



Pusey Pride

Pusey Elementary

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November 2009

Mrs. Chalupnik, Principal

Celebrate 150 Years!



Please join us at Pusey Elementary to celebrate 150 years of academic excellence. We are hosting an open house on November 17th from 5:30-7:30.

Parents, students, alumni, and friends are invited to visit the building and browse the displays that Pusey's staff and students have developed for this special event. We look forward to sharing our past, present, and future with you!

Chalupnik Chatter

Illnesses have hit Pusey pretty hard these past few weeks. I know it can be difficult missing work with sick children, but your cooperation has been greatly appreciated. We have been taking extra precautions at school to prevent the spread of illness. Children are washing hands frequently and learning to cough into their elbow to prevent the spread of germs.

As a reminder, children who are sent to the office and have a fever are considered contagious. We will call parents to come to school to get the ill child. Students are not permitted to return to school until they are at least 24 hour fever-free. This helps to prevent further spread of colds and flu.

Thanks again for helping us to stay happy and healthy!

Your partner in education,

Mrs. Melissa Chalupnik



Counselor's Corner



Successful students study whether they want to or not. Studying helps students to earn good grades and will ensure that they reach their life goals. Elementary school is the time to establish good homework habits. Here are some hints to help your child make homework hassle-free:

--Have a designated study area which is quiet and has good lighting.

--Set aside a specific time each day for completing homework.

--Keep all study materials organized and in one place (sharpened pencils, erasers, paper, markers, dictionary, etc.)

--Use planner/assignment notebook. Write down all assignments. Take it and study materials home every day. (Some teachers require a parent to sign notebook and return it to school the next day. Checking planners helps parents know what is expected and if homework is completed.)

--Don't waste time! Concentrate and complete your assignments in a timely manner.

--Upon completion, put homework into backpack immediately and put backpack in the same, conspicuous place each day so it won't be forgotten.

Finally,

--Reward yourself (a snack, a video game, TV, etc.) for a job well done!

If you would like more information on homework completion, please contact me,

Ms. Lambert
School Counselor

Dates to Remember

150th Celebration: November 17th 5:30-7:30

NO SCHOOL: November 25th, 26th, & 27th

Loathesome Lice



It seems like a never-ending battle, but we are determined to win the war. Although lice carries no diseases, they are terribly itchy and annoying to youngsters. We are taking great measures at school to protect students from passing lice to one another, but we need everyone's help and cooperation. Nits can take anywhere from seven to ten days to hatch. If you discover nits or lice, there are over-the-counter medications that can help to get rid of these pests. Along with treating the hair; clothes, bedding, stuffed animals, and upholstery should be checked as well. Lice are equal opportunity pests, and they can affect us all.

As always, please feel free to contact our school nurse or other healthcare provider if you are having difficulty controlling these pests. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Papa John's Pizza Night

Looking for an easy meal and a chance to help Pusey raise additional money? Papa John's donates a portion of sales to Pusey Elementary if you mention our school when ordering. Our special night is the last Wednesday of every month. This month, it will be Wednesday, November 25th. What a great time to get pizza in anticipation of a long day of cooking! Thanks again for your support!



Student Medication

With the cold and flu season here, parents may be sending cough drops and/or prescription medicine to school with students. Please remember that any medication, over-the-counter or prescribed by a doctor, needs to be turned in to the office when the student arrives at school. Only an adult who is certified for dispensing medication may give students medicine. Also, any medication that comes to school must be in the original packaging with a note from the parent. Thanks for your attention to this matter.

Winter Weather and Recess

It looks like the cold weather is here to stay! We would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and students to dress appropriately for the weather. Until the temperature or wind chill hovers in the single digits, students will go outside for recess, although a decision will be made for the duration of recess depending on weather conditions. We have been handing out "loaner" coats, hats, scarves, and gloves to students who don't come to school prepared. These items are intended for a one-time use in case students forget to bring their warm clothes. Our supplies are dwindling, so please make sure your child has cold weather gear at school.

Requests to abstain from recess and physical education

All students are expected to participate in recess and physical education unless under a doctor's care. Please send a doctor's note with your child if he/she will not be able to participate in these activities. Along with the excuse note, a medical release to allow the student to be readmitted to the activity will also be required. Thank you for your understanding and attention to this matter.