

Buffett Bulletin

Wednesday, October 28, 2009

Wednesday, October 28

Student Led Conferences ❖ 4:00—7:00 p.m.

PTO Fall Fundraiser Pick-Up in Gym ❖ 2:00—6:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 29

Early Dismissal (no lunch served) ❖ 11:00 a.m.

Student Led Conferences ❖ 12:00—7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30

NO SCHOOL—Teacher Inservice Day

Looking Ahead....

November 5

ImprovFest Performance: 7—8 p.m.

November 25

Teacher Inservice—No Students

November 26 /27

Thanksgiving Break—No School

December 8

5/6 Vocal Concert: 7—8:30 p.m.

December 10

7/8 Vocal Concert: 7—8:30 p.m.

December 15

5—8 Strings Concert: 7—8:30 p.m.

December 17

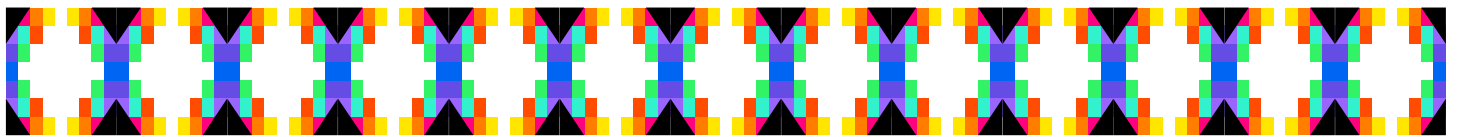
5—8 Band Concert: 7—8:30 p.m.

December 21—January 1

Winter Break—No School

January 4

Teacher Work Day—No Students



Tips From Omaha Police Department for Parents and Children

1. Check the Nebraska State Patrol website for sex offenders in your neighborhood (www.nsp.state.ne.us/SOR) KNOW who your neighbors are!
2. "Stranger" means "Danger"- have children run away from potential abductors by running in the direction of the rear of the vehicle (harder for abductor to turn vehicle around to capture anyone).
3. Have "code words" If abductor tells child that their parent has instructed them to be picked up- have a "code word" that the child and parent only know so they know if the request is real or not.
4. Know child's friends and places they play.
5. Show children safe places in the neighborhood to go, i.e. McGruff Houses, etc.
6. Trust instincts—if you feel something is wrong- Run!
7. Do not fall for "help me look for lost puppy" or other ruses that allow an abductor to approach a child.
8. Scream very loud-draw attention to yourself if someone is attempting to abduct.
9. Do not let small children use public rest rooms by themselves.
10. Talk to kids about "predators".
11. Kids should keep parents aware of their whereabouts .
12. No hitchhiking.

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What Is a McGruff House?

A McGruff House is a temporary haven for children who find themselves in frightening or dangerous situations. Children are told that they can go to specially marked McGruff Houses any time they sense danger as they go to and from school or are playing in the neighborhood.

Check your Wednesday Folder next week to learn how to become a McGruff Volunteer.

OPS American Recovery and Reinvestment ACT (ARRA) Plan Frequently Asked Questions

Q. How will the ARRA money be spent in Omaha Public Schools (OPS)?

A. OPS has prioritized Early Childhood Education, Drop-Out Prevention, Professional Development, Accountability and Construction as top goals for ARRA spending.

Q. Is there any way to get a breakdown of how much money OPS is spending and out of what ARRA budget?

A. The next issue of the OPS ARRA Plan will present a spread sheet for each area that will provide the expenditures for materials or services purchased with ARRA dollars. The spread sheet will be updated on a monthly basis to reflect purchases made with ARRA money.

Q. What are the State Fiscal Stabilization Funds?

A. The Stabilization program is a new, one-time appropriation of approximately \$48.6 billion that the U.S. Department of Education awarded to Governors to help stabilize State and local budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in education and other essential services, in exchange for a State's commitment to advance essential education reform in four areas:

- i. making improvements in teacher effectiveness
- ii. establishing pre-K-to college and career data systems
- iii. making progress toward rigorous college-and-career data systems
- iv. providing targeted, intensive support and effective interventions to lowest performing schools

Calendar

Thursday, October 29—Odd Day

Rotary Presentation in the Cafeteria: 9:10—10:30 a.m.
EARLY DISMISSAL (No lunch served): 11:00 a.m.
STUDENT LED CONFERENCES: 12:00—7:00 p.m.

Friday, October 30

NO SCHOOL—Teacher Inservice



Monday, November 2—Odd Day

Mrs. Tunning's 7th Block Class attend Brundibar: 9:15—11:30 a.m.
ImprovFest Rehearsal in Room A004: 2:45—4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 3—Even Day

Gamers Club in the Library: 2:20—2:40 p.m.
7/8 Pen & Ink in Room B130: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
7/8 Math Club in Room B127: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
5A Sketching Club in Room C229: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Robotics Club in Room A017: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Chess Club in Cottage 6: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Buffett in the Groove in Room A053: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Quiz Bowl Practice in Room B124: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Fusion Strings Silver in Room A044: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Garden/Walking Trail Club in the community Room: 2:45—3:30 p.m.



Wednesday, November 4—Odd Day

Kids helping Kids Meeting in the Library: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
ImprovFest Rehearsal in Room A004: 2:45—4:30 p.m.
7/8 Art Club in Room B110: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Knitting Club in Room B120: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
ImprovFest Rehearsal in Room A004: 2:45—4:30 p.m.
7/8 Art Club in Room B110: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Buffett Bravo: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Girls' Swim Meet @ Bryan Middle: 3:10 p.m.

Thursday, November 5—Even Day

Thinking Caps Quiz Bowl in the Library: 8:00—10:00 a.m.
7/8 Celebrate Creativity @ Joslyn Art Museum: 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
6th Gr. McMillan Math Contest @ McMillan: 12:15—4:00 p.m.
ImprovFest Matinee in the Cafeteria: 2:00—3:00 p.m.
5/6 Read to Succeed in Room C127: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Chess Club in Cottage 6: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Robotics Club in Room A017: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Speech Club in Room C209: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Jazz Band in Room A052: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Quiz Bowl Practice in Room B124: 2:45—4:30 p.m.
Fusion Strings Blue in Room A044: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Boys' Basketball Game @ Lewis & Clark: 3:10 p.m.
ImprovFest Performance in the Cafeteria: 7:00—8:00 p.m.



Friday, November 6—Odd Day

Build It! @ Benson High: 8:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Ms. Tunning's 7th Block to Rose Blumkin Home: 1:00—2:15 p.m.
Bobcat Buddy Pen Pal Meeting in the Library: 2:20—2:40 p.m.
Student Council Meeting in the Library: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
Buffett Bravo: 2:45—3:30 p.m.
NJHS Meeting in the Cafeteria: 2:45—3:30 p.m.