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PLEASE CALL THE ATTENDANCE
LINE TO REPORT YOUR CHILD'S
ABSENCE
209.836.7201



SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS
Hours of Operation
7:30 - 4:00

Enrollment Hours
8:30 - 11:00
12:30 - 3:00



JANUARY

- 01/02 - First Day Back from Holiday Break
- 01/15 - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday **NO SCHOOL!**
- 01/17 - 4th-8th grade Advanced Band Assembly
- 01/23 - Boys Basketball @ home vs. Jefferson
- 01/24 - LESD Board Meeting
- 01/25 - Student of the Month Assembly (times TBD)
- 01/25 - Girls Basketball @ home vs. Jefferson
- 01/30 - 5th/6th Boys Basketball @ home vs. Traina

Principal's Corner

First off, I want to wish all of the Wicklund family a Happy New Year. The past year has brought on a lot of change for many of us, and I just want to express how fortunate I feel to be a part of this community.

With that being said, I know that it has been a while since our last issue. The holiday season has come-and-gone. We have opened three new classes and hired four new teachers. This week, Mrs. Perez has started her new Kindergarten class, Mrs. Fernandez started her new 4th grade class, and Mrs. Bishop has started her new 5th grade class. Also, we have Mrs. Newton joining out PE department where she will split the upper grade PE load with Mr. Holland. We continue to receive new students from the Bethany Village, and, just last week we saw our first Altamont Village student registration! It looks like we will be opening a 1st grade class and 3rd grade class real soon. While we are full here at Wicklund this year, the opening of Bethany School next August will get us back down to the numbers the school was intended to house.

As Spring approaches, that means one big thing: STAR testing. While Wicklund maintains a high standard of test scores, we value all aspects of your child's education. Our teachers have been preparing your students all year with the curriculum they will be held accountable for, and will be gearing up for testing in April with test-taking strategies and ways to make sure your child performs to their potential. Please be on the lookout for ways that you can help your child prepare as the time draws near.

Also, in this issue of the Times, please note the new office hours of operation, phone numbers to call for attendance, and news about what is going on in our school community.

Once again, Happy New Year, and, as always, my door is open.

Sincerely,

Lemuel A. Vergara

News, updates, & notices...

THANK YOU LTA!

A BIG "thank you" goes to the LTA, the Lammersville Teachers' Association, for your kind donation to needy families this holiday season.

Lost & Found

Parents please have your children go through our Lost & Found items located in the Multi-Purpose Room, if they have lost an item in the recent past. If items are not claimed by Tuesday, January 16th, the items will be donated to a local charity.

REFEREES and SCOREKEEPERS NEEDED!

As the basketball season starts for our middle school boys and girls, we are in need of some assistance. In the rural league, home teams are responsible for providing the referees and scorekeepers for the game. We are looking for parents, family, or friends who have experience in doing either one. There will be a stipend for your time and there are only three (3) home games. Please contact Mr. Vergara if you are interested.

GO WILDCATS!!!

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS, GRANDPARENTS, and COMMUNITY MEMBERS...

Wicklund Elementary School is looking for substitute employees in the following areas:

- 1.) *Office/clerical help*
- 2.) *Cafeteria (food prep and supervision)*
- 3.) *Classroom Aide*
- 4.) *Classroom Teacher*

If any of the above opportunities interest you, please feel free to contact the Wicklund office, or swing by and pick up an application.



Planning for the Future

As planned, our community continues its rapid pace of growth and we already find it time to plan for the opening of Bethany School this coming August. The WSF would like to extend an invitation to all of the current school community (Parents, Teachers and Administrators) to begin discussions regarding the structure of next year's parent-teacher organization. We will be asking you to share your thoughts regarding the establishment of a combined school foundation to support both Wicklund and Bethany Schools. We will also discuss the alternative of continuing with separate organizations for each school. In order to make the best possible decision, we need the participation of both the Wicklund and Bethany communities. A meeting will take place later this month for this discussion. Information regarding the exact date for this meeting will be forthcoming.



SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

Thank you to the following parents who have come together to comprise this year's School Site Council:

Ed Iturralde
Michelle Jorgensen
Michell Najour
Jim Patteson
Kimberly Roberts

After receiving help from the WSF in recruiting members, we received a tremendous response from those wanting to get involved. Thank you to those who did express interest, but could not make the informational meeting.

All are welcome to attend our first official meeting on Wednesday, January 24th at 5:30 p.m. in the Wicklund Staff Lounge.

President's Message

Happy New Year! We hope that you had a relaxing winter break and have settled back into the school year by now. We have a lot of exciting events planned during the rest of the school year that we hope you and your family will enjoy. First off, we will resume our Dinner Night Out events at the end of this month. This is a good chance to meet and relax with your neighbors and friends in the school community. Be sure to look for our flyer in the weeks to come with the date, time, and place. We are also in the planning stages for our 2007 Golf Tournament so look out for registration news on that as well. Finally, we are hoping to stage two new events this spring; an Art Auction and a Multi-Cultural Event. Planning is going on now for these events but we need your ideas to get these events off the ground. Please volunteer and help us make these events another Wicklund success!

Thanks for your support and have a great year!

Andrew Martinez
President, Wicklund School Foundation



Golf Tournament

Fore! Planning has begun for our 3rd Annual Mountain House Golf Tournament to be played on May 12, 2007 at Tracy Golf and Country Club. Chairpersons and Committee Members are needed for Registration, Sponsorship, Publicity, Food and Beverages, and Awards. If anyone is interested in Volunteering or contributing as a Sponsor or Raffle Donor, please contact Andrew Martinez at 209-832-7568 or at amart92692@aol.com.



Multi-Cultural Event

The WSF would like to sponsor a Multi-Cultural event this spring in order to promote cultural awareness and understanding throughout our community. In order for this event to become a reality, we need volunteers to help plan and organize this event. If you are interested in volunteering to help, please contact Andrew Martinez at 209-832-7568 or at amart92692@aol.com. Thanks!



Volunteers Still Needed

The need for volunteers is ongoing. Thank you to all of those parents who have donated their time and resources to help at school activities so far. If you would like to volunteer as a room parent or at WSF activities, please contact Susan Patteson at sulepa@sbcglobal.net or at 209-346-6786.



New Web Site Up-and-Running

The new Wicklund Elementary School Web Site is now online. We can be found at

<http://www.lammersvilleschooldistrict.net>

Just click on the Wicklund School tab and it will take you to our site. Please stay tuned as more information is placed online!