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ADMINISTRATOR'S CORNER

WELCOME BACK

I hope everyone had a nice holiday with family and friends. Can you believe it, we are half way through the school year! If anyone moved over the holiday or received a new phone number as one of your gifts, please see administration for updates. We need to have any changes in case of an emergency or need to get a hold of you.

Student/Teacher Holiday

Monday, January 19th is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, so there will be no school on this

day. We will resume on Tuesday, January 20th.

NEW MEMBERS

I want to introduce some new members to our Meadow Village Family.

Please welcome Barbara Morton, Cafeteria Manager, which you may have met her already since she started with us before the Holidays.

Sandra Villagomez, Reading Specialist. Ms. Villagomez comes to us from Houston and after waiting for a long time to get the right person, she is here now to stay.

One person that I failed to mention in our last newsletter, is JoAnn Vargas, Instructional Assistant in ALE. We are very

glad to have her on our team.

LOST AND FOUND

If your child is missing a sweater, jacket, gloves, coat, etc., come by our lost and found cabinets in the cafeteria, you may find them there. Any items that anyone leaves around the school are put in these two cabinets. If they are not claimed by the end of the school year, we donate them to Good Will.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

I just want to remind everyone about our before school and after school dismissal. In the morning it really helps if you can pull as far up to the end of the drive way to let your child/children off. If children are let out in front of the front door, it ties up our traffic and creates a long line on the street. After school the same procedure and use the crosswalk, donot walk with your child between cars. Students are not allowed to walk down the street to get into the cars. We are always thinking of safety for you and our students. Thank you for your help and cooperation.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

I want to announce our winners for Educator and First Year Educator of the Year.

Jennifer Parker, our Computer Technologist is the winner for Educator of the year and Lissette Garcia, one of our Kindergarten teachers is the winner for First Year Educator of the Year.

Congratulations to both for a job well done!

Be on the lookout for the winner of our IA in our next newsletter.

Upcoming Events

NISD RODEO
DAY 2/13/09

EARLY RELEASE
2/13/09

PAJAMMA JAMMA
NIGHT
1/27/09

SPRING BREAK
3/09/09-3/13/09

EARLY RELEASE
3/27/09



Nurses Corner

by Yvette Haynes, RN

Our vision and hearing screening day was successful. The V & H team completed most required grades (Kinder, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th new to NISD) I will complete remaining screens and re-screen those who failed the first time. If a student fails a vision or hearing screen twice, parents will receive a referral letter indicating the need for a physician evaluation. Thank you to all students and teachers who

helped maintain a quiet and successful screening environment. Thank you to our parent volunteer who made the day flow very smoothly.



Our 4th grade girls video on menstruation/body changes has been scheduled for Friday, November 21, 2008 from 8:30am-9:20am. Permission slips will be sent home with students the week before the film. Parents/guardians are welcome to attend the video

presented by NISD Health Services. Please sign in at the front desk before attending the video.

I have sent letters home this month indicating student's delinquent immunization status. Please take your child to receive the required immunization(s) as soon as medically possible. To avoid busy doctor's offices, the San Antonio Metropolitan Health District has many walk-in clinics throughout the city, open year round. For more information, please call 207-8750 or visit www.sanantonio.gov/health for locations.

Counselors Corner

by Ms. Slama and Mr. Garza

Parents, please stop by the bulletin board between Mr. Garza's and Ms. Slama's rooms. There is a new parent information section with free workshops for parents. Throughout the year we will be placing things we hope you find useful. The first 9 weeks of school we have focused on Responsible behavior and Bullying. Here are some ideas to help you connect what your children have been doing at school to the choices they make at home.

Kelso's Choice Conflict Management Team

Conflict or disagreement is normal and often happens when children get together. However, hurtful words, gestures, or physical attack are unacceptable ways to deal with conflict and disagreement at school. Our goal is to teach students positive ways to deal with these difficult situations. We are asking students who have minor problems to try at least two of the following ideas:

1. Go to another game or activity
2. Share and take turns
3. Respectfully talk it over and listen to each other.

4. Walk away from the problem
5. Ignore the problem behavior
6. Tell the person to stop the problem behavior
7. Apologize
8. Make a deal or compromise
9. Wait to cool off

Of course, any staff will immediately handle any serious conflict that causes a child to feel threatened or frightened. By using this plan, we believe that our students will develop effective problem solving skills that they can use again and again. It will help them deal with conflict in a positive manner and make appropriate decisions. Knowing what to do may help students reduce the stress and number of conflicts they have at school.

