

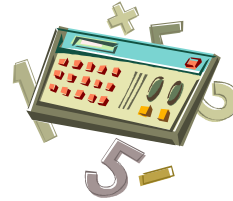


Locke Hill Elementary Principal's Newsletter

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Principal

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Edition

Thinking Games!



Many games are designed for children to have fun while exercising their thinking abilities. Games such as chess, Monopoly, and Clue require them to plan, draw inferences, see things from other points of view, formulate questions, and think of possibilities. Here are some things to think about when planning games to play with your child.

1. Make sure you have a variety of games available. No single game uses all possible problem-solving strategies. By playing the same game over and over, a child will likely become more proficient at that game, but may not have the ability to be successful at other games.
2. Make up your own games. As you are driving in the car, have your child count all of the red cars while you count all of the blue cars that you see. When you get to your destination, compare notes. Who saw more? Who saw less? What is the difference when you subtract the 2 numbers? What is the total when you add them up? Estimate how many red cars would your child have seen if they made the exact same trip 3 times.
3. Research shows evidence that children who play thinking games regularly over the span of a school year improve in creative thinking skills and in their ability to participate successfully in group problem-solving. The strongest reason for encouraging children to play thinking games is to let them experience the joy of using their minds in play.

What's happening at Locke Hill?

November

- 1—Election Day
- 4—Early Release Day!
11:45AM
- 6—Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hr.
- 8—PTA Meeting
6:30PM - Cafeteria
K & 5th gr. performing
- 11—Veterans Day
Campus celebration
8:00 - Primary Blacktop
Veterans & families welcome!
- 18—Very Vocabulary Day
Wear your vocabulary hats!
- 21-25—Thanksgiving Holidays!



Early Release

Friday, November 4

Teachers will be planning for the next 9 weeks of school.

School starts at 7:45!

Students may be dropped off beginning at 7:15AM. All students are expected to be in the classroom at 7:45 or they will be counted tardy! Set a good example by having your child at school on time.

Locke Hill Cafeteria

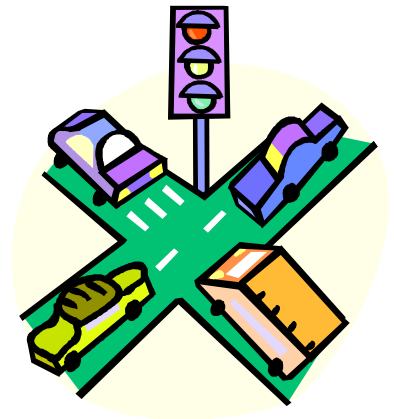
Parents are always welcome to have lunch with their child at Locke Hill. Here are a few rules we ask you to follow:

- Sign in at the office and get a Visitor's badge.
- Due to confidentiality issues and crowding at class tables, parents are asked to take their child to one of the round tables at the side of the cafeteria or outside to the courtyard tables.
- No child other than your own may leave from the class table.



De Zavala / Syracuse Intersection

Please be careful when leaving the Locke Hill campus at the De Zavala / Syracuse intersection. When the light is green coming out of our exit, it is also green for oncoming traffic. There have been several incidents of cars turning left when exiting Locke Hill that have turned in front of oncoming traffic. When making a right turn, please be aware that students who are walking have the right of way. We want everyone to be safe!



Bike Rodeo Winners

Here are the 2011-12 Locke Hill
1st place winners for each grade level!

GIRLS

BOYS

KINDER

Kyleigh Prosser

Sam Schaub

1ST GRADE

Gabriella Jimenez

Christopher Dixon

2ND GRADE

Becca Hart

Trey Matthews

3RD GRADE

Hiatt Hast

Wyatt Crider

4TH GRADE

Sofia Wendlandt

Ben Hecht

5TH GRADE

Bailey Hubbard

Gentry Dikin

Congratulations to all of our winners!

