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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

1:00 - 3:00



FEBRUARY

6	-Soul Shoppe
7	-Girls' Hoops vs. Lammersville
11	-Lincoln's Birthday NO SCHOOL
12	-Boys' Hoops vs. Traina
14	-Girls' Hoops vs. Hawkins
18	-Presidents' Day NO SCHOOL
19	-Boys' Hoops vs. North
21	-SOM Assemblies -Girls' Hoops vs. New J -Soul Shoppe Parent Night
22	-2 nd Trimester Ends
26	-Boys' Hoops vs. Banta

Principal's Pen

As we have now passed the halfway point of the school year and rapidly approach the end of the 2nd trimester, it is hard to imagine that it is February already. By now, your students and teachers are set in their routine of learning, and, hopefully, you are seeing the results at home as well.

To touch on a previous subject, remember that communication is one of the keys to your child's success here at Wicklund. It is important that we all maintain a mutual relationship that allows us to talk about our children, how they are doing in the classroom, and what we all can do to help. As I stated at the beginning of the year, in order for your child to succeed, he or she will need the support of their entire education family.

Another reminder I wanted to touch on is attendance. While the weather is getting colder, it is important that we do everything we can make sure our children stay healthy. It seems as if there are a lot of "bugs" going around this season. Getting plenty of rest, eating right, and dressing warmly can help in the fight against getting sick.

News, updates, & notices...



This month Soul Shoppe is teaching our students about having a Positive Attitude. Winston Churchill said, "Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference". When Soul Shoppe facilitates a workshop, they don't TELL students what to do, but they remind students that they have choices. This month the choice is between having a positive and a negative attitude.

It's easy to be a critic, but it takes effort to keep a Positive Attitude in the face of life's challenges. The way we think affects all aspects of our lives. We encourage your children (as we know you do too) to dream big and believe that they can follow their dreams—even if those dreams seem a little silly, too challenging, or impractical to us adults. We want to be a school where having a Positive Attitude is the norm—where adults and students are motivated to accomplish their goals, where everyone expects each other to succeed, and no one gives up

Also, getting to school on time is vital. As I you have probably heard me say before, getting to school on time sets the tone for your child's learning for the rest of the day.

The final thing I wanted to touch is the theme for the months of January and February: Positive Attitude. Our children here at Wicklund are special kids, and we get to see and witness that everyday. Please talk with them about Soul Shoppe, and what they are learning about Positive Attitude. Here at Wicklund, we do pride ourselves on high academic achievement, but, more importantly, we pride ourselves on the good people we are helping raise. Please be on the lookout for more information on the Soul Shoppe Parent Night scheduled for February 21st.

As always, my door is open should you have a question, concern, or just want to talk.

Sincerely,

Lemuel A. Vergara



So please join us in reminding your child of the great person they are, and the amazing things they can do!

"Whether you think that you can, or that you can't, you are usually right."
--Henry Ford



SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS WANTED!

The Lammersville Elementary School District is looking for people to add to their "substitute teacher pool". If you have a Bachelor's Degree and have taken and passed the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST), and are interested in substituting, please contact our front office for details on qualifications and application procedures at 209.836.7200.

WSF VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

The Wicklund School Foundation (WSF) hosts/supports over the school year wonderful events and activities such as our Fall Carnival/Auction, curriculum-specific assemblies, Multicultural Day (potluck and talent show), as well as help to pay for much needed playground equipment and other supplies/materials for the school and teachers... *WSF needs parent volunteers to continue to make all this happen!*

Everyone is busy and has other commitments; however, these events/fundraisers can NOT happen if we don't have a strong parent volunteer network! Please consider coming to the WSF meetings, chairing a committee, or even just helping with a fundraiser or committee - your presence/show of support and any help is needed and appreciated!

If there is more parent participation, then the burden of making these things happen would not fall on only a few parents. There may be several openings on the WSF Board next year. Getting involved NOW will help parents get a better understanding of all the WSF does over the school year, and will allow you to see how you can better help our school.

Please show your support by coming to our next meeting. WSF meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month...and our next meeting is **February 6th at 7pm**. Childcare is provided at these meetings. At our next meeting we will be discussing our spring events, such as the 3rd annual Golf Tournament, the 2nd Annual Multicultural Day/Potluck and a new Family Movie Night - **WE NEED PARENT HELP WITH THESE EVENTS TO MAKE THEM SUCCESSFUL!**



Check out the school and district web sites @ www.lammersvilleschooldistrict.net

From the WSF President

Wicklund has accomplished so much thus far this school year! We are definitely set up for success for the second half. WSF recognizes everyone's contributions and are grateful. We are all rich in our own way. Some contribute monetarily or in goods, while others offer their many talents and/or time. No matter how you have given, your gifts are priceless!

With the start of a New Year, my family decided NOT to look back with regret on what we should, could, or would have done in the past. Instead, we look forward and are thankful for all that we do have! We are thankful for the blessings bestowed upon our Mountain House village. There are needs and challenges but together we face them as a family. May we continue to grow as a community, looking ahead to serve the needs of our current and future generations. May the sentiment of the past holidays fill our hearts with enthusiasm and generosity to continue building our community to its potential.

Wishing everyone a very prosperous New Year!

Kristin Bly, WSF President

**MUSIC NOTES**

Here is the updated schedule of concerts for the remainder of the year:

*Tuesday, February 26th, 7 PM -
2nd and 3rd Grade Concert*

*Tuesday, March 11th, 7 PM -
4th Grade "Days of 49" Musical Play*

*Tuesday, May 6th, 7 PM -
Choir, Bands and Orchestra Concert*

Other noteworthy music events:

Choir and Band - "Trills and Thrills" Music Festival, Great America - Saturday, May 10th

*Choir sings the National Anthem @ the Ports Game (*Fund-raiser) - Saturday, May 17th.*

**MULTICULTURAL DAY HAS BEEN SET!**

Saturday, April 19th is the date of our 2nd Annual Multicultural Entertainment and Potluck. We need parents to help with coordinating the entertainment and helping on the day of the event (potluck). Please come to the next WSF meeting as we will begin discussing the many tasks that are necessary to make this event happen. Please contact Chris Collins if you are interested in helping/volunteering --- kids3collins@yahoo.com, 830.8112.

**Adult English-Language Instruction Offered in Lammersville School District**

Lammersville School District will offer a free adult English Language class to parents and other adult community members. The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 7:00-8:00 pm at Wicklund School. Free child care will be provided.

Classes

Dates: *Classes begin Tuesday, January 15, 2008*

Days: *Tuesday @ Wicklund and*

Thursday @ Bethany School

Time: *6:00p.m. - 8:00 p.m.*

Call Debbie Burnette at 836-7400 Ext. 2319 for more information



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Thank you for supporting Wicklund Elementary School!