so please gather your neatly trimmed box tops, and start turning them into your teachers!! Stay tuned for class competition details!

When transporting school-age kids, cut the engine, cut the pollution

The new school year is underway for Washington's students. If you are a parent or caregiver of school-age children, you're probably familiar with the lines of idling vehicles dropping off and picking up students. As our children get back into the school routine, here's a new routine for the adults to consider—turning off the engine.

When you leave your vehicle running while it's parked, the tailpipe spews fine particles, carbon monoxide and other toxic air pollutants. These pollutants are associated with an increased risk of serious health problems, including respiratory ailments, heart disease and some forms of cancer. Children are especially vulnerable to air pollutants because they breathe faster (50 percent more air per pound of body weight) than adults. Vehicle exhaust increases many children's asthma symptoms. Asthma is a leading cause of hospitalization for children under age 15.

Stopping unnecessary idling is an easy way to reduce air pollution and protect public health. It will also reduce fuel costs and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Remember to turn off your engine if you're going to be stopped or waiting out of traffic for more than 30 seconds.

Contrary to popular myth, restarting your engine does not use more fuel or wear out your engine. In fact, excessive idling can actually increase engine wear.

For more information please see this Ecology publication: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0402011.html>

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REMINDER TO VOTE: A reminder that an election is scheduled for Tuesday, November 3, 2009. If you are not registered to vote, you may do so by picking up the appropriate form at any Ferndale schools' office, from the Whatcom County Auditor's Office in Bellingham or online at the link listed below. To register to vote in Washington, you must be 1) a citizen of the United States of America, 2) a legal resident of the state of Washington, and 3) at least 18 years old by election day. You must be registered to vote 30 days prior to election day in order to vote. If you miss the deadline, you may register to vote in person at the county elections office up to 15 days before an election.

If you need voter registration information or assistance, contact the county auditor at 360-676-6740 or

http://www.whatcomcounty.us/auditor/election_division/index.jsp. You may also call the secretary of state voter hotline at 1-800-448-4881; TDD service 1-800-422-868

Food Allergies Information Reminder

Ferndale School District addressed the food allergy/life-threatening condition issue by developing the Ferndale's "Guidelines for Managing Life threatening Food Allergies in Schools" during the 2007/08 school year. These Guidelines provided a practical framework for addressing a serious problem that affects a small, but increasing number of our students. Following guidelines will help teach our children the importance of making healthy food choices for life-long good health, and have the added bonus of improving safety for those in our community with life threatening health conditions. We all hold the safety of our children the utmost importance. Please call 383-9221 if you have questions or concerns about this policy.

Whatcom County schools to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 14, 2009

Calendar of Events			
Mon.	Oct. 12	JOM to begin	3:35 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 14	JOM	3:35 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.
Tues.	Oct. 20	Math Night – The whole family is welcome ☺	6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wed.	Oct. 21	Walk/Jog A Thon Awards Assembly	9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

