

Witt Elementary School



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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that Halloween has come and gone, and with it the first quarter of the 2008/2009 school year. Here at Witt Elementary School we've been doing some really great things. Our first ever fun night was held on Oct. 24. Students who had an outstanding report card for the first quarter enjoyed two large inflatable bounce houses on the gym floor, our Wildcat Den recreation room, music, movies, and free pizza, popcorn, and punch all night. A big thank you goes out to our PTC for funding the night and our parents and teachers who came to help make the night a success. We held our Halloween Parade on Friday, Oct. 31 in classic fashion with our creative students showing off their costumes. A big thank you goes to our area business and organizations for providing candy and treats for our kids. Another big thank you to PTC and the multitudes of parents who helped with our hot dog lunch in the gym. Our Science Alliance was busy learning about electricity this month. We have some really good pictures of this and most all of our events on our school's website. Be sure to visit regularly and see the updated compendium of our year in pictures. The 4th and 5th grade had a blast on their field trip to the St. Louis Arch. They got to view an incredible I-Max film about Lewis and Clark, ride on a riverboat, and visit the Museum of Westward Expansion. Unfortunately, we had to cancel our Accelerated Reader field trip to Bremmer's due to inclement weather, however as a consolatory trip, students who met their AR goal for the first quarter were rewarded with an afternoon playing on large inflatable toys and in the school's Wildcat Den. Teachers selected our Peacebuilders of the month. These students will be treated to a lunch at the Nokomis Dairy Queen the first week in November. And finally, this month we held our first Movie Night in the Witt gymnasium. This featured free popcorn and punch to all students in attendance. The evening was a success and a huge thank you goes out to Mr. Williamson, our brave custodian who kept spills at bay that evening with his trusty mop.

As I reflect on the first quarter I am, very pleased with our student body. Our kids are second to none, and I could not be more proud of them. The faculty and staff at Witt Elementary are genuinely dedicated to the success of children and our parents, grandparents, and caregivers must also be commended. Without your support and help, much of what was described in the preceding paragraph could not happen. Thanks for all you do.

Please be aware of a few upcoming events for November. On November 6 from 4-7 PM and again on Nov. 7 from 8 AM-12 PM we will have Parent Teacher Conferences. Please refer to your letter denoting your time slot to visit with your child(ren)'s teacher. In the middle of the month, 2nd graders will be given the opportunity to take swimming lessons at Fusion in Hillsboro. More details for this are forthcoming. On Nov. 24 the Sullivan Little Theater will be at Witt Elementary at 9:30 AM putting on a play about Abraham Lincoln. If you're in the neighborhood and would like to stop in, feel free. And of course Nov. 26-Dec. 1 is Thanksgiving Break. Please review the attached calendar for November. Along with the usual menu of events, we have added some open gym times in the evening for our students.

In closing always be mindful that we here at Witt Elementary School are here for the success of your child. If at anytime you need anything, please don't hesitate to stop in or give us a call. Our door is always open.

Partners for the Success of Children

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