



"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

OCTOBER 2008 BOARD REPORT

Submitted by Sue Hinton, Principal

Positive Behavior Interventions Part II

On the October 10th Staff Development Day Flint Simonsen returned to our district to share more information about Positive Behavior Interventions. At this inservice our staff learned about those students who need a little more reinforcement—the yellow and red zone students. Our paraprofessionals also were able to attend.

Flint was able to make this specific for our school. We discussed students' behaviors and strategies to change them. Although the inservice was scheduled to end at 4:00, Dr. Simonsen and the staff remained until after 5:00! One of the methods we will be using is the "Check-In, Check-Out" (CICO) strategy. We are already seeing positive results from this intervention.

It was an excellent inservice. We are implementing his suggestions and hope to have him back in February.



October 6-10 was **"Fire Prevention Week"**. We celebrated that week by discussing fire safety with our students. Our local firemen participated in our drill on Friday, bringing their fire trucks to the school once the alarm had been sounded. This allowed the students to see the firemen in their full fire fighting gear. I would like to extend a big thanks to Dean McPherson for organizing this, and to Rick Paris and his crew for sharing this event with us!

Picturing America

Thanks to the efforts of Shayla Picard, Center Elementary is the proud recipient of The National Endowment for the Humanities' (NEH) new Picturing America initiative. Picturing America provides an innovative way for citizens of all ages to explore the history and character of America through some of our nation's great works of art. The images of people, places, and events illustrating American history give our students a chance to better understand our country's past and its ideals. What better way to see the courage of a great leader than



through Emanuel Leutze's *Washington Crossing the Delaware?* How better to appreciate the power of American democracy than through Norman



Rockwell's *Freedom of Speech?*

These masterpieces are opening our students' eyes to America's rich history and culture while also providing an introduction to the broader world of the humanities.

October Enrollment

Enrollment counts as of October 24th are:

Kindergarten	47 (+2)
First Grade	44 (+1)
Second Grade	57 (-1)
Third Grade	40 (+1)
Fourth Grade	38 (-1)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- 26- 28 AWSP Principals' Conference in Spokane
- 31 Annual Halloween Parties and Parade



- 2 "Fall Back" Time!
- 3-7 Book Fair
- 5-7 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 11 No School: Veterans' Day
- 12-15 PLC State Summit in Seattle
- 17 Title VII Meeting
- 24 School Board Meeting
- 26 Noon Dismissal
- 27 No School: Thanksgiving
- 28 No School