

Early Bird Pre-K

November 2009 Office Newsletter

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Dressing for the weather

We are going to start having some very cold days as winter makes its way in. Please keep in mind that Sterling Public Schools allows children to be outside in weather as low as 15 degrees. Our children are not out for long periods of time but, it is still VERY important for you to send the following items

EVERYDAY:

COAT - HAT - GLOVES/MITTENS - SNOW BOOTS

(It would be a good idea to have an extra pair of hat & gloves to keep in your child's locker.)



Sterling Public Schools has a new website!!!

Each school has a site with the weather and calendar of events on the home page.

Wallace updates are now posted!!

www.sterlingpublicschools.org

Fundraiser Delivery & Pick Up

Fundraiser items will be delivered the week of November 23 rd. We will post notices and send notes home of the exact pick up date.



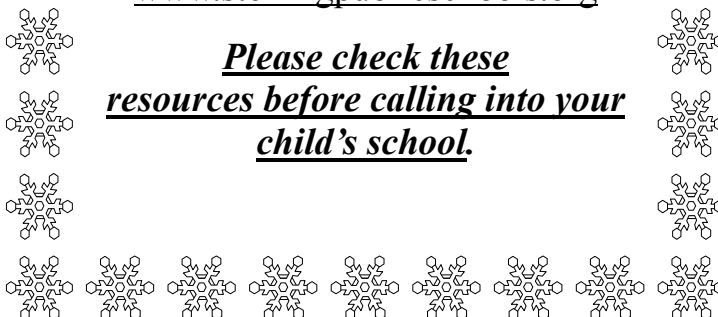
EMERGENCY SNOW DAYS AND EARLY DISMISSAL

It is that time of year to start putting a plan into place for emergency snow days and early dismissals.

Make sure your child's school has all updates on phone numbers.

Announcements of closing will be made on WSDR 1240 AM and WIXN 101.7 FM radio stations, channel 11 and the Sterling Public Schools website. www.sterlingpublicschools.org

Please check these resources before calling into your child's school.



November 1st Daylight Saving Time ends. So be sure to set your clocks back on Saturday night before bed so you can get that extra hour of sleep in the morning!

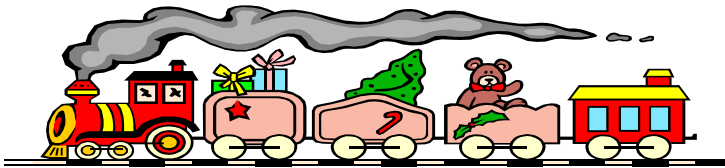
From the Parent Center

We have a lot of activities going on in November. On Nov. 2nd & 3rd the classes will be walking to the library. School pictures will be Friday, Nov. 6th. Jo Owens from the Whiteside County Extension Nutrition Program will present a lesson on Nov. 12th & 13th. Her October lesson focused on the different colors of some healthy foods. She brought blueberry muffins for everyone to enjoy. Rhonda Marshang will be here on Nov. 18th, 19th & 20th to present a lesson in nature.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Early Bird Pre-K fundraiser. The money we make goes towards classroom supplies and program resources. Your contribution makes our program stronger!

Lending Library

Please remember the toy and book lending library is open. Stop in to The Parent Center - Room #9 between 8:00 - 3:30 daily to check out our items.



Toys For Tots Sign Up

There are 3 different dates and sign up locations for the Toys for Tots program in November. If you are in need of assistance this holiday season, you will locate the times and dates on the message board above the drinking fountains at the east end of the building.

Free Clothing and Book Exchange

Washington School will have its 3rd annual free clothing and children's book exchange on Wednesday, November 18th, from noon-2:30. If you have items in good condition and/or

children's books that you would like to donate, please drop them by Washington School beginning November 9th. We would appreciate you waiting until the 9th due to space.

If you are in need of some items, please feel free to stop by and pick up items that will be of use to you.

Box Tops & Campbell's Soup Labels

We are still collecting Box Top's and Campbell's soup labels. These are redeemed for cash or items that are used to support the Early Bird Pre-school program.

These may be turned into the teacher or to the Parent Center.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Calling off.....



Please remember to call in when your child will not be in school. It is very important that we get the number of children who are out sick and the symptoms in which they have. This request is put into place to protect all of the children in our school against any widespread outbreaks of specific illnesses.

Though we have seen improvement on the call ins, there are still many parents that we are not hearing from. We will now start attempting to call those parents whom we do not hear from to ensure that we have the most accurate count of children with illness and their symptoms.

To report an absence, please call (815)625-3000. If no one is available to take your call press 1 and leave a message.

You may also e-mail the office at:

sbellini@sterlingschools.org

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Shot Records

Please turn in any shot updates that your child may have had since the turning in of their last shot record to the office. It is important to keep schools updated on all immunizations.