

# SNOSPRINGS ❄️ SCHOOL

Snoqualmie Springs School  
25237 SE Iss.-Fall City Road, Issaquah, WA 98029

## **Briefs from the Chief – November 2011**

### **Hearing and Vision Screening Makeup**

Last Friday, eight of our students were absent and missed the screening. We have made arrangements with the nurse to return this Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-9:30AM to screen those that were absent.

### **Parent Teacher Conferences**

Conferences will be conducted Tuesday through Friday, November 14-18. Report cards will be distributed on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Your child's teacher will be sending home conference schedules for parents to select their first, second and third choice of times that they are available. Please arrange childcare in advance, if your meeting is set for before or after school. As a courtesy to others, arrive on time and limit your meeting to the time set by the teacher. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Box Tops for Education**

Nicole Switzer, our Box Tops fundraising coordinator, would like to remind you to please continue collecting box tops until mid-March, when we will send in our final collection. As mentioned earlier, the reimbursement we receive from Box Tops helps pay for children's magazine subscriptions such as Ranger Rick, National Geographic and Sports Illustrated for Kids.

### **No School Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Day Holiday.**

Remember that Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> is a holiday and there is no school for students. Please remember the men and women in the Armed Forces who have served to protect our freedom, both past and present.

### **Community Service**

Beginning Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing through December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will start our annual **Food Drive** to support the Issaquah Food Bank. A box for each class will be placed at the entry for students to drop-off any non-perishable food donations. We will take the food directly to the Issaquah Food Bank for weighing and distribution. The class that brings in the most food, by weight, will earn a popcorn party and movie in the classroom. Runner up classes will earn a popcorn party and story time.

### **Thanksgiving Vacation**

SnoSprings will be closed during the entire week of November 21-25 in celebration of Thanksgiving. Use this time to connect with family, celebrate your heritage and share family traditions with your children.

### **School Satisfaction Survey**

Thank you to those of you that returned the School Satisfaction Survey. We appreciate the number of positive comments and suggestions for school improvement. A top priority for school improvement will be to reorganize our library book collection so that it is easier to find and reshelv books.

### **2012-13 Pre-Registration**

Applications for Pre-K, K, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades are now being accepted from current SnoSprings families. We expect a high number of returning students for next Fall, so we recommend that you get your application in this month to assure a seat for next Fall. If you need another application, it can be found at the bottom of our home page at [www.snosprings.com](http://www.snosprings.com). Alumni families and those new to SnoSprings will get an opportunity to register during December and January. Thank you to all of you for your support and continued confidence in our program.

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### **Winter Songfest Thursday, December 8th**

Our 14<sup>th</sup> annual Winter Songfest has been scheduled for Thursday, December 8th from 6:45-8PM at the Pacific Cascade Middle School campus. Volunteers will soon be needed to assist with prop/set design. Mark your calendar and extend an invitation to your relatives to attend this very special program.

### **Colds and Flu**

Please keep your child at home when it is obvious he or she does not feel well. A low grade fever indicates an illness severe enough to be communicated. A day or two at home will prevent the spread of infectious ailments and speed the child's own recovery. It also demonstrates a courtesy to the other students and teachers. Thanks for your cooperation.

### **Pickup and Drop off Times**

Some parents are still arriving late for drop-off and pickup. Students that arrive late cause a disruption to the class and requires the teacher to repeat the lesson or directions, bringing the pace of the instruction to a stop while the late student is brought up to speed. Parents that are arriving late for pickup are causing their child undue stress as they fear that they have been forgotten. In addition, it detains the teaching staff from completing their after school cleanup and next day preparation tasks. As a reminder, those parents that are late, will be subject to paying a one dollar per minute late fee. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **School Late Start or Closure due to Weather**

Winter weather and storms are approaching, therefore, this is a reminder to listen to the newscast for school closures. We follow the Issaquah School District late start or closures. If we have power, I will also send out an email to all families as well as post a voice mail notice on the school telephone answering system. During a late start, add two hours to your normal drop off time. Dismissal is regular time. Plan ahead and make sure you have flashlights, battery operated radio and extra propane for your outdoor BBQ. Typically during winter, the plateau has several days without power due to falling trees. Be safe.

Respectfully,

Joe Drovetto, Chief Administrator