



Eagleridge Elementary School

Sept. 8 - 11, 2009 Weekly Notes

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Dear Orca Parents,

If you read the paper at the end of the summer, you may have seen some articles that reflected Eagleridge in a less than positive manner in respects to our WASL data. I would like to offer you another perspective to consider. Here are 10 reasons to celebrate Eagleridge's WASL data:

10. The number of 4's in reading increased in the fifth grade and the fourth grade this year.
9. The number of 1's in math decreased dramatically in the 6th and 4th grades, while large number of fifth and fourth grade students move from 3's to fours in math.
8. Fourth and sixth grade math scores were above the state level.
7. The number of 1's in reading decreased for the third year in a row at the fourth and sixth grades.
6. Fourth grade writing scores showed increases for the 3rd year in a row!
5. The percentage of Native American and low-income students at standard in math increased in the fourth, fifth and sixth grade.
4. The percentage of Native American students, low-income students and special education students at standard in reading increased in the fourth and sixth grade.
3. Sixth grade math scores were 3rd highest out of the 12 low income elementary or middle schools in the county.
2. Fourth grade math scores were the highest out of the county low-income schools and 3rd out of the total 31 elementary schools in the county.
1. Fourth grade reading scores were the highest in the district, the highest of 17 schools with significant low-income populations and the 3rd highest in the county!

This year we will do even better by doing "Whatever it takes..."

Have a great week.

John

FREE Parenting Class

Brought to you by the PTO's of Eagleridge and Mountain View Elementary schools

"Positive Discipline" facilitated by Ann Marie Read from
Bellingham Technical College.

Starts Tuesday, September 29th and runs Tuesdays through November 10th
at the Whatcom New Life Assembly
Free childcare for children aged 5+ offered.

Ms. Read is a pediatric registered nurse with 21 years of parenting education for families with children of all ages (birth through high school).
This active and engaging class moves briskly covering topics including:

Temperament Birth Order Parenting Styles Mutual Respect
Kindness and Firmness Enabling vs Empowering Problem-Solving
Praise vs Encouragement

REGISTER with Susan Gribbin, Family Community Coordinator, 383-9707.

Planning time away from school?

Please fill out a Pre-Planned Absence form before you leave. It is a policy of the school district to have absences of more than 2 days pre-approved by the building administrator (principal). Forms are in the school office.

PTO Comfort Kits

The comfort kit project is up and running once again! We really need your help reminding the students & parents. If you could mention it at the upcoming curriculum nights, that would be great! The blue order forms for comfort kits were in your boxes earlier this week. They're only **\$2 each** if purchased through the PTO. Students should bring in their own kit or return an order form by **Thursday, Sept. 18**. Please put completed order forms w/ money in the manila envelope in the work room (it's just to the left of the mailboxes).

Calendar of Events

Thurs. Sept. 10	5 th Grade family night 6-7 p.m.
	6 th Grade family night 7-8 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 11	School Barbecue Lunches
	Welcome Back Assembly 2:45 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 14	PTO meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 16	2 nd Grade family night 6-7 p.m.
	4 th Grade family night 7-8 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 18	No School – Work day for teachers

A Word from the Gym...

I sure have missed all our Eagleridge kiddos! I am super excited about this school year. I am hoping for a lot of hard work, great attitudes, and fitness success. In order to help your child be successful in PE, they will need your help. I will be sending home a PE Contract this upcoming week (green paper). Please look for it, read it over, sign it and return it to me. This is very important to your child's health and success in PE. Thank you in advance for your time and commitment to your child ☺ Mrs. O'Brien

