



"Home of the Eagles"

Center Elementary School

Providing a quality education for students in
Kindergarten - Fourth Grade

317 Spokane Way

Also home to Grant County Headstart, SHARP KIDS, Community Preschool, WIC

AUGUST 2008 BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Sue Hinton, Principal

WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Once again Center Elementary was a hive of activity this summer. We were able to complete some projects left over from last summer and begin some new ones.



Before carpeting

Thanks to the revenue generated through the Medicaid Match program we were able to carpet three rooms this summer. **New carpet** was laid in Mrs. Chambers' classroom, Ms. LaValle's classroom and in Mrs. Egbert's classroom.

Beth Owen was able to finish the mural she began last summer in the cafeteria. The **mural** depicts our school's weekly Sing-A-Long. It is really beautiful.



We were also able to get the **lines painted in the cafeteria**—a project left over from last year.

A **sign** letting everyone know who we are was added to the front of the building. That's it at the top of this report. It is easy to see from the street and meets the concerns addressed by our local fire and law enforcement personnel.

We also removed a wall and **enlarged the Resource Room**. This allowed us to expand the space by 150 square feet.



Resource Room before expansion



Resource Room after expansion

Of course, we can't forget the roof! The guys worked through scorching heat to put a **new roof** over our school. They did an excellent job. It is reassuring to know that we can go through the wet season without the ceiling tiles falling in on us!



BACK TO SCHOOL BARBEQUE

Our annual Back to School Barbeque (this is year 5!) will be held on Monday, August 25th from 5:30-7:00. This year we will be changing the format somewhat. Instead of having formal meetings with teachers, parents and students will be able to visit the classrooms, drop off supplies, and then enjoy the Barbeque. A more formal Open House will be held on September 24th.

ENROLLMENT

As of August 18th we have **235** students registered for school. This is down two from our ending enrollment of 237.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 19 New Teacher Orientation
- 25 Teacher's First Day Back
- 25 Back to School Barbeque
- 26 First Day of School

- Learning Improvement Day:
- 29 Positive Behavior Interventions presented by Flint Simonsen



- 1 Labor Day
- No School
- 10 PLC Day
- Students dismissed at 1:30
- 15 School Picture Day
- PLC Day
- 24 Students dismissed at 1:30
- 24 Open House at 5:30
- 25 Cultural Awareness Day
- Native American Day
- 26 No School

WASL UPDATE

Preliminary results of the 3rd and 4th Grade WASL tests have arrived. These are not yet official as they are still being "scrubbed" (checked for errors).

Our Third Grade students showed an increase in their scores compared to the previous year's scores. This was the third year of testing for this grade level. Third grade students are only tested in the areas of Math and Reading.

Our Fourth Grade showed improvement in the areas of Math and Writing and a small decline in the area of Reading.

2008 marks the year when the "Bar" makes another increase. This increase will remain in effect until 2012 when it will again increase. Unfortunately since our increases were not sufficient enough to meet the standard set by the bar we did not make AYP.

Here are our scores:

	2006-2007	2007-2008
Third Grade		
Reading	46.5	53.1
Math	46.5	46.9
BAR	57.8 (R)	71.8 (R)
	43.0 (M)	62.0 (M)
Fourth Grade		
Reading	56.5	54.5
Math	17.4	31.8
Writing	21.7	57.8
BAR	64.2 (R)	76.1 (R)
	47.3 (M)	64.9 (M)

I will share more information, with final results in a formal report after they become available.

29 T-Shirt sale begins