



Midwinter Issue



Ardmore Elementary
Bellevue, WA

February 2012

The Ardmore Eagle

Mandarin Info Sessions

We will be hosting two information sessions about the Mandarin Dual Language program at Ardmore, including screening a film on the topic of language immersion. The event is intended for incoming kindergarten families but anyone is welcome to join us for the film.

Session 1 is Monday, January 30th at 5pm. We'll be screening the award-winning documentary "Speaking in Tongues" about the lives of four children in four different language immersion programs. Following the film there will be an information session about our program. Session 2 is Wednesday, February 1st at 8:30am, and is an information session only with no film.

6th Grade Information Nights

For 5th graders graduating Ardmore who will be attending middle school in the district, there are two upcoming information nights.

Highland Middle School is hosting its information night on February 2nd at 6:30PM. Learn more about Highland at <http://www.bsd405.org/highland>

Bellevue Big Picture School is currently accepting applications for next Fall's 6th grade class. Bellevue Big Picture School is a secondary (6th-12th grade) school of choice. Enrollment is open now through February 10, 2012. Information sessions will be held January 25th, 31st and February 8th at 7:00 pm in the Big Picture cafeteria. Learn more at <http://www.bsd405.org/bigpicture/>

Free Tutoring at Crossroads Community Center

A free tutoring program is now available at Crossroads Community Center for students wanting help with math, science, reading, writing, spelling, and more. Just go there anytime for help! Ages 7-18 are welcome (under age 7 can attend with a parent or guardian). The program runs Monday - Friday 3-6pm. Crossroads Community Center is located at 16000 N.E. 10th Street in Bellevue. Contact them at 425-452-4874 for more information.

Upcoming Events Calendar

JANUARY

26th - Kindergarten info night, 6:30PM

30th - Mandarin program info session #1, 5:00PM

FEBRUARY

1st - Mandarin program info session #2, 8:30AM

2nd - Global Reading Challenge, 12:30PM

3rd - Pastries with the Principal, 8:15AM

7th - PTSA open Board meeting, 7:00PM

9th - Library Fairy Tale Night, 6:00PM

20th - President's Day (no school)

21st-24th - Winter break (no school)

PTSA General Membership Meeting

Our next general PTSA meeting for all members is February 7th at 7:00 PM at the school. Our agenda will be highlighted by a discussion of events for the rest of the school year. We'll also serve snacks and will raffle off an Ardmore t-shirt for those who attend.

District Calendar Adjustments

Last week's snow has caused some days off to change. March 16th and June 22nd are now school days. Please check the school district website for updates and details: <http://www.bsd405.org/>

The Principal's Corner

Dear Ardmore Families,

What an exciting month it has been! I have truly enjoyed re-connecting with Ardmore students and their families these last several weeks, especially during our First Family Friday and Multicultural Night. During January each student participated in Middle of the Year (MOY) reading assessments. These assessments will guide your child's teacher to adjust their instruction in order for all students to meet or exceed standards by the end of the year. For teachers to address the needs of your child, please be sure that your child is at school, on time, each day. Our school day begins at 8:05 each morning. This means teachers begin instruction at 8:05 each morning.

This time of year also brings an increase of absences due to illness. Please remind your child to wash their hands appropriately and use good respiratory etiquette (i.e. cover their mouth with their elbow when sneezing or coughing). If you are unsure whether or not to keep your child at home or send them to school, please use the following guidelines:

Send your child to school if your child has:

- Sniffles, a runny nose and a mild cough without a fever
- Vague complaints of aches, pains or fatigue
- Single episode of diarrhea or vomiting without any other symptoms

Keep your child at home if (s)he has these symptoms:

- FEVER - temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Remember that a child must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- SORE THROAT - especially with fever or swollen glands in the neck. (With Strep throat, the child may return to school after 24 hours on antibiotics.)
- DIARRHEA - 3 or more watery stools in a 24 hours period especially if the child acts or looks ill.
- VOMITING - vomiting 2 or more times within the past 24 hours.
- EYES - thick mucus or pus draining from the eye or pink eye. With pink eye (conjunctivitis) you may see a white or yellow discharge, matted eyelids after sleep, eye pain and/or redness.
- GREENISH NOSE DISCHARGE, AND/OR CHRONIC COUGH - should be seen by a health care provider. These conditions may be contagious and require treatment.

We appreciate your help in making sure your child comes to school each day when healthy, and helping us keep a healthy school during this flu season!

- Yuko Porter, Principal

From the Library

The Ardmore Global Reading Challenge for 4th and 5th grade students will be on February 2nd at 12:45 in the Ardmore Library. This reading challenge is sponsored by the King County Libraries and is open to all 4th and 5th grade students who love a reading challenge. Ardmore has four teams with seven students on each team. They have been reading ten of the selected books since October and will answer questions from these books during the challenge. The team with the most correct answers will represent Ardmore in the District Challenge on February 28th.

Library Fairy Tale Night will be on February 9th from 6pm-8pm. We will celebrate fairy tales and the "Ardmore Families Read Together" book. Come check out some great fairy tale books to read at home, dress up as your favorite fairy tale character, create some magical fairy tale creatures and enjoy the night.

- Jan DuBois, Ardmore Librarian

Ardmore Shirts Still Available!

T-shirts are \$10 and sweatshirts \$22. Both are available in youth and adult sizes. Extra order forms can be found in the school office. Cash or checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to "Ardmore PTSA". You can also buy them on the Ardmore PTSA website.

Multicultural Week A Success!

Thank you to Melissa Taylor for organizing Multicultural Week, and thanks to all the parents, teachers and students who participated. Ardmore families came together and celebrated our diverse community through fashion, food, and educational displays. We look forward to future events! Great job everyone!