

## PTO Meetings

12-17-13

Parents: 13 parents

Teachers: Nicole, Tom

New website. CR Facebook page, public and official. Things and can be posted by Tom and Peggy. Donna's sister. Keeping all three FB pages. Parents cannot post, but could comment. Teachers who opted in, so those teachers will post under "camas ridge". Peggy is a technology support specialist at Edison and Charlemagne. Volunteering to do our website. Has a son here.

Website. Hope for the website will be an extension of Camas 101. Gradual process incorporating all the information. Tours Jan and Feb. Tom relying on website to be a good source of information for people looking to come to camas.

Ryan, Directory. PDF will be out for winter break. Hard copy in the new year.

Upcoming events/volunteers.

Art walk January 16<sup>th</sup>. Terri has a team of documenters. Terri to print it at print shop.

Parents brought food for teachers and helpers during the art walk prep day.

And spaghetti feed. With hot water.

Sock hop a thon End of January 24<sup>th</sup> or Feb 21<sup>st</sup>? DJ Food Stamp. During the school day. Money not being locked into a specific use.

Celebration of culture. Penny.

Site Council did not meet, so no update.

Restaurant of the month. Roaring Rapids \$642

Dickie Jo's \$325

Jan 13-14<sup>th</sup> Mucho Gusto

Feb Wild Duck

Falling Sky for Spring or Summer. Give 40% and it applies to gift cards.

Thinking about another Chipotle since they give 50%!

Ninkasi pints for a cause day. Monday or Thursday in May

School Tours. Jan 27, 28, 29, 30

Feb 24, 26, 27, 28

Two weeks of tours.

Orientation and then parent led tours. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> parent tour training. Email Tom. Can come to community time or project based class, if you want to come back.. One evening in February. 75 k-1 hoping. Need 15 more 1<sup>st</sup> grade. 2 good size kinders.

Possibly offering KELP both morning and afternoon.

Lots of talk about and lots to see and hear. Who we are will be very clear.

Will have Spanish translation at tours. 2-3 tour groups at a time.

Principal's report.

Snow days. Friday was supposed to be professional dev. Staff worked Monday and did a lot of work. Only 4 couldn't make it. Very productive. Important for parents to know about what they did on their professional development.

Collaboration.

Parents and staff working together

Teachers and kids

Staff and staff

Three school projects: Writing, Project Based Learning, Community Living goals around writing.

Smart

Key piece ;established writing goals.

Modes of writing. Traits within writing.

Modes explanatory, narrative, creative

K-1,2-3 focused on narrative

2-3 traits are ideas and voice

4-5 explanatory

Entire school is focused on making kids good writers.

Hardest thing to teach, correct and get kids to do.

Articulated and strong writing curriculum

Writing during the language arts block. Teacher will follow thru the year.

School wide writing sample assessment and then another one in May.

Students will have a portfolio.

Community living next theme is compassion which really lends itself to writing.

K1-23-45 and going to score writing samples , not scoring your own kids.

Score development for what makes good writing.

Writing also in project based class. What's reasonable to ask in writing to be rigorous projects.

Teams met today and continued to work on formulating the writing prompt. 4.5 new standards are in explanatory. Smarter Balance will replace OAKS. SB calls for writing responses on tests. Also a SB writing assessment. Accountability for writing way higher.

Tomorrow, Eric and Terri are holding a one hour professional development sessions. Community living project. Shifting from inclusion. Lots of great messages. How to bring compassion alive. Jan 10<sup>th</sup>. Conclusion of inclusion, and start of compassion assembly.

Parent energy in the projects~!

Events for strengthening the triangle, parents and kids, evening experience.

The energy around the triangle is amazing. The triangle is incompatible with bullying. Maybe just parents and how to bring it alive at home.

Maybe movie night with a movie choice about one of the triangle values.

PE will be Feb 10<sup>th</sup>. The last week in Jan will be last week of music.

Ken is going to do a music night for families. End of Feb. Every Thursday night for 10 weeks. Maybe 10 families. There will be cost per family.

Rescheduled project and art due to snow.

Snow days will be made up either on furlough or end of year.

Communication will continue

Overall assessment. Feels like it's settled some. Kids are more orderly. Ability to manage yourself, maybe at a different expectation as in the past. IN a good school, the kids require less management.