

Important Dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
September 30	1:30pm-3:00pm	Ribbit Run–All-School PTA fundraiser (more info to come) (AM Kinder 11:15AM)
October 3-6	National “Walk to School Week”	(Please see flyer being emailed to you today)
3	Noon Dismissal	Conferences (AM kindergarten attends 9am-12pm – NO bus service) (PM kindergarten does NOT attend)
4	Noon Dismissal	Conferences (PM kindergarten attends 9am-12pm – NO bus service except for overflow kindergarten students going to Sandburg) (AM kindergarten does NOT attend)
5	2:00pm Dismissal	Regular Day of School (Regular bus service)
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

SACK LUNCHES AVAILABLE DURING CONFERENCE WEEK: October 3, 4, and 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.

5TH AND 6TH GRADE FUNDRAISING Thank you to everyone for supporting our 5th and 6th graders who are fundraising to help offset the cost for their outdoor education excellent adventures this year. This is a special year because both 5th and 6th graders will be participating in the outdoor ed enrichment experiences, as both grade levels will be promoted to middle school at the end of this school year. Their current fundraiser ends October 3. If you know of a 5th or 6th grader and wish to help them out, please ask to see their catalog before October 3.

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)

SPIRIT WEAR! Orders due next Friday the 30th. Don't delay!

We are continuing to work with a local vendor in Kirkland to create some amazing items for you to purchase for yourself, your kids, your family & even your friends! **The BEST way to order is ONLINE.** You can choose the items you would like, pay for them with your credit card and they will ship to the school for disbursement. For ordering, please visit this site: www.proimagesportswear.com/shop. You will need to register prior to placing an order. The authorization code is 'thoreau'-all lowercase letters

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. If you missed the sales end date and still have a book, book orders, and/or money 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/Chairperson

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

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

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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.