

Important Dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
October		
6		National "Walk to School Week"
6	Noon Dismissal	Conferences (AM kindergarten attends 9am-12pm – NO bus service) (PM kindergarten does NOT attend)
7	NO SCHOOL	Teacher training/workshop day
13	During school day	Individual Student and Class pictures
13	7:00pm-8:30pm	General PTA Meeting

International Walk to School Event Thursday Morning:

Thursday morning will culminate our International Walk to School week with a special visit from the Walking Bee, Kirkland Police and Fire Departments, who will be passing out goodies to those who walked (or for those who are unable to walk, exercised) before school. Students might want to arrive a few minutes early to check out the police car and fire truck in the basketball area. The purpose of this event has been to encourage the use of safe walking routes to and from school and to encourage students to walk when possible. Thank you to Mrs. Sigmon who has coordinated the weeks activities and events!

Ribbit Run News:

Thank you to all our parents who were able to join us last week for our annual Ribbit Run. We appreciated the enthusiasm, cheering, and support in carrying out the big event. A big thank you to Teresa Arnold and her team who coordinated and carried out the Ribbit Run, their hard work is greatly appreciated! As always, our students did a fabulous job and demonstrated tremendous school pride. The money raised allows us to continue to provide resources, programs, and opportunities which enrich the school experience.

Thank you to all our families!

SACK LUNCHES AVAILABLE DURING CONFERENCE WEEK: October 6, sack lunches will be available to purchase and take home or to their daycare, when school dismisses at 12:00pm.

YELLOW EMERGENCY CARDS:

If you have not yet sent in your child's yellow Emergency card that should have been sent home your child's first day packet, please send it in this week. If you did not receive a yellow Emergency card for your child, please call the office, 425 936-2720, and ask either Geri or Sally to send one home with your child. Please, receiving this card back to school right away is most important! If you have sent your child's card in already, we thank you!

IS YOUR CHILD TARDY? Thank you for your efforts to make sure your child is on time to school every day. If your child is arriving after 8:59am, your child will be tardy to his/her classroom. You MUST park and walk your child in to the office to check him/her in if they are not able to be in their classroom by 9:00am. If you do not walk your child in, the office staff will need to call you and wait for you to return to school and sign your child in before your child will be released to walk to their classroom.

2012/2013 Quest 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. Elementary Quest information nights will be either Thursday, Sept. 29, or Thursday, Oct. 6, at either 4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held at Rose Hill Junior High School: 13505 N.E. 75th St. Redmond, 98052. Attendance at information night is not required to apply.

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. Middle School Quest information night will be Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m., at Kamiakin Junior High School, 14111 132nd N.E. Kirkland, 98034. Attendance at information night is not required to apply.

PTA NEWS

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Thank you to all the wonderful parents, teachers and staff who have paid their membership dues for the upcoming school year! Your support is needed and appreciated. Please send in your membership envelopes! Our goal is 100% participation (ie, 360 students, 360 parents, teachers and staff in the PTA) We will be having a class competition for K-2 and 3-6 for the class that has the most parents join. If you have questions, please contact Janell (janell_toppen@hotmail.com)

POPCORN CARDS are now available! (Flyer was sent home.) Please make checks payable to Thoreau Elementary.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK SALES have been tallied! Congratulations Thoreau students and families for selling 392 books! Look for information on picking up books and prizes soon! (If you still have an unpaid book that your child brought home and it hasn't been returned yet, please send it to the office as soon as possible so we won't be charged for it.) Thank You! -Kim Jones/Chairperson

HONOR CHOIR starts Monday, October 3. Due to half days for conferences, choir will be held from 12:00pm-1:30pm, Thursday, October 6. Please send a sack lunch with your child! –Mrs. Paige

STUDENT DIRECTORY: You should have received your electronic version of the 2011-2012 Thoreau Student Directory via email. You will also receive a paper copy via Kid Mail within a week. Next year the Thoreau PTA will not be producing a paper version of the directory but you will still continue to receive the electronic version. If you don't have an email address on file with Thoreau, you will not receive this important document. Be sure the office has a current email on file. Please remember this directory is for student reference only and not to be used for solicitation. Thank you, Paula Clements, Directory Chair

PTA Reflections

2011-2012 Theme: "Diversity Means..."

Amidst all the fall activities, homework and special projects here it is again: Time for PTA reflections. So help your child choose between camera, pencil, marker, ballet shoes or instrument. Allowable materials and examples as well as templates will be displayed for view across from the office shortly. A student entry form went out with your child on Friday and there are extras in the school lobby by the PTA office if needed. Those who include images or voices of people need to include a consent form attached to their student entry form. Check for rules and guidelines for the different categories under: www.ptareflections.com under: **ABOUT REFLECTIONS**. Remember it has to be your child's own work, no parent help will be accepted! In general, parents are allowed to help their child, to stay within the guidelines of the chosen categories. Come on, be creative and have fun Thoreau frogs of all ages. For questions or concerns please contact sabinegroene@hotmail.com .

MEMORY BOOK PHOTOS: If you have taken any photos at any school functions, field trips or in the classroom and would like to see them published in the 2011-2012 Thoreau Memory Book, please send them to thoreathoreaumemorybook@gmail.com. Thank you, Paula Clements

ENRICHMENT

It's that time of year again... when all students at Thoreau Elementary are invited to participate in a five-week cheer-leading class with Juanita High School's Varsity cheer squad. The cheerleaders teach the class, and your kids can learn cheers, chants and dances with the girls! This five-week class will bring new material to the participants each session and expand their enthusiasm for the sport. Great for all ages: K through 6th!

•The class will be held :

Monday, October 10th 3:30-4:30

Monday, October 17th 3:30-4:30

Monday, October 24th 3:30-4:30

Monday, October 31st 3:30-4:30

& Monday, November 7th 3:30-4:30

•Price : \$37.00 per student

Registration forms online here (return form and check - made to Thoreau PTA - via

KidMail): http://www.lwsd.org/school/thoreau/Activities/clubs/Documents/fall_reg_form.pdf

Due to low sign ups the following classes were canceled

~Mandarin ~Etiquette ~Cross Country/Running Club

***Hurry and sign up before your favorite class is gone!!!**

~Babysitting ~Creating Video Games from Scratch ~Knitting Club

~Spanish ~Yoga

Entertainment book Sales were Great! We will be working on final counts for the next couple of days, so if you still have a book to turn in, please bring it to the school office. And if you missed the sales end date and still have some to turn in, we will be happy to take them. Prize dates are still pending, but we are working to get them out as soon as possible. Thank You! -Kim Jones/Chair

Box Tops for Education and Labels for Education: These two separate programs both earn money and merchandise for our school, simply by sending in their coupons and/or labels from the things you already buy for your family. Each **Box Top** is worth a minimum of **10 cents!** Each **Label** (UPC code or beverage cap) is worth **1, 5 or 10 points.** Every classroom has a bucket to collect these coupons, codes and caps. We will have several contests throughout the year in which the class/classes that collect the most will receive a reward for each class member. Our first collection event begins **now** and ends on **Wednesday October 26th**. At the end of the year, the class that collects the most overall, will be rewarded with an ice cream party. With **Box Tops for Education** www.btfe.com, you can help earn cash for our school every time you clip Box Tops coupons, shop online at the Box Tops Marketplace or order books through the Box Tops Reading Room. With **Labels for Education** www.labelsforeducation.com, you earn points for our school every time you clip the UPC code or collect the beverage caps. Both websites are a wealth of information on their participating products and additional ways to earn money and/or points for our school. The beauty of these programs is that it allows you to support our school without spending any more money than you already do, buying the products your family already uses. Other family members and/or friends can collect for you as well. There will be a bulletin board across from the cafeteria containing information and tracking our progress throughout the year. With any questions regarding this

program, please contact me at t2anddym@frontier.com. Thank you for your support! -Titou Yarlott/Box Top and Labels Chairperson

EMERGENCY ITEMS: Reminder: Information regarding emergency survey forms and small comfort items was included in the first day packets when school began. If you wish to participate, please send them to school with your student(s) as soon as possible. Questions can be directed to Kelly Peterson at 425-269-6764. Thank you.