

October 5, 2011

Park Terrace Elementary Weekly News Update

Greetings from Kim Fehringer

October is Energy Awareness Month! Through our district and school participation in the Schools for Energy Efficiency (SEE) program we have been focusing on energy awareness each and every day at Park Terrace. Since October is Energy Awareness month it is a great time to focus on energy conservation, how our behaviors impact energy use, and why efficiency is so important.

At Park Terrace we talk about how small decisions make big differences. Turning out the lights, shutting down our computers, and using window shades are things that we can do every day to help conserve energy. I have included some ideas and resources for you to use as a family if you would like your child to help think of ways you can save money and the environment in your home.

- ◇ Visit the NEED project for several Energy Efficiency and Conservation activities: <http://www.need.org/energyawarenessmonth>
- ◇ Visit Energy Star to find out what you can do, and to join the Energy Star Challenge: http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=energy_awareness.bus_energy_awareness
- ◇ Brainstorm ways that you and your children can be more efficient in your home. Do you have multiple options for lighting? Windows that open/close? Shades that you can draw? How many things are plugged in that don't need to be? Get creative!

Help celebrate Energy Awareness month in your home by incorporating SEE activities, discussing energy efficiency, and reminding students that they make a difference in our schools, homes and on this planet every day.

For more information please contact Ann (Moutrie) Arney, Energy Efficiency Coordinator Schools for Energy Efficiency® (SEE) aarney@district16.org

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.

- Watch for a conference confirmation letter.
- 10/06 PTA meeting at 6:30 pm
- 10/13 EARLY RELEASE DAY at 1:55 pm
- 10/14 NO SCHOOL
- 10/17-10/19 Conferences
- 10/19-10/21 NO SCHOOL

COLD LUNCH REMINDER

Park Terrace does not allow students to bring soda to school in their cold lunch. Children are welcome to bring a juice bag, water, milk or purchase a milk from the cafeteria.

Set Aside Some Time to Read

At the beginning of each month you will find a reading calendar on the back of the newsletter that goes home with your child. You are welcome to use this with your family.

Park Terrace has received a grant that offers our school literacy assistance from Minnesota Reading Corps. Minnesota Reading Corps places over 800 literacy tutors in over 450 elementary school and preschools throughout the state. They provide one-on-one reading interventions to those students whose reading scores are not at grade level, but do not qualify for special services at school.

It is our goal to help every child become a successful reader.