



"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

## MARCH 2009 BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Sue Hinton, Principal

### Read Across America

On March 2<sup>nd</sup> we celebrated *Read Across America* day by inviting community members into our school to read to our students. This is a special event we host each year. I would like to thank the following people who took time out of their busy day to read to our students: Alisa Lind, Carla Marconi, Chet Pitner, Darlene Morava, Donna DeWinkler, Frank Ayers, Janice Archer, Jeanette Hopkins, Jennifer Williams, Karen Musser, Kevin Lind, Linda Roberts, Lisa Lakin, Liz Bock, Merle Kennedy, Nita Haag, parkes Tanner, Sue Bjorklund, susan Kennedy, Tiffany Adkins, Vicki Stevens, Janice Archer, and Jesse Utz.

I would also like to thank Kara Duclos for providing our posters and helping to write our Thank You notes. Tiffany Atkins and Jennifer Williams also volunteered their time to help with this event.

Amanda Poch also deserves a lot of credit for the success of this event. She organized everything and made sure every reader felt special. Finally, a big thanks goes out to Frank Ayers for capturing our day in pictures.

### Celebrating our PSE

March is the month when we let our PSE know how much we appreciate them and all they do. We could not run our schools without them! March 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> is PSE week and at Center Elementary we let our PSE know that they were our "Pot of Gold" and that we were "Lucky to Have You".



### Trimester Ends

The second trimester of school ended on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Report cards are available to parents online. A hard copy will be given to parents during our Parent-Teacher Conferences.

Thirty-nine students (18%) earned an "I'm Cool, I Came to School" medallion for the second trimester. That means they came all 60 days on time and remained in school all day.

### Picture Day

School picture day was held on March 16<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the individual and class pictures, this year we did an all school picture.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

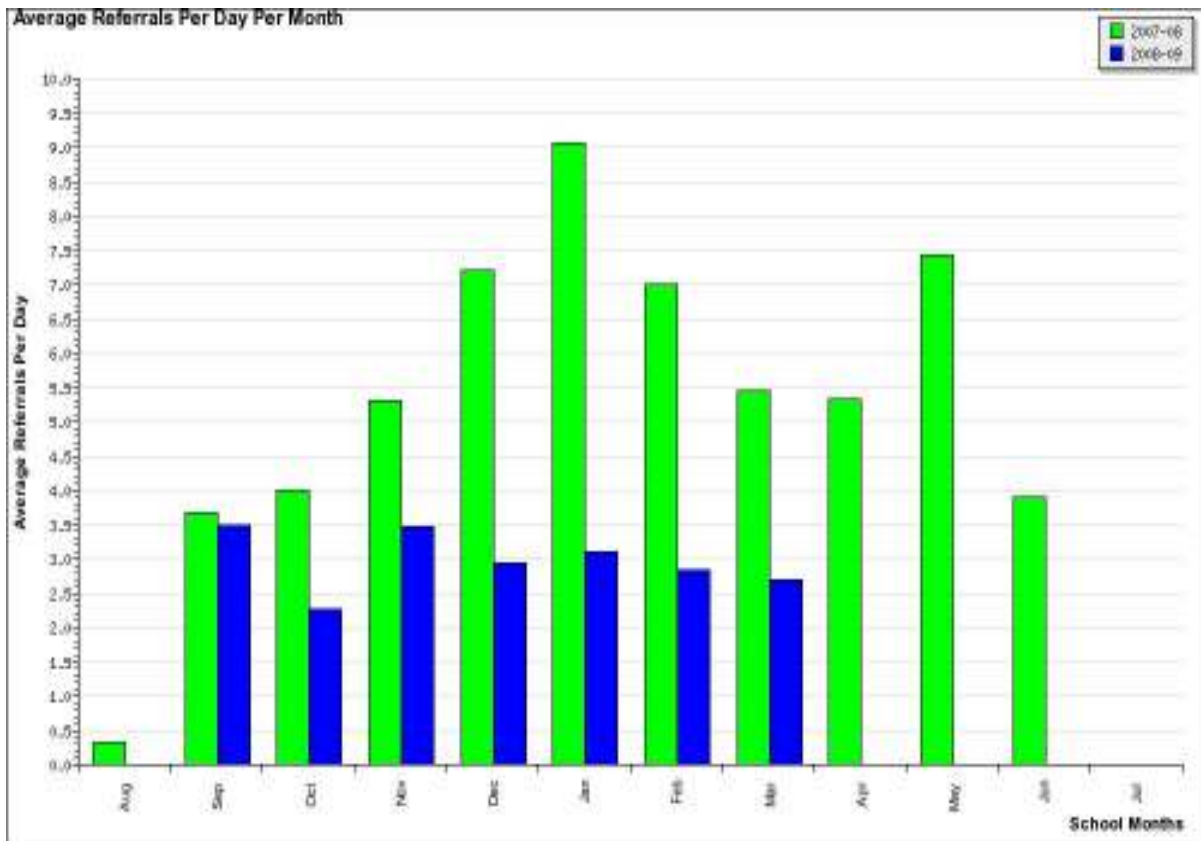
Parent-Teacher conferences were held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. Students were dismissed early on each of those days. On Wednesday night staff remained at school until 7:00 to accommodate those parents who were unable to get off work to attend during the day.

Overall we had a great turnout, with approximately 88% of our parents attending. Several more conferences have been rescheduled for next week due to conflicts with parents' schedules.

## Eagle Traits Celebration

Each trimester we celebrate our behavioral achievements with an Eagle Traits Celebration. During the 2007-2008 school year we averaged 6.8 referrals per day during the second trimester. This year our second trimester average is 2.89 referrals per day.

Although we call it a "celebration day", our activities are tied to academics. Examples of our activities are: BINGO (number and letter recognition skills); PAPER AIRPLANES (Reading Comprehension, Science) SPRING ART (Art); Aerobics (P.E.). Overall, students had thirteen activities to choose from.



# Title VII Parent Advisory Committee

The Title VII PAC met on March 16<sup>th</sup> in Grand Coulee.

**Highlights** of the meeting included:

- The board accepted the resignation of Jolene Francis, Member at Large.
  - It was decided to dissolve the standing committees *Communication* and *Attendance* for the remainder of the fiscal year.
  - A revision of the by-laws to allow the PAC to also serve as the Grand Coulee Dam School District Indian Education Committee will be prepared and presented at the next meeting.
  - The Grant window for the 2009-2010 school year is now open. We have until April 22<sup>nd</sup> to complete the application. A special Executive Meeting will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 to review/write the grant.
  - Next year's grant allocation, based upon student enrollment is \$77,854. This is down \$6,621 from the \$84,475 allocated for this school year.
- During the "Open Floor" session of the meeting several concerns were addressed by parents. These included:
- An invitation to attend the PTA meetings
  - A concern about staff behavior. Staff need to serve as role models for our students
  - A concern about the use of the "Twinkie Bus" for the Nespelem route.
  - A request for more information from the High School about the cancellation of the 9<sup>th</sup> Grade WASL testing option.
  - Donna gave an update on the progress she has made in securing funds to build a new school.
  - Jeff Brisbois introduced himself as the new attendance office for the Nespelem and Grand Coulee Dam School Districts. He is waiting for the agreement to be formalized before he can begin.
  - Title VII Chairperson, Donna met with the Tribal Council to explain the duties of Title VII and share recommendations of how impact aid funds should be used.
  - An email was read about a concern at the Middle School. The chairperson was asked to address this with the School Board.

## Upcoming Events...

- March 23<sup>rd</sup>—School Board of Directors' Meeting
- March 25<sup>th</sup>—Students dismissed at 1:30/Teacher Collaboration  
—Title VII Special Executive Committee Meeting
- March 30<sup>th</sup>—Spring Break begins
- April 3<sup>rd</sup>—Spring Break ends
- April 8<sup>th</sup>—Students dismissed at 1:30/Teacher Collaboration
- April 13<sup>th</sup>—WASL Window opens
- April 20<sup>th</sup>—Title VII Meeting at 6:30 in Grand Coulee
- April 22<sup>nd</sup>—Students dismissed at 1:30/Teacher Collaboration
- April 24<sup>th</sup>—2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade trip to the circus