

Fairmeadows

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November 16, 2009

FAIRMEADOWS CALENDAR

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

FAIRMEADOWS SPIRIT WEAR

The PFC will be taking orders for long-sleeve t-shirts, hooded sweatshirts and quarter-zip fleece jackets until Nov. 23. If you need an order form, please contact the office at 633-6500.

PANCAKE DINNER/BOOK FAIR

Plan to attend the PFC-sponsored Pancake Dinner on Thurs., Nov. 19 from 5-7 p.m. in the lunchroom. Come for the pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice and stay for the book fair going on at the same time!

Other times for the book fair are:

- Nov. 18: 3:10-7 p.m.
- Nov. 19: 3:55-7 p.m.
- Nov. 20: 3:55-6 p.m.

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.

VISIT CHILI'S IN NOVEMBER!

It's not too late! You have two more Tuesdays in November to dine at Chili's. Ten percent of your purchase (excluding taxes) will benefit Fairmeadows. Chili's is at 11411 Forest Ave. in Clive.

THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to all the Fairmeadows families who helped our Make A Difference Week/Koins for Kids donation drive a success. Fairmeadows collected 192 items that were sent to Human Services, and our Koins for Kids jar was full. This is another one of the many ways we show caring and support for our community.

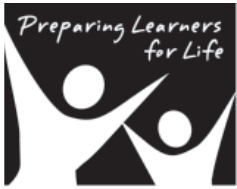
GIFT WRAP/COOKIE DOUGH

The Sally Foster gift wrap and cookie dough items will be delivered Wed., Nov. 18. Please plan to pick them up during your conferences. If you have a Wednesday morning conference, you will need to make plans to have your student bring the items home or pick them up later that day. Thank you for your orders!

LUNCH MONEY

We have many students in need of lunch money! Paying for school lunches is easier than ever thanks to the on-line PaySchools software. If you don't feel comfortable paying on-line, please consider using the software as a tool to check your student's lunch balance. You can ask the system to e-mail you when the account reaches a certain balance, which will give you time to send money to school with your student.

Please check your student's backpack on a regular basis for negative balance letters. You are also welcome to contact the office at 633-6500 any time to find out the account balance.



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BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

At the workshop Nov. 9 at Indian Hills Junior High, the Board of Education:

- took a gallery walk and learned about technology, interdisciplinary activities, collaboration, benefits of teaming, middle school characteristics, ESL and explorative coursework at the school
- learned about Positive Behavior Support at Indian Hills and the expectation for students to be responsible, be respectful and be ready
- learned about the pyramid of interventions for students who are identified as at-risk
- learned about the school's reading and math resource programs
- learned about the After the Bell program for students who want extra homework time at school
- learned about the many before and after school activities for Indian Hills students.

At the regular meeting Nov. 9, the Board of Education:

- approved a change order for Indian Hills construction
- approved the contract with Drake University Head Start to provide space at Phenix Elementary
- approved a contract with Iowa Network Services to provide additional bandwidth to the District
- reviewed open enrollement applications

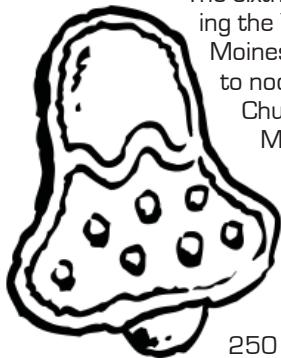
Next meeting: Mon., Nov. 23

7 p.m.

Learning Resource Center

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.

AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK

This week is American Education Week, designed to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. The weeklong celebration spotlights the different people who are critical in building great public schools for the nation's 50 million K-12 students. American Education Week's celebration days include:

SCHOOL CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-to-the-minute recordings about cancellations, dismissals and closings are available at 633-5555. The WDMCS hotline is provided as a service for students, parents, staff and community members to call if school must be cancelled or dismissed early due to weather conditions or other emergencies.



ParentLink, the district's emergency notification system, will be used to notify families of cancellations, early dismissals or other emergencies. Calls are made to home phone numbers, cell phone numbers and/or work numbers as provided to the school and entered into the Infinite Campus data system.



The district will send a test message via ParentLink in the next week or two. By implementing a test message, we are able to assess the system and make any modifications prior to the onset of severe weather conditions.

This information is also shared with the local media on television stations KCCI-TV 8, WHO-TV 13 and WOI-TV 5; FM radio stations KJJY (92.5), KIOA (93.3), KGGO (94.9), KHKI (97.3), KWQW (98.3), KZZQ (99.5), KSTZ (102.5), KAZR (103.3), KLTI (104.1), KPTL (106.3) and KISS (107.5); and AM radio stations KPSZ (940), WHO (1040), KWKY (1150), KRNT (1350) and KXNO (1460).

Student days missed due to school closing will be made up beginning June 3, 2010.