

THE BEAR BUZZ



A student generated newsletter from Sherrod Elementary
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From the Desk of Mr. Michael, Principal

Children and the Writing Process

Here at Sherrod, we strongly value student writing. There are many benefits for students when they take the time to write. This newsletter is put together by our students for our students, parents, and staff. It is filled with outstanding examples of student writing. As you know, writing is a lot more than just putting words on paper. Writing is the final stage in complex communication that begins with thinking.

As a parent there are several things that you can do to help your student improve their writing skills.

1. Model the importance of writing. Take the time with your child to journal, write a children's story, or pen a letter to a friend or relative.
2. Provide a place and materials.
3. Encourage journaling. Get them a "special notebook" for them to use.
4. Brainstorm together with your child. A common response from children is "I don't know what to write about." Help them overcome this roadblock.
5. Praise your children's writing. Do not get caught up in spelling and grammatical errors. Remember, the most important part of writing is the thinking that leads up to it.

If you have any questions or would like to share more about strategies and ideas for helping your child to become a better writer, let us know. We can help. Thanks for being a part of our learning community.

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Important Dates

Feb. 6-24—Library Book Fair
Feb. 9—Family Night at the Book Fair 6-8pm
Feb. 9—Band Concert @ 3 pm and 7pm
Feb. 10—School Wide Spelling Bee @ 2:30
Feb. 11—Battle of the Books @ Knik/Goose Bay
Feb. 16—PD day for Teachers/No school for students
Feb. 17—Parent Conference Day/No school for students
Feb. 18—Math Derby @ Cottonwood Creek Elem.

Important Dates

Feb. 21—NAEP testing for 4th grade
Feb. 22—Dress Up Day
Feb. 23—3rd Grade Music Program @ 3pm and 7pm
Feb. 23—Family Night at the Book Fair 6-8
Feb. 24—Speech Assembly
Feb. 27-March 3—Dr. Seuss Week
Feb. 27—Hockey for Heart

Our Children, Our Focus, Our Future



Our New Teacher - Ms. Hale

By Kaelin Magee

This wonderful teacher loves working at Sherrod and is going to stay in 4th grade next year. Her favorite thing about this school is the kids, then the staff. She says she has a very majestic and impressive class. She has been working for 4 years total, and started working here because it was more her style than her old school.

She is *definitely* staying here for the next few years. She likes to teach all subjects. At home, waiting for her when she walks in the door is her dog. She also has some chickens, by that I mean twelve, (12!) This is just a teensy bit about Mrs. Hale.



MUSIC NOTES



By Ariella Burdan

Hey Sherrod Students! I have had a talk with Ms. Cooper and she has some important news for you and your families to know. First, the third grade program World Exploration concert will be on February 23rd, 2017. Yep, 2016 is over, so remember to put this on your calendar. The other piece of news you need is that the auditions for honor band and choir and band notes are due February 15th, so look at your calendars parents because you've got a busy week

Spike Set Serve By Penelope Robinson

"Mine, Mine, Mine!" This month it's all about Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Rozzi's volleyball team. This is a sport for the 4th and 5th graders, next year 3rd graders. So help cheer our team with support. Mrs. Rozzi said that the volleyball program is about learning the fundamentals of volleyball and how to be coached and to meet new friends and have some good fun. Mrs. Ray and Mrs. Rozzi say they're so excited to coach these girls and boys this year. The group is learning the basics all the way to the real stuff and it's gonna rock this volleyball season.

The Buzz from Mr. Busbey by Talise Duffield

Everyone, are you excited for Hockey? Mr. Busbey said there is a hockey tournament and it is at the end of February. He has also said there is Hockey for Heart on February 27th, that you should look into. More information will be sent home soon about it.

Don't Miss Out!

Order your yearbook today!
You can order online at
www.ybpay.lifetouch.com, enter code:
12595517 or get a paper order form from the
office.

Library News from Ms. Melton

Although it may not look much like spring outside, we will be having our Scholastic Spring Book Fair starting Feb. 6th and running through February 24th. We will have a Family Night on Feb. 9th when there is also a band concert. There will be a second Family Night on Feb 23rd when there is a 3rd grade program music.

Good luck to our Battle of the Books teams who will be competing in the district tournament at Knik Elementary on Feb. 11th. Our 3rd /4th team is Teighton Clark, Harriette Kost, Anna Burgess, and Abby Schaff. Our 5th grade team is Falyn Cerna, Jack Stroup, Theresa Arreola, and Nevaeh Jones. They have been practicing very hard.

The 2017 Newbery-winning book was just announced at the American Library Association conference. It is *The Girl Who Drank the Moon* by Kelly Barnhill. The 4th and 5th grade students will be reading a Newbery-winning book this quarter and doing a report on the book and the author.

Ms. Melton

February Holidays
By Lorraine Leingang

There are many holidays in February, but there are three main ones, Groundhog's Day, Presidents' Day, and Valentine's Day. Groundhog's Day falls on February 2nd. We believe that if the groundhog sees its shadow there will be six more weeks of winter. If it does not see any shadows, it will be spring at last.

Now Valentine's Day is a time for love and cheer. You spend it with your family and friends that are near. In elementary school, you will often celebrate this wonderful day with treats and games. The traditional party will have people giving out treats in your personalized box, then you go back to see the goodies you got.

Last but certainly not least, there is Presidents' Day. It is celebrated because people wanted to celebrate George Washington's birthday, which is February 22nd. Eventually they changed it to February 20th. Over time people decided to include Abraham Lincoln. Then they decided to include all presidents, past and present. Well now you know the most important holidays in February, and we can't wait to celebrate them.

Nurses Notes:

Winter weather requires winter gear. All students go outdoors at recess. Outdoor play will reduce school stress, stimulate the brain for learning and reduce obesity. Please be sure your student brings winter gear everyday.

February is National Dental Health month. Routine dental examinations and cleaning will prevent dental/gum disease. There is nothing better than a healthy smile.

Charlene Dermer RN.BSN.

Kitchen Tidbits

Lunch menus can be found at www.matsuk12.us under Parent Quick Links. We also have paper copies in the office that can be picked up by students.

Please pay student charges as they occur.

A Recipe For You to Try
By Kaelin Magee

I thought it might be fun to share one of my favorite drink recipes with you, Italian sodas. To make this drink you will need the following ingredients: 1 cup half & half or milk; a half a can of Sprite or plain sodas such as club soda or cold sparkling water; syrup of any flavor (though I prefer raspberry). If desired you may also want whipped cream.

Directions: Take your milk/half & half and pour it into the cup with the plain soda. Next, you will need to stir it up with a spoon or other mixing tool. After that you just put on the whipped cream (optional) and voila, you are ready to drink! So easy, right?! Well, I hope that you enjoy this quick easy recipe.

How To Succeed
By Penelope Robinson

We all know boys and girls love to stay up till 1:00 am playing games on school nights, and we all know our parents hate when we do it, so here are few things you can do to have success in school. This is all from Mrs. Charlene Dermer, our school nurse. Having breakfast is, as we all know, the most important meal of the day. Not just a fruit bar and an oranges, I mean that's good, we need protein, carbohydrates, and most importantly MILK. Lots and lots of milk because it has calcium that helps bones and teeth grow strong and we all want to be strong. Children in elementary schools need at least 10-12 hours of sleep a day. Every kid should have 7-8 glasses of water because when you are dehydrated it causes headaches and sore necks. When kids drink water, this it will lessen unneeded trips to our most wonderful nurse who loves Sherrod.



Family Art Night



Swanson/Sherrod Families
Friday, February 10, 2017
4:15-7:15 pm
At Swanson Elementary



**4:15 – 5:00: Register for
specific art classes**

Enjoy pizza! \$2.00 per slice

5:00 – 6:00: Art Session 1

**6:00 – 6:15: Volunteer clean
up and restock**

6:15 – 7:15: Art Session 2

Levels K – 2: Choose 2 Sessions

- Paper Plate Purses • Jelly Fish
- Stamping • String Art
- Tissue Stained Glass

Levels 3 – 5: Choose 2 Sessions

- Mixed Media • Fabric Heart Pillows
- Alcohol Art Cards • String Art
- Water Color Theory

