



"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

## MAY 2009 BOARD REPORT

*Submitted by Sue Hinton, Principal*

**May is always a busy month! Here are some of our highlights:**

### Mini-Bloomsday

This year we celebrated our 31<sup>st</sup> Mini-Bloomsday. Students once again ran three laps around the school, the equivalent of one mile. I would like to thank our PTA and Safeway for providing our popsicles. Officer Tufts of the Grand Coulee Police Department helped us with traffic control and student safety—Thank you John! Special thanks also go out to all the parents and community members who supported our big event!

### Animals of the Rainforest Assembly



On May 1<sup>st</sup> we enjoyed learning about animals that are native to the Tropical Rainforest. Sarah, from Wildlife Adventures, introduced our students to a variety of animals, allowing them to interact



with them. Some of the animals in the show were a sloth, an armadillo, a hissing cockroach, a snake, a kinkajou, and the star of the show, Cody the coatimundi.



This assembly was provided for our students by an anonymous school/student supporter.

## Hoe Down

Just when we are able to catch our breath from our Mini-Bloomsday, it's time for our Hoe-Down. This year we used



a new format for our program. Each grade level performed a dance of their choice. At the end we all joined together for the Friendship Dance led by Shannon Rounds and members of her Powwow Club. Of course we couldn't



give up all of our traditions, so we closed the

event with our favorite, "The Chicken Dance".

I heard

from many of the parents and community members attending this event that they liked our new format. They were able to



get a clearer view of their favorite dancers when they were in smaller groups.

Derek Pulsifer supplied our sound system for us. I was told that one could here our music at the Dam. Thanks Mr. Pulsifer!



## Teacher Appreciation Week



May 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> was Teacher Appreciation Week. We let our teachers know how special they are with a "Rockin' Day" of fun. On Tuesday, National Teacher Day, teachers began their day with a full pancake breakfast cooked for them by our PSE. During the day they were surprised with special treats accompanied by a musical selection.

For example, following the first recess a student from each classroom surprised their teacher with a hand-decorated guitar pick necklace. As they were delivered the song *I Love Rock and Roll* played over the intercom. This continued throughout the day during the natural transition times. The teachers knew, by the end of the day, that they really **ROCK OUR EDUCATIONAL WORLD!**



## Future Kindergarten Students Arrive



Our annual Future Kindergarten Visitation was held on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. The future kindergarteners were able to spend the morning in a classroom, learning the ins and outs of Kindergarten from the experienced group who are about to become First Grade students. They also joined us for lunch.

Thirty of the forty registered students participated in this visit.

### Staff Development

On May 13<sup>th</sup>, Katie Frankenfield presented a timely and informative workshop to all staff on Sensory Integration Disorder. She explained ways to identify this disorder as well as some interventions staff could use to help students compensate. In the fall she has agreed to teach the "Rev Your Engine" curriculum (a six-week program) to our students. The strategies taught are valuable to all students (and staff), not just those with the disorder.



# End of the Year Calendar

Wednesday, May 20 4<sup>th</sup> grade Orientation at the Middle School  
**Students will have the opportunity to tour the school, meet the staff & vote for next year's student body officers.**

Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> } Student Led Conferences  
Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> } K-4<sup>th</sup> grade - NOON dismissal

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> Title VII Parent Advisory Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup> 1:30 dismissal

Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Field Trip - Steamboat Rock  
**Last day for lunch charges - Students will need to call home if they need lunch money in their accounts.**

Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> Kindergarten Ice-Castle Day

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> grade field trip - Moses Lake Aquatic Center  
**Leave Center Elementary at 8:45, return at 3:30**  
Kindergarten Musical Play (1:30)

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade field trip - Spring Canyon

Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> School Picnic Day  
Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade "Bubble & Art Day" (AM)  
2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Field Day (PM)

Tuesday, June 9<sup>th</sup> **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**  
Regular start time, 11:00 dismissal  
**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Promotion**