



## Bullpup Nips

September 12, 2017

24 hr. SAFE ARRIVAL/ATTENDANCE PHONE LINE: 427-7457

School Office: 427-5672

Skill of the month: Manage Yourself



***"Students who come to school every day, behave, and participate - graduate!"***

*Paraphrased from Balfanz (2007) by the Academic Team*

### **CURRICULUM NIGHT - THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st**

**Doors open at 6:20 and the teacher presentation begins at 6:30.**

**IMPORTANT EVENT ... please mark your calendar and save the date!**

Curriculum Night is an important step to ensure your child's success. Please plan to take about 30-minutes out of your evening to meet your child's teacher, learn about the expectations in the classroom, and to receive information about the homework routine.

Children are not required to attend this event with you,  
but are welcome to tag along if other arrangements are difficult for you.

**RIGHT TO KNOW: Teacher Qualifications** - If you are a parent in a Title 1 school, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information in a timely manner. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information:

- Whether OSPI has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether OSPI has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of special circumstances.
- The teacher's college major; whether the teacher has any advanced degrees and, if so, the subject of the degrees.
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if they do, their qualifications. If you would like to receive any of this information, please call the school office.

**SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH:** Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Our students need to be properly "fueled up" to learn. Did you know that SES serves breakfast every day from 8:00 to 8:25 a.m.? Each day your child can choose a hot choice (breakfast burrito, French toast sticks, pancakes, etc.) or cereal and a muffin. Juice, fruit and milk are also available. Please consider adding a little extra money to your child's meal account and encourage them to eat breakfast at school. The regular price for breakfast is \$2.00. If your family qualifies for reduced/free lunch then breakfast is free too! Walkers and students who are dropped off - the door is open at 8:00 a.m. for breakfast. Please make sure you always have money in their meal account. Lunches are \$2.70 and milk is .60. **NO charging permitted.**

**PARENTS ONLY—FOR SAFETY'S SAKE:** The only person who may write a note or call for a child to change after school plans is the guardian. If your child is being picked up by someone other than yourself—it is you (the guardian) that we need to hear from. It is best that we receive this information in the morning ... so that we may send a "student message" AND to get further information if needed. Please feel free to use the 24 hr. SAFE ARRIVAL line 427-7457 for absences. THANKS!

**DISMISSAL TIME:** Our classroom teachers instruct students until dismissal time 3:20. The last portion of the day is used to review what was learned, to "set the stage" for the next day, to practice a skill just introduced, or to introduce homework. When a child is picked up "just a few minutes early", the teacher must take a few minutes to help that child prepare to leave AND that child misses instruction. PLEASE save picking your child up "just a few minutes early" for appointments or emergencies. If an early pick up is just for your convenience, please consider allowing your child to finish the day with the rest of the students.

**VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:** ALL visitors and volunteers please stop at the office to sign in and pick up a badge to wear while you are in the building. Volunteers need to have completed a Washington State Background check before volunteering. Forms are in the office.

**SNACKS and CELEBRATIONS:** Stevenson Elementary staff support our district's nutritional policy and will encourage children to make healthy choices. SES has a NO GUM policy, and we encourage families to save the sugary drinks and candy for special occasions at home. Research indicates that a meal that is high in protein gives the brain an extra boost, while a meal high in sugar will be followed with a time that the child feels tired, lethargic and sometimes even irritable. We have BIG learning goals for your child and we need an ENGAGED BRAIN! Sometimes, a child will bring a treat to share with the entire class for a special celebration (i.e., birthday). If your child has any food allergy on file in our school office, a treat that is homemade will not be served to your child. We will only serve children with identified food allergies special treats that have a manufacturer's ingredient label attached. We will provide an alternative treat when a homemade item is served. If you would prefer your child NOT eat any special treats provided by the families of our school community (regardless of an existing food allergy or not), simply complete the appropriate form in the school office. The only time students will be allowed to share their food will be when the food is a special treat (i.e., birthday cupcakes) brought from home. At ALL other times, children are asked to eat ONLY from their own lunch. {Note to families who wish to provide a special treat for a celebration: (1) prearrange this with the classroom teacher and (2) please, nothing with nuts.}

**FAMILY HANDBOOK:** Our school handbook is available on line or you can ask for a copy at the office.

**NAME ON BELONGINGS:** The best way to ensure that your child's coat, backpack, lunchbox is returned if it is misplaced ..... a clear name written on the article. Please take the time to label your child's belongings; it is then very easy for us to return misplaced items.

**LEARN AND PLAY:** Learn and Play groups are open for families and care givers who have children ages 0-5 years. The event is for the whole family, but the focus is on our youngest learners! Please join us every third Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 pm in the Stevenson Elementary Library for story time, songs, crafts, and more. The evening is free and fun! Our first event will be Thursday of September, on the 21<sup>th</sup>.

**STUDENT PHOTOGRAPHS/VIDEOS:** Occasionally, photographs/videos may be taken of students for use in news media, district website or district publications. Pictures might be taken during a special class project or during a musical performance. If you **DO NOT** want your child's picture published, you must sign a form that is available at the office.

11	12 Title I/LAP Parent Meeting 4:00-5:00 pm At SES	13 8:30 - 1:20 Early Release Title I/LAP Parent Mtg at CES 7:30-8:30 am	14	15 SCHOOL SPIRIT School Shirt/ Blue Jeans
18	19 Family Fun Night at SHS 7:00- 8:00pm	20 8:30 - 1:20 Early Release	21 Curriculum Night 6:30 p.m. Learn and Play 5:30 to 7:00 Ages 0 - 5	22 SCHOOL SPIRIT School Shirt/ Blue Jeans
25	26	27 8:30 - 1:20 Early Release	28	29 SCHOOL SPIRIT Dress Hawaiian
Oct. 2	3	4 8:30 - 1:20 Early Release	5	6 SCHOOL SPIRIT School Shirt/ Blue Jeans

**Looking Ahead ....** School Pictures will be on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

