

ISSAQUAH MIDDLE SCHOOL E-NEWS SEPTEMBER 15, 2009

IMS Parking Lot

There are two driving lanes in the IMS parking lot. Please observe the following in order to keep our students and drivers safe and to keep traffic moving.

The lane closest to the school building is for dropping off or picking up students only. Please use this lane to stop and drop off or pick up your student. Do not park in this lane. Students should enter and exit from the passenger side of the car and not the driver side into traffic. You can then pull into the outside lane to exit the parking lot.

The outside lane is for driving through the lot to park or for exiting the parking lot. Please do not stop in this lane to drop off or pick up students.

For more information see our parking lot map at http://www.ims.issaquah.wednet.edu/General_Info/Parking_Map.pdf

Spring 2009 WASL Results

WASL results from spring 2009 testing will be available in Family Access for students who tested in grades 3-12, beginning the afternoon of Friday, September 11. Families without internet access may request paper copies from their child's school. Forgotten log-in or password information for Family Access may be obtained from individual schools.

High school score reports, including 10th grade science scores, will be mailed home on September 16.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has created one-page summaries of learning expectations for students in grades K-10 called Your Child's Progress. These summaries may be viewed or downloaded at the following link on the OSPI website.

<http://www.k12.wa.us/resources/default.aspx>

Results from the August WASL testing will not be available until November or December. This year the Measures of Student Progress (MSP) will replace the WASL for grades 3-8 and the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) will replace the high school WASL.

Bus Passes

Bus Passes will be issued starting Wednesday, September 16.

HIV/AIDS Curriculum Information Sessions for grades 6-12

Your child's teacher will be teaching the district adopted HIV/AIDS and Human Sexuality curriculum during this coming school year. To allow you an opportunity to examine the instructional materials and view the videos that may be used, there will be two public viewings of the materials at Issaquah Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose Room on the following dates:

Tuesday, September 22, 2009 6:30 pm
Saturday, September 26, 2009 9:00 am

At the appointed time there will be an informal presentation with viewing of video(s). Curriculum staff will be available to answer your questions.

It is not necessary for parents to attend a public review session if they do not intend to exempt their children from the Family Life and Sexual Health (FLASH) or HIV/AIDS instruction. However, the Washington State Omnibus AIDS law requires a parent to attend a public viewing session and review the materials before such an exemption may be requested or granted. Being familiar with the curriculum will enhance your ability to talk with your child about this serious health threat.

In recognition of the significant threat that the HIV/AIDS virus presents to the health of the people of our nation, the Washington state legislature passed the Omnibus AIDS Bill in 1988. This law directs local school districts to provide yearly instruction to students in grades 5-12 about the pathology and prevention of the HIV/AIDS virus.

Session Location: Issaquah Valley Elementary School
555 NW Holly St.
Issaquah, WA 98027

Salmon Days Needs You

Each year, the Issaquah Middle PTSA provides parking spots at IMS for Salmon Day attendees. This is a money maker for the PTSA and requires volunteers on both Saturday and Sunday, October 3 and 4. Two hour shifts are available. This is a great opportunity for students to earn community service hours, however an adult must volunteer at the same time. For more information, please contact Debbie Shiozaki, dshiozak@gmail.com, 425-557-1484.

Important Notices

Please read the important safety, health, and equal-rights notices that are posted online at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/legal/Default.aspx. You will find information about asbestos, nondiscrimination, pest management, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), possession of firearms, sexual harassment, Title IX, and more.

Prevent Contagious Disease, including the H1N1 flu, (swine flu)

Students and staff with symptoms of contagious illnesses including the H1N1 flu can spread the disease to others. The following are guidelines to help you determine when your child should stay home.

Keep your child home if he/she has any of these symptoms:

- ***Appearance/Behavior**- unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused, irritable
- ***Sore throat**- especially if associated with fever or swollen glands
- ***Fever**- over 100 degrees F. orally. Temperature should remain normal **without fever reducing medication** 24 hours before returning to school
- ***Diarrhea**- more than one episode in a 24 hour period
- ***Vomiting**- within the past 24 hour period
- ***Rash**- body rashes not associated with heat, or allergic reactions to medications
- ***Drainage from the eye**- thick mucus draining from the eye or if the eye is crusted or difficult to open
- ***Nasal discharge** (yellow or greenish) - Clear nasal discharge may signal a cold or it may indicate an allergic reaction especially if accompanied by watery eyes. However, if your child's nasal mucus has a color and is accompanied by a fever or other symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, drowsiness, and a general sign of not feeling well, your child may be contagious and should remain at home until the symptoms subside. Call your doctor if you have any concerns or questions.

Teach your child to cover coughs and sneezes by coughing/sneezing into their elbow, disposing of used tissues right away and remember: The most important thing you can do to prevent illness is for you and your child to WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN!

Also, remember to keep the school office updated with new emergency and work numbers in case your child becomes ill at school!

Before sending your child to school in the morning, ask yourself if they look healthy and ready to learn. Please be mindful that the H1N1 flu seems to spread fast as does many other illnesses. So please do not send your kids to school when they are ill.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me, the school nurse at Issaquah Middle School, Terry Ostendorf at (425)837-6817, ostendorf@issaquah.wednet.edu

