

Principal's News

February 1, 2012

What Will the Groundhog See Tomorrow?

Groundhog Day ~ According to folklore if it is cloudy the groundhog will leave its burrow signifying that winter will end soon. If it is sunny, the groundhog will retreat and six more weeks of winter will occur. Given our forecast for the next few days, I think we can manage six more weeks of winter.

Student Free Day ~ There is no school on Friday. Also, the office will be closed because it is a furlough day for most classified staff.

Snow & Mad Science Fun ~ It is rescheduled and will occur on Saturday, February 11, 2012 from 12:00-3:00 p.m. Please see the flyer that was sent home today. Also, if you can contribute to the Bake Sale, that will be greatly appreciated. ([link here](#))

Multicultural Night ~ We had our first meeting last Thursday to plan this great family event that celebrates cultural diversity. We need more families to get involved, however.

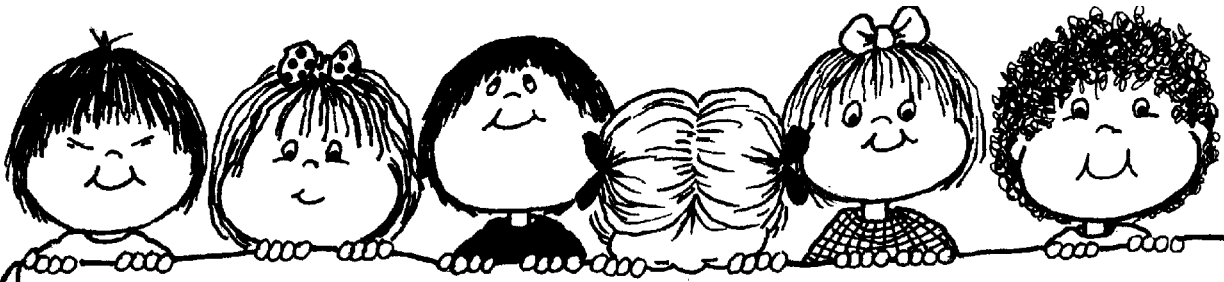
Our Neighbors ~ There have been complaints from neighbors during the past few days of cars being parked in front of driveways. This occurs both in front of the school on Madison Street and behind us on Winlock. Also, blocking garages in the alley has been reported. I know it gets congested during drop off and pick up times, but please remember to follow all the procedures we have in place.

Drop-off and Pick-up Zones ~ Please do not park on our side of Madison Street from 8:00-9:30 a.m. or 2:00-3:30 p.m. per the signs posted. This disrupts the flow of traffic and is a safety hazard.

Torrance Education Foundation (TEF) ~ You most likely received an Annual Campaign flyer soon from TEF. TEF continues to enrich TUSD education by funding District prioritized needs within our schools. Please consider donating to this vital partner for TUSD. For more information about TEF, please visit TorranceEducationFoundation.org.

TEF is currently sponsoring a raffle in which someone will win a 2012 Lexus CT 200h donated by Toyota Motor Sales, U.S.A., Inc. Each raffle ticket costs \$30.00 with \$20.00 of it going directly back to your child's classroom. The raffle tickets must be into Torrance Education Foundation no later than March 16, 2012 for the drawing on March 23, 2012. ([Link Here](#))

Science Fair ~ WALTERIA'S Science Fair will be held on Friday, March 23, 2012. All 4th and 5th grade students are expected to participate, but it is open to all grade levels. Winners from the various grade levels will be invited to the District Science Fair on April 5, 2012. Students in grades K-3 may obtain a *Science Project Proposal* and display information by accessing a link. All 4th and 5th grade students were given this information by their teacher. Please note that siblings and students from other grade levels may work on a project together. This will be a separate category with respect to selection of entries for the District Science Fair held on April 5, 2012. Since it is a requirement for all 4th and 5th grade students to complete a science project as part of their curriculum at WALTERIA, they are expected to turn in an individual one. Anything they would do with a sibling or student from another grade level would be in addition to their individual project. ([link here](#))



Open Enrollment ~ Open Enrollment begins February 1 and goes until February 29, 2012. This a process that gives families an opportunity to switch their home school. Please see www.tusd.org to apply for open enrollment.

Our Calendar ~ Please take a look at what is coming up.

Word of the Month ~ Our Word of the Month is perseverance. This is continuing to work on a task or goal no matter what obstacles may be in the way.

Please visit walteriaelementary.org to view the following announcements, afterschool programs & flyers.

Scrip Order Form ~ Order date is February 7th 2012

Snow Day Rescheduled! ~ Saturday, February 11th

Bake Sale for Snow Day

Pasta for Pennies ~ Benefiting Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Musical Minds Keyboard Class ~ Begins Monday, Feb. 6th

PLC Days

2:27pm Dismissal 1st thru 5th grades only

Feb. 8th
Feb. 15th
Feb. 22nd
Feb. 28th

Important Dates to Calendar

February 3, 2012	Student Free Day - NO SCHOOL
February 13, 2012	A. Lincoln's Birthday - NO SCHOOL
February 20, 2012	G. Washington's Birthday - NO SCHOOL
March 2, 2012	Dr. Seuss Day ~ Read Across America Read & Lunch with your child(ren)
March 19 - 21, 2012	Parent Teacher Conferences MINIMUM DAYS! 1st - 5th Grade 2:12 dismissal



Principal's Tip

Help your child learn information by singing it to a familiar tune.

