

Osage City Elementary School

May 2010 Newsletter

Parent Information Center

Materials related to student issues can be found in the elementary office. Brochures have been set out in a display rack for parents at no charge. Please come in and browse through our materials and take what interest you. A sample of the information, *Help Your Child Develop an 'I Can Do It' Attitude* has been included below.

Children who are successful in school are like the engine in the story *The Little Engine That Could*. Successful students say to them, "I think I can. I think I can. I think I can!" Teachers know that children who *think they can* be successful in school usually are. And, those who *think they can't* usually aren't. Here's how you can help your child develop the positive attitude that can lead to success in school...and in life.

- Read with your child about success
- Display your child's schoolwork
- Use positive self-talk
- Use specific praise
- Point out the results of effort
- Talk about motivational quotations – "A little boy was asked how he learned to skate. He replied: 'Oh, by getting up every time I fell down.'

Invitational Track Meet for Grades 3-5 – Saturday, May 15

The elementary school will host a track meet for all Osage City students in grades 3-6 at the Osage City Track on May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This meet will be similar to our annual Field Day, but with more events to choose from. Boys and girls may enter in 3 events, all running events, all field events or a combination. Relays are included with running events. Ribbons will be presented to the top 3 and all participants. More information and details will be sent home with students in the next two weeks.

The End of Another School Year and Public Library Activities

School is close to ending another year and students will go home and get away from the rigorous daily academic routine. The rigor usually slows down, but the academic routine needs to continue. An extensive list of grade level websites has been created for parents and posted on the elementary school's website under announcements.

Check out the Public Library's programs for children this summer and keep your child reading over the summer. We will be taking students to the library near the last days of school to draw awareness to what they have to offer.

Mark your calendar for the following events at the Public Library this summer

- May 28 Make it and Take it Craft Day
- June 2 Luau
- June 9 Craft Day
- June 16 8 Silly Rabbits
- June 23 David Traylor Zoo
- June 30 Matt Miller from KTKA
- July 2 4th of July Fun
- July 7 Activity Day
- July 14 JoHo, Storyteller
- July 21 Melvern Lake
- July 28 Ice Cream Party and drawing for Final Prizes
- There will also be some Movie and BINGO Days during the months of June, July and August.
- Prizes will be given to those who reach different reading levels in the reading program.

For more details contact Janette Stromgren at the Osage City Public Library 785-528-3727 or osagecitylibrary.org

The internet is a resource of vast amounts of information, both good and bad, that will continue to grow as a key resource in your child's life. A few tips are offered to help them use the internet safely.

- Turn off my computer monitor right away and tell a trusted adult if anything makes me feel scared, uncomfortable, or confused.
- Tell my parents or guardian if anyone online asks me my name, my address, my telephone number or the name and location of my school.
- Tell my parents or guardian if anyone online asks to meet me in person.
- Not use mean or rude language on the internet.

Internet safety will always be a priority for our students. This website is a safe way for your children to be interactive while they learn about being safe on the internet. Take some time to check out the site at home or the public library the next time you are there.

Volunteer Week Receives Some Great Help From Parents

The week of April 19 was National Volunteer Week. Several opportunities were created for parents to volunteer at the school. The response to the invitation was well received as 40 adults volunteers came to the building to help with art projects, reading, math, classroom activities and to clean up the school's garden area. The school sends a sincere thank you to all those individuals for their help. Remember next year's Volunteer Week in April.

Elementary School Website – Elementary School - Announcements

We will keep the site updated over the summer and include important dates for the 2010-2011 school year.

Title I Reading & Math Program Evaluation Survey

The elementary school is a targeted assistance building meaning the support provided by Title I staff is targeted to students needing additional instruction. Each year parents of title students are sent a questionnaire that helps evaluate the success of our title support. Surveys will be sent out in the next few weeks to parents of Title I students.

Summer School

This year's summer school will take place each weekday morning from July 5- 30. Our summer school is by invitation only. Parents will be receiving notices the week of May 10. The notices need to be returned to classroom teachers by May 15.

PTA News

The pancake feed was well attended and had some great help. Baskets sold for the following amounts: Movie Night \$45, Camping \$60, Cooking \$21, Chiefs \$37, Art \$30, Books \$30, Technology \$22, Gardening \$45, KSU \$45, Family Fun \$43, Water Fun \$42, Gift Cards \$40, Board Games \$40, KU \$60, Chocolate \$50, Travel \$47. The Royals basket had a few special items causing it to bring \$230. Second place basket was the sports basket that raised \$72.

PTA's primary fundraiser, the Osage City Discount Cards, are still on sale. Twenty dollars will purchase a discount card worth over \$40.00. Discounts are all in Osage City.

Still interested in buying a Discount Card? Contact the school office at 528-3171.

The PTA's next meeting is Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings are at the elementary school library. Everyone is welcome!

Moving from Osage City???

Parents, if you are sure your children will not be attending Osage City Schools next year, please let the school offices know before May 21.

August Enrollment

Enrollment for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on August 9, 10, & 11. **On the first two days, Monday and Tuesday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and again from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. On Wednesday, the office will be open for enrollment from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** We encourage everyone to enroll on these dates. If you plan to be out of town at that time, let the office know as soon as possible at 528-3171 or 528-3174.