

WOODLAND INTERMEDIATE WEST

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# INTERMEDIATE INSIGHTS October, 2006

## SURFIN' THE WEB

[www.dist50.net/intermediate](http://www.dist50.net/intermediate)

- Up-to-date calendar information
- Daily student announcements
- Links to teacher websites
- Monthly newsletters
- After-school activity information and permission slips
- Reading Counts leveled literature search

[www.kidseatwell.org](http://www.kidseatwell.org)

- Illinois nutrition education and training program

[www.kidsvillenews.com](http://www.kidsvillenews.com)

- The nation's fun family newspaper: puzzles, games, facts



## SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

Improving student achievement in literacy remains a key area of focus for the Intermediate School. Classroom teachers continue to expand their knowledge and expertise with regard to best practices in effective reading and writing strategies through various workshops, ongoing graduate studies, and School Improvement and Teacher Institute Day activities. Some of the other activities dedicated to improving student literacy include:

- Implementation of a school-wide monthly reading strategies program
- Development of a supplemental reading program for struggling readers
- Examination and enhancement of our language arts curriculum through the work of our Literacy Committee
- Utilization of Scholastic Reading Counts and Weekly Book Clues Contest to promote students' love of reading



## FALL PARENT PARTICULARS IT'S PARTY TIME

The Intermediate School hosts two annual classroom parties, Fall Fest (October 20) and Winter Fest (December 22), with seasonal themes. We ask that each student contribute \$5.00 in order to cover the cost of treats, craft materials, and other items that help to make these events a memorable and fun part of our learning community. Room parents and teachers will work together to determine the needs for each classroom's party. Please send your child's party contribution of \$5.00 with them to school in an envelope marked with their name, homeroom teacher, and the words "Party Money" by Thursday, October 5.



## LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Illinois State Law requires all 5th grade students and students new to the district to have a complete physical exam and be up-to-date on all immunizations. If you have not done so, please send a copy of those records to our school nurse. Unfortunately, any students not in compliance with this State regulation will be excluded from attending school as of October 15 until the issue is resolved. Any questions should be directed to our health clinic at (847) 596-5910. The Lake County Health Department Immunization Program is offering extended hours in an effort to help parents meet that deadline. For more information, please contact the Health Department's Immunization Program at (847) 377-8470.

## HELP US HELP YOU

The Intermediate Main Office is a busy place. We appreciate your ongoing support of our learning community by following these basic guidelines:

### ✓ PARENT PICK-UP

- When picking your child up **during** the school day, please send a note excusing him or her. Children, however, will not come to the office until you have arrived to sign them out. When making your plans, be sure to account for the 5-10 minutes it will take your child to leave their classroom and walk to the office.
- When picking your child up at the **end** of the day, please call the office by 2:00 so that we can inform the classroom teacher as soon as possible.



### ✓ STUDENT ABSENCES

- If students will not be coming to school, please either send a note/call ahead of time, or call the morning of their absence as early as possible.
- If your child is home sick with a communicable illness (i.e., strep throat, chicken pox, pink eye), please notify the health clinic.

### ✓ PERSONAL BELONGINGS

- Please make sure your child's personal belongings (lunchboxes, jackets, hats, backpacks, school supplies, etc.) are all labeled in permanent marker.

