



"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

## NOVEMBER 2008 BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Sue Hinton, Principal

### Parent-Teacher Conferences

We began this month with our annual Fall Conferences held on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup>. Staff stayed late on Wednesday night to accommodate those parents who were unable to attend during the day.

Over all we had 84% of our parents attend. The table below shows a breakdown by classroom and grade level of parents who attended during the scheduled conference times.

Grade Level	Teacher	% in attendance	Overall % in attendance
K	Chambers	87%	94%
	McNeil	100%	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Campbell	81%	71%
	Erickson	61%	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Harder	83%	88%
	LaValle	85%	
	Portch	95%	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Bunnell	89%	90%
	Pitner	90%	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Erickson	82%	79%
	Wiese	75%	

In addition to those conferences listed above, several teachers met with parents either before or after scheduled conference times.

### Scholastic Book Fair

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair was held during the week of conferences. This year's theme was "Book Safari". \$1,193.81 was raised for our library.

I would like to thank Vonnie George, Hope Hansen, Pam Byam, Madisyn Byam, Shannon Rounds, Sarah Wapato and Patty Neddo for volunteering their time to help with this event.

### Singapore Math's 8-Step Model Drawing

Recently several of Center Elementary teachers attended a workshop on Singapore Math. They came back so excited about what they had learned that they offered to host a mini-workshop for any interested elementary and middle school staff.

On November 19<sup>th</sup> we met in our staff room from 4:30-6:30 to learn and practice this new way of understanding word problems.

The 8-Step Model uses simple visual models to represent word problems. The drawings help students see—literally—what word problems are all about.

Thank you Jan for organizing and leading this workshop!

## November Enrollment

Enrollment counts as of  
November 24<sup>th</sup> are:

Kindergarten	48 (+1)
First Grade	44
Second Grade	57
Third Grade	40 (-2)
Fourth Grade	38

First Trimester ends  
November 24<sup>th</sup>.  
Report cards will be  
mailed home on  
December 5<sup>th</sup>.



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Preschool Bazaar  
(Cafeteria)
- Title VII Parent Advisory  
8<sup>th</sup> Committee Meeting (6:30,  
Nespelem Elementary Library)
- 10<sup>th</sup> SHARP Kids Gingerbread House  
Night (6:00, Cafeteria)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Title VII "Showcase of  
Accomplishments"
- 15<sup>th</sup> Math Leadership Alliance  
Meeting in Wenatchee
- 19<sup>th</sup> Winter Program (9:00,  
Cafeteria)
- 22- Winter Break
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From the students and staff at Center Elementary