

January 25, 2012

Park Terrace Elementary Weekly News Update

Greetings from Kim Fehringer

Parent-teacher conference is one of the most important relationship building events in the school year. As we begin our winter conferences, I hope that you are able to have good conversations about your child's individual learning and achievement as well as the steps we will take at school to support this learning. Families may be considering ways they can continue to help their children at home in order to build on their strengths and address growth areas. Along with focusing on academics, here are a few thoughts on how families can support their child:

- Make attendance number one. Let your child know that unless they are sick, they must go to school. Be mindful when scheduling routine appointments, such as, dentist and doctor. Daily attendance will ensure academic success. Students who are in school every day do better than those who are not. Being late for school hinders a child's learning. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.
- Show you care. Let your children know that you are interested in their learning. Talk about their school activities and projects. Attend as many school events as you can.

While you are at Park Terrace for your child's conference please make a point to visit with our art, music and physical education teachers. If your child also works with Basic Skills, English Language and Special Education teachers, they will also be available for a visit.

We are looking forward to seeing you at conferences

Early Release day is 1/26/12. Students will be released at 1:55pm. No PM kindergarten.

WINTER CONFERENCES

Conferences will be held January 31 and February 2 from 4:40-8:00 pm and February 3 from 8:00-3:30 pm. Half day kindergarten will have an additional conference day on January 31 during the school day. You should have received a conference notification of your child's scheduled conference.

During conferences, Book Fair will be open in the Media Center. Children will be permitted to preview and purchase a book during their school day. Preview hours are from 11:15-1:00 pm. **Please be aware there is tax when sending money to school.**

If you are able to help with Teacher Conference meals please contact Julia Johnston at jjohnston228@gmail.com or 612-805-1731. Thank you to all who volunteer.

Important Phone Numbers

Main
763-784-8983

Attendance/Health
763-783-5804

Transportation
763-785-5512

Lorenz Bus
763-201-8888

Voigt Bus
763-571-1241

Important Info.

- 01/26 Early Release Day
- 01/27 NO SCHOOL Staff Workshop
- 02/03 NO SCHOOL Staff Workshop