

Parent Information Bulletin

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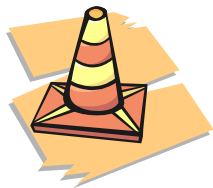
October 2009

Nichols Walk-A-Thon

Just a reminder, the Nichols Walk-A-Thon is scheduled for October 30th. We have planned a route around the school that is just short of half a mile (.4). Six stations will be set up on the course with activities that promote fitness and education. We suggest everyone brush up on their math facts, word attack skills and limbo to name a few. Also during the two weeks leading up to the Walk-A-Thon we are planning a quarter board. There will be a series of quarter banks for each of the teachers on the campus teams. The one teacher in each team that gets the most quarters will be sprayed by a super soaker. Parents are welcome to attend the event after checking in at the office. If you would like to volunteer to help or visit during the day's event, please watch for and complete the Walk-A-Thon RSVP form and return it to the Nichols' office or your child's teacher. If you filled out and return the RSVP and your driver license has been scanned in the office a week prior to the Walk-A-Thon, your visitor's badge will be printed and ready for you. Please bring your driver's license on the day of the Walk-A-Thon. To volunteer for any campus event you must have a volunteer background check cleared with the District before the day of the event. Come walk with us and have some fun.

Bike Rodeo

The Nichols Bike Rodeo will be taking place on Friday, October 16th. If your child wants to participate, they will need to turn in a permission slip that will go home the first week of October. The bike rodeo will take place at the following times:



- 8:00-8:45 1st grade
- 8:45-9:30 2nd grade
- 9:35-10:20 3rd grade
- 10:25-11:10 4th grade
- 11:15-12:00 5th grade
- 1:05-1:50 Kindergarten
- 2:00-2:35 Awards



The gates by the cafeteria to the back blacktop will be open the week of Oct. 13-15 until 7:00 p.m. if you would like to practice with your child for the bike rodeo. Also, to help alleviate some congestion with dropping off bikes on Friday morning, you may drop your child's bike off between 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evening, Oct. 15th.

You would need to enter the campus via Old Tezel, drive around behind the back of the cafeteria, there you will find a gate to the black top area. Walk your bike into the gym at that time and park it for the evening. The coaches will be there to meet you. The coaches must be present for you to leave your child's bike. Your child's bike will be parked in the gym overnight until the bike rodeo on Friday. Please have your child's name on their bike.

If you would like to join in the fun and volunteer to help during the day's events, please complete the Bike Rodeo participation form and return to the PE coaches or your child's teacher. To volunteer you must have a volunteer background check cleared with the District before Bike Rodeo. (<http://www.nisd.net/schools/volunteer/>).

Parents are welcome to attend the event after checking in at the office. If you filled out the RSVP and your driver license has been scanned in the office a week prior to the bike rodeo, your visitor's badge will be printed in advance for you. Please bring your driver's license on the day of the bike rodeo. Thank you for your cooperation. Coach Bertsch, Coach Ritenour

Phone Number:

397-4090 (Auto Attendant)

397-4050 Office

Email address:

www.nisd.net/nichols

The Facts

Practice Those Basic Facts!!!!

Promotion Standards for memorizing basic facts have changed this year in the district - it is extremely important for your child to memorize those facts to be successful academically. They will use these facts their whole life.

2nd grade addition/subtraction facts to 18

3rd grade multiplication facts through the 10's

4th grade division facts through tens

5th grade multiplication/ division through the tens.

Use flashcards, chant facts in the car, visit math websites, make a game of it and practice those "tricky" facts.

Math Support Teacher

Elizabeth Holguin

Things to Remember

Nichols PTA Meeting will be Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 6:30 PM

College Spirit Day wear your favorite college shirt Wednesday, Oct. 14, 2009

Bike Rodeo

Friday Oct. 16, 2009

Kinder Grant Night Tuesday,

Oct. 20, 2009 at 6:00 PM

Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 26-30, 2009

Walk-A-Thon Friday,

Oct. 30, 2009

Cafeteria

October 5 is the last day that students can use last year's free and reduced lunch status. If you did not reapply your child will be charged the full price for breakfast and lunch on October 6th.

Applications are available on campus and at:

<http://childnutrition.nisd.net>.



“Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It!”

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Volunteer Background Checks

It is a NISD yearly District requirement that any volunteer, room parent, field trip chaperone, PTA board member, and/or tutor must complete an annual background check and be cleared prior to volunteering. An online version of the background check is available on the NISD homepage. You can access this feature by simply logging on to the Northside homepage (www.nisd.net). Just click on the Volunteer/Mentor link and then select the Online Volunteer background application form. Complete the requested information on the application and select submit. If you are unable to access the internet, you can come by the Nichols library to complete the application using our computers.

@ The Nichols Library

As school and library activities are both now in full swing, this is a good time to come up with a “Library Action Plan” for you and your family. It is extremely helpful to find a special place at home to read and keep library books: free from food, drink, and separate from your personal collection of books. This will help your family avoid damaged or lost book fines. For damaged books or lost books, it is District policy for the library to charge the cost of the item. Also, student library books are due 14 days from check out, however, it is always best to return books on or before library day. There are no fines for late books, however, students may not check out another book until the previous book is returned. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the library at 397-4084. Elizabeth Rush, Librarian

Love and Logic

What Kind of Parent Are You?



Consultant ~ a parent who provides guidance and consultation for their children

Helicopter ~ a parent who hovers over their children and always rescues them from trouble

Drill Sergeant ~ a parent who commands and tells their children what to do

Love and Logic parents are consultants to their children. They allow their child to experience natural consequences and teach their child how to solve their own problems.

For more information on Love and Logic, please visit our school library or check out the website, www.loveandlogic.com.

Your counselors, Laura Donnel and Sandi Vasquez

Student Council

Student Council is up and running for the 2009-2010 school year. We will be recycling paper and maintaining the garden that was planted last spring around the flagpole. We are also making plans for community service projects and promoting school spirit. You can help us by recycling your paper in the bins at the front of the school. Thank you for helping us help Nichols! Mrs. Mewhinney, Ms. Ford, and Mrs. Kaarlsen

H1N1 Influenza

Northside ISD will be vaccinating students this year for the H1N1 influenza. **The vaccinations will be available to students whose parents fill out the vaccination permission form.** The vaccination requires two doses be given three weeks apart. Each dose requires a separate permission form. More information will come home with your child this month as the state directs us on this important initiative.

Early Release

Friday, October 9th, 2009 students will be released from school at 11:45 AM. The teachers will be conferencing with parents.

Red Ribbon Week October 26-30

Monday:

“Drug Free America Day!”
Wear Red, White, & Blue
Wear your Red Ribbon Bracelet

Tuesday:

“Put a CAP on Drugs!”
Wear a cap or a funny hat

Wednesday:

“Join the FIGHT Against Drugs!”
Camouflage Day

Thursday:

“STAY in the Game” – **BE DRUG FREE!**
Wear your favorite team shirt

Friday:

“Be a *JEAN-ius* and Say No to Drugs!”
Show your pride in education & being drug-free...Wear your Favorite College Shirt & blue jeans!

This week's Quote:

I cannot do everything,
But I can do something.
And I will not let what
I cannot do interfere
with what I can do.
Edward Hale

