

Fairmeadows

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November 2, 2009

FAIRMEADOWS CALENDAR

Nov 2-6	Gr 3-6 Iowa Test of Basic Skills
Nov 9	K-3 Gym Night, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 9	PFC Mtg, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 11	Veteran's Day Assembly, 10 a.m.
Nov 16	4-6 Gym Night, 6:30 p.m.
Nov 18-19	Conferences & Book Fair
Nov 19	Pancake Dinner
Nov 24	6th Grade Volleyball Tournament
Nov 25-27	No School/Thanksgiving Break

FROM THE OFFICE...

Iowa Tests of Basic Skills tests are this week! Students in third through sixth grade will take this series of assessments. Please have your student get a good night's sleep and eat breakfast. We appreciate students being prompt and parents not scheduling appointments during this time.

Mrs. Seid, Principal

CONFERENCES

The wall on the other side of the office is the place to sign up for conferences. Conferences will be held at the following times:

Wednesday, November 18

7:30 - 8:45 a.m.

3:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 19

4:15 - 7 p.m.

MEDIA CENTER DONATIONS

Jake Wheeler (6K) and Garrett Wheeler (4G) donated a copy of the book, Diary Of A Wimpy Kid Dog Days. Thank you, Jake and Garrett! Many students will enjoy reading your selection.

SPRING FLING CHANGE

Please mark your calendars! The Spring Fling has been moved from March 27 to April 10, 2010.

HELP IS AVAILABLE

The West Des Moines Human Services is an outreach program to West Des Moines citizens.

If you or someone you know needs assistance during the holiday seasons, please contact Human Services at 222-3660 to find out how to complete an application for the following services:

- Thanksgiving/Christmas Food Baskets
- Thanksgiving Day Meal
- Toys for Children
- Winter Coats

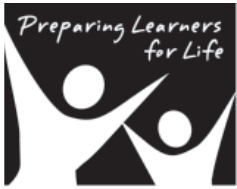
Please contact Mindy Hotovec at 222-3663 to apply for assistance or to provide food baskets for families in need. Their website is:

<http://www.wdm-ia.com/Index.aspx?page=178>

ILLNESS/REPORTING ABSENCES:

In order to decrease the chance of spreading illness to others at school, please keep your child home if he/she has:

- Had a fever of 100 degrees or more. Students should not return until they are fever free for 24 hours without the help of fever reducing medicines
- Vomited in the past eight hours
- Had diarrhea in the past eight hours
- A bacterial infection (strep throat, pink eye, etc.) that has needed treatment from antibiotics in the past 24 hours
- A constant cough that would disturb both your child and the class



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the meeting Oct. 26, the Board of Education:

- heard results of the Iowa Youth Survey from Curriculum Director Dave Blum
- reported on the Western Hills open house, Academic Awards Night at Valley, a visit to first graders at Western Hills and congratulated the fall sports teams
- adopted a resolution designating law enforcement units facilitate the exchange of information per the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)
- authorized the amendment to the Polk County Empowerment agreement
- conducted a hearing on Valley High School softball and baseball dugout improvements
- approved change orders for Indian Hills and Crestview and the accepted work as complete by a contractor at Indian Hills and Western Hills
- approved the student teaching and practicum agreement with Iowa Wesleyan College
- approved the one-year contract with Parlant Technology to provide ParentLink emergency messaging services
- recognized outstanding accomplishments of district students and staff during board recognition
- reviewed open enrollment applications

**Next meeting: Mon., Nov. 9
7 p.m.
Indian Hills Junior High**

ONLINE LIBRARY SYSTEM

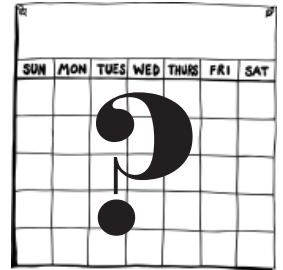
Destiny is a completely web based, automated library system. Parents and students can use any computer with Internet access to view the catalog for their school's library. You can search by keyword, title, author, subject and series. Just click on the Destiny icon to get started. You can find the link on our homepage at www.wdmcs.org.

TAKE A CLASS WITH LEARN_{west}

Don't miss out! There are still several LEARN_{west} classes being offered this fall. We know you'll find something that fits you, whether it's knitting a holiday stocking, pet massage, ballroom dancing, Microsoft Word 2007 Advanced or making a button bracelet. There is a wide variety of classes to take with LEARN_{west}. For a full listing of all LEARN_{west} classes, call 633-5001 or visit our website at <http://www.wdmcs.org/district/commed/learnwest>.

CALENDAR OPINIONS WANTED!

Don't miss this opportunity to offer your opinion on options for the 2010-11 school year schedule. A survey is posted on the district web site (www.wdmcs.org) and will be available until Fri., Nov. 6 at 4 p.m. Three choices are offered, reflecting differing start dates, winter break dates and the last day of school (without weather cancellations).



The district Calendar Committee – staff members and parents – has been meeting for several months to develop the calendar options. The survey of district staff and parents will be used by the committee to develop a recommendation to the Board of Education. The 2010-11 school year calendar will be presented to the Board for approval in early 2010, along with a tentative schedule for 2011-12.

THE GREAT COOKIE WALK



The sixth annual Great Cookie Walk benefiting the Youth Justice Initiative of West Des Moines will be held Sat., Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to noon at the West Des Moines Christian Church fellowship hall located at 4501 Mills Civic Parkway.

Hosted by the Young Energetic Seniors group of the WDM Christian Church, the Great Cookie Walk is known for fresh, homemade, gourmet holiday cookies. Last year, more than 250 cookie varieties and 1,200 cookies were sold, awarding YJI more than \$4,500. In the past five years, the event has donated more than \$18,000 to YJI, which is a publicly funded, restorative justice program that positively and effectively redevelops young offenders.

Cookie pre orders and additional information are available at www.wdmcc.org/cookiewalk or by calling 515-225-0464.