



HOLDREGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Franklin Washington R-7

MAY 2010

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, May 14:
Elementary Field Day
- Thursday, May 20:
Last day of school—
3:20 dismissal
- May 24-June 11:
Summer School
- Monday, May 31:
Memorial Day -
No Summer School
- Wednesday, August 18:
5:30 pm—Back to
School Night at all
elementary schools
- Thursday, August 19:
8:00 am—First Day of
School—1:30 dismissal



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The 2009-10 school year is coming to the end. Our students and teachers have been busy with end of the year projects and wrapping up academically. The teachers and staff hope that everyone has a wonderful summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you again in August.

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last day of school for Holdrege Public Schools will be Thursday, May 20th. In the Activity Calendar you received at the beginning of the year the last day is listed as Friday, May 21st with a noon dismissal. However, due to a teacher in-service, the Board of Education has approved moving the last day to Thursday, May 20th with a regular 3:20 pm dismissal.

FIELD DAY

Holdrege Elementary Field Day 2010 will be held on the High School football field on Friday, May 14th. Field Day will consist of 13 stations for two different age groups. The North half of the football field will be for the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th graders and the South half of the field will be for Kindergarten and 1st grades. Each station will last approximately 7 minutes. This will give the students and teachers 1 1/2 hours of fun. Start time is scheduled for 11:45 am and will complete at 1:15 pm. Parents and family members are invited to attend and watch the students have a great time.

SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer school will again be offered for students who will be finishing kindergarten to fourth grade this year. Summer school will begin on Monday, May 24th and run through Friday, June 11th. There will be no summer school on Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day. A registration form is attached to this newsletter.

If your child is receiving speech/language services (has an IEP), resource services (has an IEP), *individualized* Title services, English language learning services, or free/reduced meals, he/she qualifies for summer school at no cost. If you have questions, please call Amber Porter at 995-4339.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT & 2010-11 INFORMATION

Back to School Night for the 2010-11 school year will be held Wednesday, August 18th, from 5:30–6:30 pm at each elementary attendance center. This is a time for families to familiarize themselves with the buildings, classrooms, and school routines. The classrooms will be open for you to visit and meet the teachers, so please plan to attend.

The August 2010 newsletter will be mailed to each elementary students' home at the beginning of August. This newsletter will have important information about back to school night and the start of school, so if you have had a change of address, please contact your child's school office. If your household information changes over the summer, please contact the Holdrege Public Schools Central Office at 995-8663 so changes can be made and our records are current for this important mailing.

A school supply list for each grade will be distributed at the end of the school year and will also be posted on the school website www.thedusters.org.

LOST AND FOUND

Each building has a large amount of clothing and lunch bags left in the lost and found. Please remember that any item that is not claimed by the end of the year will be donated. If you are missing jackets, coats, hats, snow pants, boots, or lunch bags, please be sure to check the lost and found boxes at your child's school before the end of the school year.

LIFETOUCH SPRING PICTURES

Please return your Lifetouch Spring Pictures and/or money to the school immediately. Students who do not turn in either their money or their picture packets will not be able to receive their final report cards until we receive the pictures and/or payment.

SUMMER LUNCH PROGRAM

Several community organizations will be serving lunch to children on weekdays this summer. This program will start June 1st and run through July 23rd from 12:00 to 1:00 pm each day. The lunches will be served at Bethel Lutheran Church and St. Elizabeth's Episcopal church. Watch for notices about the schedule.

If you are interested in volunteering to help serve these meals, please contact Jeff Morgan at the YMCA at 995-4050.

DIBELS TESTING

During the first week of May, teachers will again be testing students on their reading skills using DIBELS, which stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills. The first tests were done in September, a second round was done in January, so staff will be able to see how students have improved over the entire school year, and identify areas where students need extra assistance for next school year.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Camp for Boys

Boys Basketball Camp Brochures were sent out to boys in grades 2-11 in mid-April. The camp will be from June 1st-4th and feature Division I players from Creighton University. Each camper will receive a summer workout and camp t-shirt. If you have any questions contact Coach Buck at jbuck@esu11.org

Camp for Girls

The Lady Duster Basketball Camp will be from Monday, June 7th through Friday, June 11th. This camp is for girls entering grades three through twelve and the cost is forty dollars. Brochures can be downloaded from www.ladydusterbasketball.com under the "Summer" link or by calling Coach Benjamin at 995-5200. **The deadline is Thursday, May 28th.**



NE-SA TESTING RESULTS

Our 3rd and 4th grade elementary students finished their NeSA testing in April. All 3rd and 4th grade students took the reading test, which will be scored against all Nebraska 3rd and 4th graders. Those results will be available in the Fall of 2010.

The 3rd and 4th graders also completed a field test for math. The math test is not scored against other student results until next year. Next year, all 3rd and 4th grade will take NeSA reading and math tests and field test in the area of science.

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Empowering Students for Success

In the Classroom...

MISS PIERCE— 3RD—FRANKLIN

Third Grade has been a challenge and we have learned a lot of new things this year. In math we enjoyed working on addition and subtraction and learning how to do 3-digit and 4-digit and "more-digit" addition and subtraction. Now we are learning multiplication and division and memorizing those facts. Thanks to Mrs. Bergman for the extra help with that before school in the mornings. We have had fun learning about adjectives in English and writing sentences and stories with all of the parts of speech. We liked everything about Social Studies. Our favorite thing about Science was the experiments. We have especially enjoyed doing things on the Smartboard and taking tests using the Clickers in all of our subjects. We like to help Miss Pierce with our monthly bulletin boards by coloring pictures for them. It has been a fun year! Have a great summer!

The mission of the Holdrege Public Schools is to prepare students to be lifelong learners and productive, responsible citizens by providing a quality education in cooperation with family and community.

MRS. DUTCHER—SPEECH—WASHINGTON/FRANKLIN

Serving Franklin (Kdg - 3rd) and Washington (2nd & 4th)
Practicing our speech sounds
Reading and writing poetry
Interesting words are what we try to use
NeSA Testing is over - Yeah!!!
Giving our best effort for a few more weeks!!!

Improving our vocabulary
Special attention to correct sentence structures

Having fun while learning
Expressing our ideas using lots of details
Remembering all we've learned this year
Excited for summer vacation!!

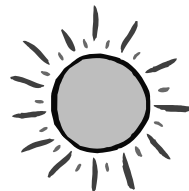
MRS. ENGLER—3RD GRADE—FRANKLIN

It's hard to believe that we've nearly finished our third grade year. We've gone from printing to writing in cursive. We've learned 540 Spelling words. We've learned many phonics rules. We've learned all of the parts of speech. We've learned reading skills associated with twenty- seven of our Reading stories. We've learned our multiplication facts. We've learned about Life Science and Earth Science. We've learned about communities of the past and present in Social Studies. We've also learned a few dances throughout the year. We've met new friends this year. We've learned what we need to know to be fourth graders. We've worked hard, but we've had a lot of fun this year!! We've had a great year!!! (There's something I'm forgetting....Oh, yes!! We've learned about contractions this year!)

MRS. BRICKER & MRS. DANNEHL—MEDIA—FRANKLIN

Third graders at Franklin have been busy researching the author Beverly Cleary. We learned how to find a trusted website and how to take notes. After information was collected students wrote a paragraph in Word about what they learned. During this process students learned how to insert a picture, make a title, and change the font. In the upcoming classes, students will apply this knowledge and create a power point on bald eagles and review internet safety.

The K-2nd grade have been learning to look up and locate books on the shelf using Destiny, the Online Public Access Catalog. The goal of these lessons is to have the students become more independent in searching for and locating books. They have learned the different sections of the library including fiction, nonfiction, easy and biography. The students have also practiced alphabetizing, and discovered how books are arranged on the shelf. They are currently working on identifying the call number from the catalog record and trying to find the book on the shelf.



PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Parent involvement is strongly encouraged in a schoolwide Title 1 school. Helping with homework is one way a parent/guardian can be involved with their child's education. The book *How to do Homework without Throwing Up* has an interesting idea to help parents and students set up an A+ schedule.

The D (for Duh) Homework Schedule

4:00 to 7:30

Play outdoors, feed the dog, eat dinner, play video games, feed goldfish, read comic book, pick nose, twiddle thumbs, stare at the ceiling for the longest time

7:30 to 9:30

Do it all again and watch TV

9:30

Go to bed

9:31

Stare at the ceiling fan, remember big major homework assignment you didn't do, sweat profusely, bite fingernails, wish for a flood or other disaster to happen so you won't have to go to school tomorrow.



The A+ Homework Schedule

4:00 to 4:30

Play outdoors, have a quick, healthy snack

4:30 to 5:30

Homework Time! Breathe deeply, do homework, think hard, stretch, think harder

5:30 to 7:00

Stop homework, play, feed dog, call a friend, eat dinner

7:00 to 8:00

Finish up any remaining homework

8:00 to 9:30

Free time (if your homework is done)

9:30

Go to bed, sleep like a baby, dream about how happy your teacher will be about your completed homework!

Summer vacation will soon be here. Parents can help their students keep their minds active by: visiting the library, reading and cooking recipes, making up stories, writing letters, reading road signs, and reviewing math facts.

2010 Elementary Summer School Registration

Kindergarten—4th Grade

All classes held at Holdrege Middle School

Please check which session(s) you would like your child to attend:

Students should sign up for grade levels based on what grade they completed, not what grade they will be starting next school year.

Week 1

Monday, May 24-Friday, May 28
1 week session \$40.00
9:00 am—12:00 pm

_____ Kindergarten:
Reading and Math
Readiness Skills

_____ 1st and 2nd Grade:
Reading and Writing
Math Skills

_____ 3rd and 4th Grade:
Reading and Writing
Math Skills

Week 2

Tuesday, June 1-Friday, June 4
1 week session \$32.00
9:00 am—12:00 pm

_____ Kindergarten:
Reading and Math
Readiness Skills

_____ 1st and 2nd Grade:
Reading and Writing
Math Skills

_____ 3rd and 4th Grade:
Reading and Writing
Math Skills

Week 3

Monday, June 7-Friday, June 11
1 week session \$40.00
9:00 am—12:00 pm

_____ Kindergarten:
Reading and Math
Readiness Skills

_____ 1st and 2nd Grade:
Reading and Writing
Math Skills

_____ 3rd and 4th Grade:
Reading and Writing
Math Skills

Please complete the section below

Student Name _____

Parent(s) Name _____

Address _____

Telephone-home _____

Telephone-cell _____

Telephone-work _____

What grade did student complete _____

School Attended _____

Daycare Provider (if applicable) _____

Daycare Address _____

Daycare Telephone _____

My child is receiving (check all that apply):

Speech/Language Services _____ Resource _____ Individualized Title _____ ELL _____ Free/Reduced Meals _____

Please return this form to your child's school office or teacher by May 14, 2010. If you have any questions, please call Amber Porter at 995-4339. You will receive more information about Summer School after we receive your registration form.