



PAW PONDERINGS

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Ardmore School

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Mrs. Donna Block, Principal

COMING UP...



January 18
MLK Day...No School

January 22
Records' Day
11:25 Dismissal

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

LUNCH NOTES.....

Please review the menu with your child(ren) so she/he knows what is being served for lunch daily. Our server, Mrs. Rankin is hearing that the students do not like what is being served, resulting in wasted food and students with no lunch. Perhaps by knowing in advance what will be served, your child can bring a bag lunch on days when hot lunch is not his/her favorite.

Thank you for your cooperation!

MENU CHANGE

The menu we sent for January, February and March has Passport pizza listed on some Thursdays... Please note that chili dogs will be the menu choice on January 21, February 11, and March 4 & 25, not Passport pizza. Thank you.

Dear Ardmore Families,

Once again, a Michigan winter is upon us. It's time for children to bundle warmly as they trek to and from school. Please consider obtaining boots, snowpants and extra mittens for your children as you see them when you're out and about, if you haven't done so already.

The PTO has purchased some sleds for our playground to increase the fun factor of outdoor play, especially when it snows, and those with boots and snowpants, hats and gloves / mittens will be able to take advantage of that opportunity.

When the weather is "warm" enough, we will play outside as much as possible, but not for long periods of time. This will help children stay "energized" and focused more on their lessons when they are in class. Additionally, the clean fresh air will lessen their exposure to viruses and other communicable concerns that being in close proximity naturally brings.

On occasion, a child may need to remain indoors, for instance, if their doctor recommends it for a period of time. When this happens, we ask that parents simply write a note and turn it into the OFFICE. We will alert the teacher, as well as the lunchroom and playground supervisors. Please note that during lunch recess, our playground supervisors will be outside with the children, so children required to stay inside will remain in the cafeteria so they can be supervised. It is recommended they bring a book, or other quiet activity to occupy themselves.

Naturally, in bitter-cold weather, we will have indoor recess for all the students, and the playground supervisors will supervise inside. Those recesses are held in the classrooms, and the children remain with their classmates.

Finally, as you sort through your family's closets, we'd appreciate any donations you have of gently-worn snowpants, boots and jackets. Ms. Morissette keeps a stash of such items for children who may have need of them.

Thank you for your continued support,

Donna Block, Principal

CALLING ALL

2010-2011

KINDERGARTNERS

If you have a child who will turn 5 on or before December 1, 2010 please call Mrs. Templeton at 445-4000, Ext. 2504 at the Lakeview Administration Office to 'pre-register' for next year. Thank you.

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.

PTO NEWS

Upcoming events:

Dust off your poodle skirts and white t-shirts! The Sock Hop is right around the corner! Come join us in February for a fun filled family night of dancing to the oldies! If you are interested in helping plan this exciting event come join us on Thursday January 21st at 6:30pm in the library.

While cleaning out closets and drawers keep in mind the annual Mom-to-Mom sale is coming in March. If you are interested in helping plan this event you could join us at our next meeting. There will be more information coming home soon!

Remember to order your brick paver before the end of February. Orders are filling up fast! Don't delay! The bricks will be installed in the spring around the flag pole. This is a wonderful keepsake for the family or Ardmore Alumni. An order form is attached.

Please continue to send in Campbell Soup labels and box tops. Thanks!

Garden Club News

Garden Club is looking for donations of house plants. They should be from plants that root easily in water. Plants such as spider plants, philodendron's, jade, etc. You may send in the plants with your child next week.

Parent volunteers are always needed to help with these events. If you are interested please contact Donna Marable through the Ardmore PTO website. <http://sites.google.com/site/ardmoreelementarypto/>

Cub Scout Pack 1970 News

Upcoming events:

Raingutter Regatta on January 26th at 6:30pm in the gym. Bring you boats ready to race!

Annual Blue and Gold banquet will be held on February 21st. Please be sure to send in your donations for the raffle, shout-outs, and ads for the program. There will be more information regarding the Blue and Gold at the pack meeting.

Winter Camp is right around the corner! Turn in your down payment at the pack meeting to hold your place! Our date for this exciting event is February 26-28th! Don't miss out on a weekend of fun with your scout!

Cub Scouts is open to all boys from grades 1-5. If you are interested you may join at any time of the year! If you are interested, come check us out at our next pack meeting on January 26th at 6:30 pm in the gym. All are welcome!