



Weller Elementary News

Letter from the principal

Principal Note:

Can you believe it is the end of First quarter already? Students have learned so much. It has been a tough start because of having students out with the flu, but attendance and wellness is picking up. We understand students need to be home to get better. Even just reading with your child and asking them about what they read can help to keep them learning.

This week is a very important week for two reasons. November 3rd is voting day. Please note in our newsletter what important issues are addressed in the School bond. Voting can make a huge difference in your child's education.

This week is also Parent/Teacher conferences. If you have not set up a conference it is a very important time to meet with your child's teacher to see how they are progressing and how we can work together to help them be as successful. Please make contacting your child's teacher a priority. We expect 100% par-

ticipation. Just a few minutes can make a huge difference in your child's progress in school this year.

As always your involvement at school is appreciated and applauded. Whenever a student is struggling parent communication is the key factor that turns behaviors around. If your child is doing great it only helps them do better. Thank you for your support. We expect to have a fantastic second quarter and see lots of improvement.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Monroe
Weller Principal

Weller PTA

Did you know they spend their weekend helping prepare folders for the week? PTA events, hours upon hours of volunteering to make the PTA events special-as well as helping teachers with their heavy load.

November 2009

Calendar of Events:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 2-5

No School - Nov. 6

M&M Math Night Nov. 12
4:45-5:45

PTA - 4th and 5th Grade perform
Nov. 12 6:00-7:00

PRIDE Panther First Quarter
Bash Nov. 13 3:30-5:00

Third Grade field Trip to
Discovery Center Nov. 19

Teacher Professional Learning
Day-Students out all day
Nov. 25

Thanks Giving Vacation Nov.
26-27

Weller Staff – Always going above and beyond both in giving of their time and in giving of their personal money to enhance the classroom. There is not another more caring, giving group of people.

The character word of the month is "Caring." Caring about others includes caring for a lot of different people; those in your family, neighborhood, school, community, state, country, and world.

As you can see it truly takes a village to help our students succeed. How blessed we are to have so many caring people!!!

Thank you for caring!

Ms. Monroe –
Weller Principal



Weller Elementary is known for the variety of after-school clubs they offer. Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and C.L.I.C.K. are already underway. If you are interested in any of our after-school clubs, watch your Monday folder for upcoming information or contact the office.

October Rocks is a Hit!

October Rocks was a huge success that was enjoyed by everyone who attended. It was so great to see everyone out supporting our school.

PTA would like to thank everyone who volunteered. We had so many people making cotton candy running games and popping popcorn, your hard work helped make this night the success that it was.



Stay connected with SPS

Springfield Public Schools has several new ways for you to stay up to date with district news and information. By signing up for the SPS E-Newsletter, Twitter and Facebook, you can receive time-sensitive news and helpful information including school cancellations, news releases, messages from the superintendent and school board meeting summaries. The E-Newsletter allows you to select the types of information that is most important to you.

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- Follow SPS on Twitter at <http://twitter.com/officialSPS>.

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Weller's Parent Involvement Night By Bev Guyer, Literacy Coach



Thank you to everyone who brought their students to our "Fall Reading Festival!" Fifty-eight families attended and were able to take home books and magazines to read and enjoy.

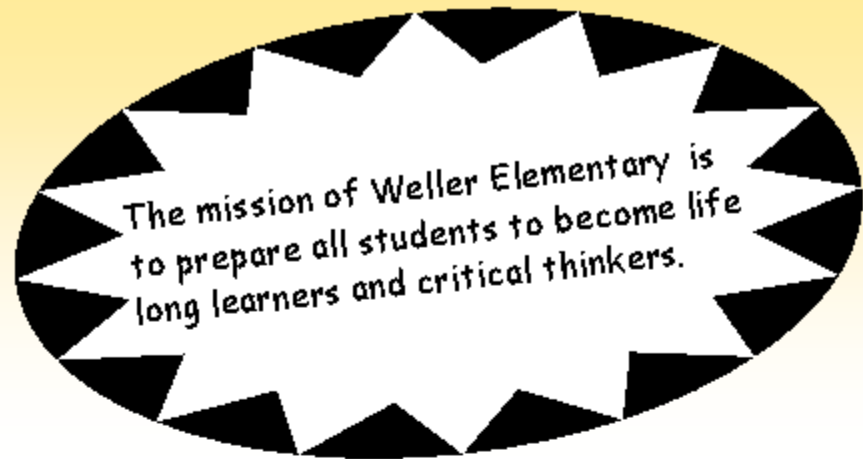
Remember to set aside time each day to read with your children at home and to talk about the things you have read.

Thank you for partnering with Weller teachers to help your students become life-long learners and critical thinkers!

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1630 N Weller St
Springfield MO 65803
523-1900

M&M Math Night
Nov. 12
4:45-5:45



Step Club

Pride Panthers/Nominated Pride Panthers

Step Club is a morning "walking" club that meets Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:45 a.m.-8:05 a.m. If you have not yet signed up and would like to participate, see Mr. Bodin for the permission form. We would also love for parents who would participate.

The following students achieved "Pride Panther" status in the month of October. We are so proud of these students and look forward to many more handprints to come.

Hailey Dill	T.J. Luschei	CJ Moore	Derek Deaver
Makayla Evans	Autumn Wimmer	Tionna Richardson	Zane Sartin
James Porter	Nathan White	Solange Junkere	Aiden Flynn
Sierra Lane	Keano Ramirez	Makayla Butler	Mariana Collins
A'Shandria Clark	Aleksei Marshall	Lexia West	Jasmine Lurry
Alisha Porter	Emie Harris	Eva Marie Harrup	Aleesha Brown
Leigh Davis	Dana Daniels	G'raavi Junkere	Matthew Gross
Eliscia Worsham	Corbyn Reynolds	Tylisha Leath	Makayla McCrimmons
Lexia Hamby	Mysha Sanders	Jason Lambeth	Kurstin May
Amanda Kindgren	William Shelton	Naylis Townsen	Sierria Green
Victoria Blevins	T.J. Cathey	Jesse Njuki	Samantha Luschei
Rhonda Petty	Aeriona Anderson	G'mani Junkere	Autumn McElroy
Olivia Conway	Tyrone Leath	Emerson Snowden	Gus Webb
André Clark	Zuri Quevado	Brea Webb	Jaelen Hitchcock
Masyn Reynolds	Alexis Davis	Jada Appleby	Kayla Collins
Evelyn Martinez	Edith Rojas	Bryon Hiatt	Destiny Martinez
Alex Guevara	Jalen Bolerjack	Emily Maggard	Danny Adams
Taylor Duffey	Kenneth Pittman	Hailey Ice	Kyle Bouldin
Latisha Coronado	Karen Reveles	James Petty	Hailie Parkison
Ethan Hembree	Kaylee Lambeth	Krista Jackson	Leah Livingston
Isaac Snider	Chandler Coady	Kenneth Barstead	Justin Schmitt
Sarah Bryant	Nicholas DuBerry	Morgan Hutchinson	Pyper Gonterman-Helm
Destiny Kimberlin	Epie Cardenas	Devon Charlton	Chlea Dollarhide
Mia Huettner			





**PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING NOTES
October 26, 2009**



The second meeting of the 2009-10 Parent Advisory Council was held at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 26, 2009, in the Kraft Administrative Center Assembly Room. Dr. Norm Ridder, Superintendent, conducted the meeting. Twenty-seven representatives were present.

The following topics were discussed:

H1N1 / Mercury Communications

N1H1

The group discussed the various reasons why sick children were being sent to school. Dr. Ridder informed the group that the attendance policies are being reviewed and that a decision should be made by the end of the week regarding this semester. H1N1 shots are now being made available at various sites. You can go to the district web page to view the schedule. When asked for feedback related to the flu bug the following responses were:

Absences affecting the grades of honor students. Possibility of offering extra credit?

Parents choosing to bring sick children to school – easier to explain absence to employer if they get a call from the school/daycare

They felt that better guidelines for returning to school should be communicated (i.e., wait 24 hours after symptoms cease)

Special Ed students – falling behind if they miss school

Have conversation with physicians RE: offering evening and Saturday hours for appointments

Change homework policy (currently they have to be absent three days before receiving assignments)

Mercury

Dr. Ridder reported that we now have the situation under control. The parents were comfortable with the outcome and communications provided.

AlertNow – Dr. Ridder requested feedback from the group on the effectiveness of the AlertNow system. Overall the representatives felt the system was working well. Areas for improvement included:

Limit the number of messages to two times per month at each site

There were concerns voiced about testing the system`

Dr. Ridder suggested that representatives work with the principal and PTA to enhance effective communication from the sites.

Springfield Area Competitive Assessment Report

Dr. Ridder shared a summary of the report prepared by Market Street Services. The district will need to work to refute the comments in the weakness statement. The comment regarding the decline in student performance is a perception, not a fact. The group felt that the district needs to focus on the benefits of increased diversity and raising the bar on teacher performance/increased teacher salaries.