

## Beginning Band Begins!

Roy Elementary offers beginning band instruction to all 5th grade students. Students who choose to be in band will learn to read musical notes and rhythms, and produce a musical tone. They will also perform at concerts during the school year. No previous musical knowledge is required. We start from the beginning!

New 6th grade students should talk to their classroom teacher if they would also like to be involved.

All 5th grade and new 6th grade students will be bringing home information concerning beginning band. Parents, please make sure that you see this important material.

Band begins Sept. 28th for beginners.

## Band Instruments

If you have a band instrument at home that isn't being used and would like to see an interested student learn to play it, you can donate it to our school and get a tax deduction. Call our school office and leave a message for Mrs. Craig.

## Pop Tabs Wanted

**Did you know?** That pop tab you probably throw away is worth 5¢ for Ronald McDonald House. If you would like to help, collect your tabs and send them to Jim Walsh at school.



## Free Parenting Classes "Love & Logic"

A five part series

Free Daycare ages 2-12

(limited openings)

When : Tuesdays, beginning September 22,  
29, October 6, 13, & 20 2009

Where : The Bethel Family Center  
18020 East "B" ST., Spanaway  
Challenger High School Campus-Bldg. P

Time : 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.  
(Light Meal: 5:30 - 6:00 p.m)

Must Pre-register: call Jill at 253-683-6850



## Volunteering in the Classroom

School Board Policy requires every volunteer to have a background check prior to volunteering **in the classroom or going on a field trip**. If you would like to do either of these this year, please take the time to fill out a volunteer application form now. Return it and a copy of your picture ID so we can send it in to district office for approval. The application is good for 2 years from the date it is approved.

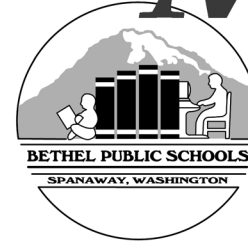
## Student Insurance

It is extremely important that parents understand that the district does not carry insurance on students. Parent's medical insurance is the primary coverage for injuries to students. This includes fees charged for 911 transport initiated by school personnel. Student Insurance pamphlets were distributed to all students. If you did not receive your pamphlet, more are available in the school office. Please let us know if you'd like one sent home with your child.

## President Obama's Speech

We support President Obama's message about students working hard at school and doing their best. We encourage you to watch his speech with your child(ren) on a website such as CNN.com.

# The Roy Elementary School MUSTANG NEWS



September 18, 2009

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## DATES to remember

### September

23 **Late Arrival Day, School Starts @ 11:15 (buses will be 2 hours later than normal)**

### October

5-6-7 6th Graders @ Camp Colman

9 **Statewide Inservice - No School**

12 **Learning Improvement Day (LID) - No School for Students**

14 **Late Arrival Day, School Starts @ 11:15**

16 **Red Ribbon Balloon Launch, 2 PM**

19-23 **Elementary Conferences, 11:40 Dismissal  
Red Ribbon Spirit Week**

## September Core Quality

Honesty is the quality of being sincere, open, trustworthy, and truthful in word and deed.

## Bethel Hotline Number

The Bethel Hotline, 253-683-6001, is one of the best ways to keep connected. This number can be used for vital information concerning such things as school delays, closures and other important news. Please use this number as your first choice for school information.

## From the Principal

Greetings,

Welcome to Roy Elementary School, home of the Mustangs! Roy Elementary is a unique school with strong ties to its community. As principal of Roy Elementary, I am eager to continue with the traditions and practices that make our school an outstanding place. Likewise, I look forward to working closely with staff, parents, students, and community members to enhance practices and include new customs that meet the changing needs of our school community.

Roy Elementary School is fortunate to have highly qualified, professional, and dedicated staff members who are truly committed to providing your child with the best education in a caring environment. Our staff truly understands the importance of developing relationships with students, parents, and the community. It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I greet you as partners in your child's educational experience. Your commitment, support, and involvement are vital to your child's successful school experience.

I would like to welcome the following new or re-assigned staff to Roy Elementary: Kortney Ginger and Jennifer Harris, Kindergarten; Petrina Gavrilis, Nurse; Sheli Morrell, Music; Steve Kingston, PE; Debra Giffin, Child Nutrition; and Debra Scarbough, Head Custodian.

I honor my position as principal and look forward to forging a relationship with each and every student at our school. Likewise, I am eager to become acquainted with each of you, our parents and community members. Therefore, I extend an invitation to you to visit me here at school when you are able.

Sincerely,

Christoph Green

## WASL Results

If you would like to pick up your child's WASL results from last year, you may stop by to get them from Mr. Green. Otherwise, they will be distributed to you during Conference Week in October.

## Automated Phone System

The district uses its automated phone system for two purposes: to report daily student absences to parents/guardians and to communicate important information that we need to get home quickly. The automated phone system allows us to call every student's home in the district within three hours. We plan to use this tool carefully -- we don't want to burden you with unnecessary phone calls.

## Dress and Appearance

Clothing should not interfere with or detract from a child's progress in school. The safety of your child should be considered. For example, open-toed shoes or flip-flops would not be safe when participating in recess or physical activity.

During warmer temperatures, students will increasingly want to wear shorts to school. The "rule of the hand" is used with the child's arm used as a ruler. The student stands with his or her arms extended to his or her sides. If the shorts reach the bottom on the fingers, the shorts are acceptable.

We do not allow inappropriate attire. These articles of clothing include: tank tops, shirts that expose the midriff, jeans that have holes so that underwear and/or skin show, sagging pants, clothing promoting alcohol, tobacco, gang affiliation, or other inappropriate messages on them. Students may be asked to turn such shirts inside out, wear another item we might have at school, or call home for different clothing.

Students should have attire for outside activities. No attire shall be disruptive to the educational process of an individual. Bethel School District Policy #5430.

## Head Lice

Please check your child at least once a week for head lice. The best time - Sunday evening before he/she comes back to school for the week. Please call Mrs. Smith in the Health Room @ 683-5193 if you have any questions about lice/nit removal.

The following information is provided as a public service announcement and does not represent sponsorship by the Bethel School District.

## Strawberry Patch Co-op Preschool

Strawberry Patch Co-op preschool is now accepting registrations for the fall of 2009-10. Children must be 2 3/4 (must be 3 by Nov. 1) to 5 years of age. For more information please contact Aimee Krebs @ 253-843-0232 or by email @ Alilamom@aol.com

## Reminders

**MEDICAL CONCERNS:** If your child has a medical concern, please contact Mrs. Smith@ 683-5193 to make sure we have the most current treatment information.

**ROUTE HOME CHANGES:** Please remember to send a note to school with your child if he/she has a change of plans for the trip home. If he/she is going home with another student we will need to make out a bus pass. If you plan to pick your child up, please send a note stating that as **NO NOTE = normal route home**. Thanks for your help in making sure your children know before coming to school what they are to do at the end of the school day.

**INSTRUCTIONAL TIME:** Students have continual instructional time during school hours of 9:15 a.m. to 3:20 p.m. It is very important that students stay at school all day as instruction continues until the school day ends. We would appreciate your cooperation in making every effort to keep your student in class until the end of the day to avoid disruption of his/her education. **It's important to avoid disruption of the classrooms by making your after school arrangements by sending a note or calling prior to 3:00 p.m.** It would be helpful if parents could refrain from removing your child early from class as the end of the day becomes very hectic with additional requests to pick up or remove students from class.

**ENROLLMENT UPDATES:** If you have any changes to your home or emergency phone numbers, work phone numbers, names and numbers for contact persons, please let the office know so we may keep your child's enrollment form updated and current. This will help us in contacting you in case of emergency.

## Got Lunch?

Studies show that eating a healthy school breakfast and lunch improves mental, physical and behavioral performance in school-age children.

Did you know that there are 2 easy ways to become eligible for free/reduced breakfast and lunch?

If you haven't looked at the income guidelines or have had a change in your financial situation, check out the options below to see if your child and your household budget could benefit from this great resource.

**Option #1** - Apply for the Washington Basic Food Program (food stamps). Once approved, your child is automatically eligible for free lunch.

**Option #2** - Fill out the free/reduced lunch form. Return to the office. Applications will be processed within a few days.

## Safety Reminder for Parents and Visitors

Visitors are always welcome at Roy Elementary. However, we must also balance our need to remain welcoming with the need to maintain a safe and secure environment for your children. To help prevent any problems please:

- Always check in at the front office when coming onto the school grounds. This is a district, as well as a building requirement. You'll receive a visitor's sticker to wear. Students and staff can quickly identify that you have checked in at the office.
- Even if you need to run something into your child's room, it is very disconcerting to see an adult hurry in, and then out, of the building without knowing when he or she is on the campus even if we know you.
- Staff will be asking adults in our building who do not have badges to check in at the office. Please understand we are not trying to be unfriendly or make visiting our school a hassle. We are looking out for your child(ren) so that both you and your child(ren) may rest assured that Roy Elementary is a safe place to be.

## Preventative Measures Against Cold and Flu

\* To prevent others from being infected, a child with a cold or flu should not attend school.

\* It is recommended that if your child has a fever that they not return to school until 24 hours after the fever breaks and returns to normal.

\* Practice good hand washing techniques throughout the school year and particularly during the cold and flu season. Children should wash their hands frequently, especially after coughing, sneezing, and blowing their nose.

\* Instruct children to cover their mouth with their arm rather than their hand when they cough or sneeze.

Remember that viruses are the cause of the common cold and flu. Preventative measures can reduce the extent and length of an illness making the cold and flu season more tolerable. Antibiotics are not recommended for the treatment of viruses. They are used to treat bacterial infections.

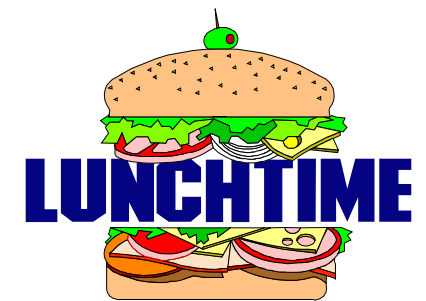
## Lunchroom News

Lunch and breakfast are served daily in our school. In order for the children to get financial assistance for these meals, we must have an application for each child to determine if they qualify for free or reduced-price meals. Forms are available in our office. All meals meet federal food guidelines. Students who are identified as disabled by their doctor may need different foods. If your child needs this assistance, please contact the Child Nutrition Office at (253) 683-6912.

**In addition, lunch prices for children that qualify for reduced-price lunches are listed below. Children enrolled in kindergarten through 3rd grade will receive lunch free of charge. However, children enrolled in preschool and grades 4-12, will still be charged \$.40 for lunch.**

**Prices for 2009-2010 School Year are as follows:**

	Elem.	Reduced	Milk/Juice	Adult
Breakfast	\$1.35	FREE	\$.50	\$2.25
Lunch K-3	\$2.25	FREE	\$.50	\$3.50
Lunch 4-6	\$2.25	\$.40	\$.50	\$3.50



## PayPAMS

**Pre-pay for School Meals or check account balances at [www.PayPAMS.com](http://www.PayPAMS.com)**

**How to Register:**

1. Go to PayPAMS.com and click on the "Register Now!" button on the home page.
2. Select your state, then select your school district.
3. Create a user name and password and enter your contact information.
4. Add children to your account.

Instruction forms are available in the office.

The entire service is **FREE of charge**. There are absolutely no fees to make payments or to access any of the features on PayPAMS.