



PAW PONDERINGS

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Ardmore School

27001 Greater Mack - St Clair Shores, MI 48081

Mrs. Donna Block, Principal

COMING UP...

February 12 & 15
No School
Mid-Winter Recess
Classes Resume February 16



NSF FEES

This news just arrived from the Lakeview financial department: Beginning immediately, all NSF (Non-sufficient funds) fees that are levied against checks written to the Lakeview School District will be passed to the writer of the check. That fee is \$32.00. This includes checks for Kidz Korner, Food Service, and any other activity and/or service where a check is written for payment.

Mom to Mom Sale

The St. Isaac Jogues Parents Club in St. Clair Shores is sponsoring their Fall Mom to Mom Sale on Saturday, February 6, 2010. Early bird shopping will be from 8:30 to 9 AM for special admission of \$2 at the door. General admission from 9 AM to 1 PM is \$1.00 at the door. The sale will feature tables of children's clothing, toys and furniture. NO STROLLERS PLEASE. St. Isaac's is located off 10 Mile Rd. between Little Mack and Harper. For more information, contact JoLynn @ (586) 939-9414.

Ardmore Huskies Spirit Song

Hey, look us over, we are the best,
Ardmore Huskies stand up to the test.
Don't overlook us, don't pass us by,
Our students are mighty, our colors bright, our spirit's always high,
'Cause we're the Ardmore Huskies,
Royal blue and white,
No school is better, we are out of sight
So raise up the banner and sing of Ardmore might
Come on, Huskies,
The Ardmore Huskies,
Ardmore Huskies, we're alright!

HEY!

SAFETY FIRST!

In the best interest of the children of Ardmore, it is critical that adults allow time and slow down when driving their vehicles in the vicinity of the school. We have set some practices in place to help. The parking lot gate remains closed during rush hour for pedestrian safety. Another crossing guard was hired to monitor the gate. Specific crosswalks have adult crossing guards and **MUST** be used by all pedestrians to cross the street, and crossing guards monitor traffic with stop signs in hand.

There are still some serious issues, namely, adults driving their cars too fast near the school, and also, adults allowing their children to cross the street where there is NOT a monitored crosswalk. In these stressful times, we realize people are in a hurry. However, children are predictably unpredictable. They run in front of cars, they drop their possessions in the middle of the street, they trip and fall off the curbs, etc. A split second is all it takes to seriously injure, or worse, end the life of a child. Know that even when you are running late, you must regulate your speed regardless. We are here in the interest of all children, together.

Please set a great example for your children by following the school safety rules at all times, even when it isn't personally convenient. Children absorb much about Respect, Responsibility and Resiliency by watching you, their parents. Your continued support is always appreciated.

Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Education Opportunity

It is the policy of the Board that no student in this District shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin or ancestry, age, gender, marital status, sexual orientation, disability, height, weight, and/or any other legally protected characteristic, be discriminated against, excluded from participation in, denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination in its programs and/or activities.

LAKEVIEW PUBLIC SCHOOLS

February 10, 2010

Dear Parents of Fourth and Fifth Grade Students,

Each year as part of our health curriculum, we show a short film and discuss maturation with the fourth and fifth graders. There are different films for boys and girls and for fourth and fifth graders. The entire lesson will last about 40 minutes, and will be presented on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at **Ardmore Elementary School**.

5th grade girls will view **GIRL TO WOMEN**
5th grade boys will view **BOY TO MAN**
4th grade boys/girls will view **ALWAYS CHANGING**

If you would like to preview the films, they will be shown at Ardmore Elementary, 27001 Greater Mack on Thursday, March 11, 2010 at 6:30 P.M. A Nurse from St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, our elementary counselors, Health Teacher, Mary Duster, and I will be there to answer any questions. We will also share HIV and AIDS information that we will be teaching the students.

In addition to the parent preview night, we have included our parent or guardian and student night as well. You and your child may preview the film together. This may help open communication and make your child feel more comfortable when he or she sees the film in class. This will be held at Ardmore Elementary, 27001 Greater Mack, on Tuesday, March 16, 2010. Fourth Grade Girls video, Fifth Grade Boys and Girls videos will be shown in separate rooms at 6:30 P.M. The Fourth Grade Boys video will be shown at 7:00 P.M. There will be no question and answer period on this night.

Your child is eligible to participate in this class. By law (P.A. 226), you have the right to excuse your child from participation in the class without penalty. We must receive this signed permission slip regardless of your decision.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Kay May

_____ I would like my child _____
to participate in this maturation course.

_____ I do not want my child _____
to participate in this maturation course.

Parent/Guardian

Date