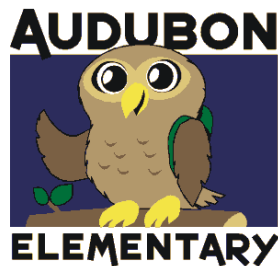


## The Owl's Nest



October 7, 2011

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

School is clicking along smoothly now. I heard many positive comments about the goal setting conferences and what a great opportunity this was to help get students off on the right foot. Goals are now set so students have a clear sense of purpose for the work they are doing and now have a better direction for what they hope to accomplish. Teachers will be busy helping to guide students and monitor their progress along the way. Parents can also help with positive encouragement and by letting children know we believe they can accomplish anything if they want it and are willing to work for it. Our schedule is back to normal now with full school days and lots of learning taking place in the Owl's Nest!

On Friday, we had an all day Learning Enhancement and Academic Planning Day (LEAP) when teachers attended, but students did not. For those of you new to our school, these days provide an opportunity for teachers to receive professional development and to collaborate with their peers to enhance the teaching and learning of students. The topics for this first LEAP day included work in teams on our Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP), where we looked at student achievement data and began to set goals for ourselves and our school for the next nine months of the cycle. Teachers also received professional development for using netbooks in instruction. There are three more days like this built into the school calendar. We are so fortunate to be able to provide teachers with this important professional development and opportunities to collaborate to enhance the learning for our students.

We do have fun with Halloween at Audubon. Students (and staff) love to dress up in costumes and celebrate the arrival of fall. In order to keep the fun in this tradition, we ask that you follow some important guidelines outlined below. Individual grade levels work together to plan a variety of events, so watch for details and information from your child's teacher. I hope to see you at the parade!

Have a great week!  
Karen Dickens

### **HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTIES – MONDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, BEGINNING @ 1:45 PM:**

Costume Parade – Everyone is invited to come and join the fun! Grades 3-6 will line up along the back sidewalk, facing the school, from outside Mrs. Fluharty's room and ending by the gym. There will be cones out to guide this line. K-2 classes will parade through to show off their costumes while other students, families and staff cheer and wave.

Students and adults of all ages may *bring* a simple costume (or just a funny hat) to wear for the parade. (Costumes are not worn to school for the entire day). In order to keep the fun in this, we do not allow costumes that depict violence and/or blood. No masks may be worn at school and no weapons (even fake); costume preparation needs to be easy and able to be accomplished by the student in a short amount of time.

Recess and class parties will follow the parade at the end of the day. Please check the information from your child's teacher for his/her class party details.

**Don't forget these important dates!**

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| 10/11/11 | Vision & Hearing Screening  |
| 10/18/11 | Picture Day   |
| 10/20/11 | International Games Night   |
| 10/31/11 | Annual Halloween Fun! - Parade begins @ 1:45p; class parties TBD individually |

**IMPORTANT QUEST INFORMATION AND CHANGES!**

In the 2012-2013 school year, **Elementary Quest** will serve second through fifth grade students. Therefore, **only students in grades 1-4** may apply for elementary Quest. Kindergarten students may no longer apply. The elementary program will accept applications Oct. 3 through Oct. 28 at 4:00 p.m.

**Students who are in grades 5 or 6** will attend **Middle School** for the **2012-2013** school year and must apply to **Middle School Quest**. Middle School applications will be available from Oct. 24 until Nov. 18 at 4:00 p.m. A Middle School Quest information night will be Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7:00 p.m., at Kamiakin Junior High School, 14111 132<sup>nd</sup> N.E. Kirkland, 98034. Attendance at information night is not required to apply.

**Yellow Emergency Cards:**

If you have not yet returned your child's updated yellow emergency card, please do so immediately. It is critical that we have updated information at the school in case we need to call you in the case of illness or medical emergency involving your child.

**School Arrival and Dismissal Times:**

We provide for supervision of students 15 minutes before school and 15 minutes after school. Beyond those times, there is no supervision so students may not be on campus. Please be aware that students may not arrive at school before **8:15 am**, and must be picked up right after dismissal. Our staff members have other obligations beyond those times and are not available to provide supervision for your child. Be sure to mark your calendar with our district-wide early release Wednesdays and ½ day dismissals on conference days.