



"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

FEBRUARY 2009 BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Sue Hinton, Principal

Staff Inservice Day—Friday, February 13th

All staff at Center Elementary spent the afternoon working on specific projects designed to improve our school.

Our paraprofessionals reviewed our Positive Behavior Intervention philosophy and began working on our "Cool Tools". Cool Tools are specific expectations for each area of our school along with methods of teaching these expectations to our students. By having these expectations in written form it keeps us consistent and predictable in our responses to student behaviors.

Our teachers met to review our power standards for math. Using the new standards from OSPI and the knowledge we gained from Lisa Carter, we made sure our power standards were aligned vertically and reflected the intent of the new Math Performance Expectations. We are using this information and common understanding to develop rubrics for math. Again, consistency is the key.

A Level 1, 2, 3, or 4 score will look the same in all classrooms at each grade level. As we continue along this process we will develop clear interventions for those students who are not achieving at benchmark levels—a necessary step in the RTI process.

We accomplished much on Friday afternoon, but we have a lot left to do. An exciting aspect of this move towards continuous school improvement is that it is just that—continuous.

NAEP TESTING

NAEP Testing was conducted on February 3rd. All 4th grade students took part in the assessment. Although we will not get individual or school results back from this test, the state results will be available online at <http://nces.ed.gov/NATIONSREPORTCARD>. You can also find sample test questions at this site.

“Wear Red Day”



On February 6th students and staff wore red to school in honor of “Wear Red Day” (also known as Women’s Heart Health Day). This date is also Bubble Gum Day, so we decided to break a school rule and

chew gum at school. Everyone who wore red to school was invited to stop by the office for a piece of bubble gum. Did you know that bubble gum is pink because that was the only color Mr. Fleer had in stock when he invented bubble gum? Do you know what year bubble gum was invented?

Passport to Learning

Our Family Fun Night, “Passport to Learning” was held on February 18th. We had more than 100 students, parents, and community members attend. Everyone who attended received a “passport”. Everyone who took a trip to our world of learning also received a world globe as a souvenir of their adventure.



Upcoming Events...

- February 25th—Collaboration Wednesday
- February 27th—Got Character Assembly
- March 2-March 6—School Breakfast Week
- March 2nd—Read Across America Day
- March 8th—“Spring Ahead”!
- March 9th—Second Trimester ends
- March 11th—Students dismissed at 1:30/Teacher Collaboration
- March 13th—2nd Grade Electrical Safety Assembly
- March 16th—Class Picture Day
- March 16th—Title VII Parent Advisory Committee Meeting (6:30 @ Center)
- March 18th-20th—Parent-Teacher Conferences
- March 25th—Students dismissed at 1:30/Teacher Collaboration

