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COMMUNITY EVENTS

Holiday Happenings



Student of the Week Nominations

6th GRADE
Christian Glennon *
Natalie Esteb

December 18, 2009

Winter Break Dec. 19 - Jan. 3...

Dear Parents,

The kids had a great time on Thursday with our annual 50's Day Sock Hop. Kids dressed in costume and danced to the golden oldies. Our ASB had a photo booth set up for pictures and a concession stand. We will post pictures of the event on our website soon.

A reminder to parents that our second quarter will be ending January 22nd. Take time now to review your child's progress by going online in family access.

Many parents expressed an interest in an afterschool Spanish class on Fridays. The class is a \$15 per session beginning January 8th. So far, no one has signed up for the class. We will cancel the class if we don't have at least 6 students sign up by January 7th.

Once we return from winter break we will have two activities to look forward to. The first is our January 13th MLK assembly, and the second is our annual Winter Carnival held on January 22nd.

One of our focus' this year was to have our staff post the daily Learning Targets in their classrooms for students to see. Our staff has really embraced this concept. When I drop into rooms I can see the Learning Target and always ask the kids what the Target for the lesson is. They share what it is and seem to have a better understanding of the concepts within each lesson. The teachers are doing a great job referring back to the daily Learning Target throughout the lessons.

Our second season sports will be winding down in January. The kids and coaches have enjoyed many successes during their matches and games. Our Knowledge Bowl team will begin practice in January on Tuesday's afterschool. This is a club and will require a \$35 participation fee.

Brooke Covello
Andrew Harris

7th GRADE

Bruce Corrie *
Hallie Lynn *
ReAnnah Klassen
James Marshall
Jason Chapman

8th GRADE

Jesse Guyer *
Matthew Everett *
Evin Trewin
Brock Martin

* *indicates winner*

Join our list

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Enjoy the Winter Break and we will see you all in the New Year.

Kirk Dunckel
Principal

CKMS Sports in January



Wrestling:

Wednesday, Jan 6 ~ @ SMS 3:30 p.m. Parent pick up at 5:30

Monday, Jan 11 ~ @ Pine Lake 3:30 p.m. Parent pick up at 5:30

Wednesday, Jan. 13 ~ 6th grade/JV Finals at SMS 4:00 p.m. Parent pick up at 6:00

Saturday, Jan. 16 ~ Varsity Finals at Pine Lake. Bus leaves at 9:00 a.m. Event over at 4:00 p.m.

Varsity Girls Basketball:

Tuesday, Jan. 5 ~ HOME vs. Issaquah 7/8 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 7 ~ @ SMS 8/7 3:00 p.m. Parent pick up at 5:15

JV Girls Basketball:

Thursday, Jan 7 ~ HOME vs. Pine Lake 3:00 p.m.

Third Quarter Sports will begin Monday, January 25: Boy's Basketball & Girls' Soccer



[Directions to Away Games](#)

PE Sweats back on sale!

Due to popular demand, we will be placing another order for CKMS PE sweats after the New Year. Please have [order form](#) and payment turned in to the school office by January 8, 2010.

[Sample](#) of crew neck sweatshirt

ALSO: If you missed purchasing Hawk Wear from PTSA, we have a few items to sell in the office. Stop by for selection and pricing.

Clubs in January

Math Team begins January 11

Key Club will have a sleeping bag, coats, and sock drive for the homeless.

Knowledge Bowl will begin in January. Date TBD.

Relay For Life Fundraiser

Craving for a Cure!

Join us for dinner at one of the following restaurants:

Mt. Si Golf Course

North Bend Bar & Grill

snoqualmie Falls Taproom and Brewery

**Ana's Mexican
Restaurant**

Uncorked Wine Bar

Monday, January 11th

Mark your calendars today!

**A portion of the evening's proceeds will benefit the
Relay for Life of Snoqualmie Valley**

For more information, please contact
Vernie or Lisa Newell
at newellvl@yahoo.com or
www.snovalleyrelay.org

Movie Night Fundraiser

Monday, December 21st @ 7:00pm

North Bend Theatre

\$10.00

(includes movie, popcorn & drink)

Benefits 2010 Grad Night Party



Yearbooks

Yearbooks will go on sale after the new year. Less than 30 will be available. Please call the school office if you are not sure you purchased one for your student.

After School Spanish Class

Chief Kanim Middle School welcomes a new Spanish Club in the New Year!

The Spanish Academy is offering Spanish classes on Fridays, from 12:45pm to 2:15pm. The class is geared to teach middle school students conversational Spanish. Having fun and feeling engaged is important to us, so students will get to act, sing and dynamicarning.

To reach our goal, in January and February we will be focusing on basic vocabulary and important verbs so that students can begin speaking right out of the gate! From there we begin the ecology curriculum which will continue through to June.

We are offering a play in Spanish about the harmful effects of plastic to the environment at the end of the school

year. Students will be getting their parts in February and will be practicing their roles throughout the rest of the year. What a great way to bring Spanish alive!

[Sign up](#) today!

Is Your Medicine Cabinet Secure?

Help keep Prescription drugs out of our schools

We are seeing an increase of prescription drugs coming into our schools. Teens say it's easy to get pills from friends, relatives, and believe it or not, from their very own home. With the risk for abuse so high and the potential for harm so great, we need your help in keeping our kids safe.

Are the prescription drugs in your home kept locked?

- **Safeguard all drugs at home.** Use a lock box. Monitor quantities and control access.
- **Ask family and friends** to safeguard their prescription drugs as well.

Overall, teen drug use is down nationwide. But did you know that more teens abuse prescription drugs than any other illicit drug, except marijuana? Every day 2,500 kids as young as 12-17 try a painkiller for the first time.

To flush or not to flush?

- **Properly conceal and dispose** of old or unused medicines.

Mix with used coffee grounds or kitty litter, then put in containers (ie. sealable bags), before putting in the garbage to make sure they aren't found and abused by someone else. The guidelines do recommend flushing in a few select cases- such as Demerol, OxyContin, and Percocet-where the risk from accidental ingestion or the potential for abuse is very high. The FDA maintains an ever-evolving [list of drugs](#) that should be sent down the toilet.

Have you signed the Snoqualmie Valley Family Pledge?

- **Parental disapproval** is a powerful way to keep teens away from using drugs.
- **Set clear expectations and consequences regarding all drug use**, including not sharing medicine and always following the medical provider's advice and dosages. Include kids in deciding on consequences for following or not following the family policy.
- **Be a good role model** by following the same rules with your own medicines.

When was the last time you talked with your children about the

dangers of drugs? Only a third of parents (36%) have had this conversation, even though youth continue to report that losing a parent's trust is the number one reason for deciding not to use. Find out what local parents are doing to help. <http://www.snoqualmievalleycommunitynetwork.org> [click under Parent Resources]

To find out more about school-based prevention/intervention services and free parenting education series offered each Spring and Fall:
Phoebe Terhaar, Substance Abuse Prevention/Intervention Specialist - SVSD
425-831-8106
phoebe@friendsofyouth.org

For drug information, parenting advice, and how to tell if your teen is abusing drugs.
<http://www.theantidrug.com>

PTSA INFORMATION

Happy Holidays!

From your CKMS PTSA

PTSA Meeting

Wednesday, January 13th, 6:30pm

Winter Carnival and Raffle

Friday January 22nd, 6:00-8:00pm

To donate goods or services, or to buy raffle tickets:

Contact Char Yotz (fcyotz@comcast.net)



(click logo for CKMS PTSA Home Page)

Mark Your Calendar



December 21-January 3 ~ Winter Break

January 11 ~ MLK Assembly 1:30 p.m.

January 18 ~ NO SCHOOL, MLK Day

January 22 ~ Annual Carnival 6-8 p.m.

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425-831-8225

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ATTENDANCE ~ 425-831-8226 [Cheri Enevold](#) (7-9:30)

[Kirk Dunckel](#), Principal ~ 425-831-8229

[Chris Ratcliffe](#), Counselor ~ 425-831-8239

[Carol Gauntlett](#), Principal's Secretary/Registrar ~ 425-831-8228 (7-3:00)

[Terri Pratt](#), Financial ~ 425-831-8227 (11:30-3:00)

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