



M. Joan Pearson Newsletter

February 2010

This month's character trait is Citizenship

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER:

As hard as it is to believe, the end of January marks the halfway point of the school year. Second marking period report cards will be sent home the second week of February. I would like to take a little time to review some school procedures with you.

I would like to remind you of our school's attendance policy. If your child is going to be absent, you need to call the school to report the absence no later than 8:45 a.m. on the morning of the absence. If we do not receive a call verifying that you are aware of the absence and we can not contact you, the child is considered truant. In the interest of your child's safety, we must be assured you are aware of his/ her absence. So please contact us.

Another thing I would like to remind you of is our parking lot procedures at dismissal time. Morning drop off continues to flow nicely, but at dismissal time, we have safety concerns. Remember, if you are in either lane of traffic on the side entrance of the school, you **CAN NOT** exit your car. If you would like to greet your child at the door, please park in the lot in a parking space. There are two lanes of traffic on the side entrance of the school. The lane that is closest to the curb is the student pick up lane. Parents **CAN NOT** try to pick their child up in the left lane. This is extremely dangerous! The traffic should flow through this lane. Also, please use the crosswalks at all times. All of these rules are for the safety of you and your children. We would appreciate your cooperation with these matters.

Thank you for all of your generosity extended toward the victims of the Haiti earthquake. Our students were eager to help and took great pride in their participation in our two drives. We raised \$116.00 during a spare change drive during lunches!! We are so proud of our students.

Have a fun filled February!

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:

On Friday, February 26th, the Miller Gymnasium will be the site of Pearson School's American Heart Association Jump Rope For Heart event. This year's event will involve students in grades k-5. Jump Rope for heart promotes the value of healthy habits to elementary school children while empowering them to contribute to their community's welfare. Look for a registration packet on February 8th that will explain how your child can be a "Heart Hero" and help the AHA in their quest to fund lifesaving research.



100 pennies for the 100th day of School (Friday, February 12)
We are collecting 100 pennies as a library fundraiser.
Pennies collected go towards the purchase of library books.



Dates to Remember:

February 5: H1N1 Clinic at Pearson school from 3pm-5pm

February 8: PTO meeting: 7:30 pm at Pearson

February 9: Report cards issued

February 10: BOE meeting: 7:30 pm at Pearson

February 15: Schools Closed

February 18: Last day to purchase a 2009-2010 Pearson School Yearbook for \$13.00.

February 26: Jump Rope for Heart (grades k-5)

ATTENTION PARENTS OF FIFTH GRADERS: All students entering sixth grade must have two new immunizations by September 2010. They are Tdap and Menactra.

KUDOS TO PEARSON'S STUDENTS OF THE MONTH:



JANUARY: Self-discipline

First Grade: Ryan Halasa, Amelia Provenzano and Jai'a Love

Second Grade: Colin Voisine and Emily Schmitt

Third Grade: Xiaramarie Durham and Chrissy Smith

Fourth Grade: Serina Kanoc and Alexander Xie

Fifth Grade: Tsagan-Zul Kutinow and Chris Hubbs

FEBRUARY: Citizenship

HATS OFF TO READING:

Read Across America Update:

360 minutes is underway. Reading logs are due on February 1, 8, 16, 22 and 26. Please encourage your child to read at least 15 minutes a night. If possible, read to and with your child. It is a great way to spend time together and to model good reading.

Theme Days have been scheduled as follows:

February 5 : Wild Hat Day

February 12: Olympics : Wear red, white, and blue

February 19: Pajama Day (reminder—no slippers!!)

February 26: Have a Heart Day—wear red

