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Panther Cub Press



Our Panther Way! Be Safe, Be Responsible & Be Respectful!

Upcoming Events

Student Recognition Assembly	9/26
Pizza with the Principal	9/30
No School	10/11
No School	10/14
Lifetouch Picture Day Fall Bookfair Week	10/21

Dear Families and Students,

This week we started our DIBELS testing for the year. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills, which is a mouthful. This is a quick, one on one assessment of literacy skills for our students. We do the test three times each school year: September, December, and May. September is the baseline measure of a student's skills, and then the other tests show us how that student is growing over the course of the school year. We use this information to plan and adjust our teaching throughout the year, so we can best help our students learn. Plus, at the end of the school year, it's really satisfying to compare the September and May scores and think about how much mighty knowledge our students have gained. Big thanks to Roanne Fentert, Kristi Davis, and Denna Hahn for leading and organizing our DIBELS testing.

On the health side, we've had a lot of stinging insects like yellow jackets and hornets around our campus. They like to chew on the wood in our playground structures this time of year, so we carefully monitor what they're up to and rope off playground areas where they're present. Please call us and let us know if your child is allergic to stings, and remind your kiddo to keep their eyes and ears open to stay away from these insects.

Finally, a technology note. My office phone and one of the two lines to Miss Christy's front desk have been spotty with voicemail. I've heard from folks that they left me a message, but I was not able to get it. I'm sorry about our phone system troubles and about missing your messages. My office phone is (360) 497-7300 x2002. Please feel free to call me, but also please don't trust the voicemail. The front desk phone line to call, for Miss Christy or to leave a message for anybody in the office, is x2000. Thanks in advance for your flexibility and understanding.

Kind regards,

Nathan Coutsobos, Principal
White Pass Elementary School

WHEN YOU
ARE KIND
TO OTHERS,
IT NOT ONLY
CHANGES YOU,
IT CHANGES
THE WORLD.

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Harold Fisher

Regular school attendance is important!

Good attendance early sets the stage for school success. It gives children the chance to master the basic skills they'll build on in later grades. It also makes them more likely to feel good about school and do well.

You play a key role! Encourage good attendance from the start. There's a lot you can do to help your child overcome challenges that may get in the way of regular attendance.

- ◆ Creating regular routines is a great way to help support your child and the school.
- ◆ Stick to a regular sleep schedule. Most elementary age children require around 10 hours of sleep.
- ◆ Make mornings consistent; it may help to get planners & backpacks ready the night before.
- ◆ Set aside a time and place for homework.
- ◆ Make time to talk everyday- this helps you stay connected with your child and can also help you keep an eye out for any problems.

Stay connected and let's work together! Please keep in contact with the school if your child is absent, and/or bring a note ; (Doctors note) so the absence can be excused.

Please feel free to call with any questions. Let's make this year a great one!

Thank you for your help!

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