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News from the Chinook PTSA

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IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 4 - Standard Time Begins!
Turn your clocks back one hour!!

Nov 5 - Reflections Projects Due!

Nov 6 - Election Day - VOTE!

Nov 8 - Veteran's Day
Assemblies, 9:30am & 10:15am,
Parents welcome

Nov 9 - Conference Day-**NO SCHOOL**

Nov 12-Veteran's Day-**NO SCHOOL**

Nov 13-14 - BSF Phonathon,
contact Cassie Swope at
cswoope@msn.com if you can
volunteer.

Nov 14 - Principal Coffee in
Library, 9-10am

[For more dates, visit our website](#)

PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Happy November Parents,

How quickly the weather has changed and fall has set in nicely around us. Unfortunately this has not been the case for the people on the the East coast. We send our thoughts and well wishes to all the people enduring tough times because of the storm damage.

Joy Stewart and her fabulous social committee: Deena Eastern, Sylvia Abrahamsson, Linda Baker, Karen Wirthlin, Lisa Johnston, Lori Bronznowski, Caitlen Ong, Lesly Mohr, Leillani Cerrillo, Mara Aptarty, Pam Donaghue and Melissa Mackenzie captured the season with an awesome Orange and Black social last Friday night. They transformed the commons area into the coolest party room. The DJ blasted fun music and kids danced and played various games until 9PM. Many many thanks go out to the all the parents who planned, chaperoned and cleaned up after the big event.

The Chinook staff has been enjoying a fun selection of Keurig coffees and beverages and they would like to thank PTA and our our fun Staff Appreciation committee headed by Debbie Nordstrom for making this possible.

Last week the Chinook directory was distributed. We can't thank Teri Pool and Karen Deitrick enough for all the time they put in gathering and inputting student information and their attention to detail. They worked hard to pull the directory together and get it out to all our PTA members in a timely fashion. We have a few extra directories so please join PTA and pick up your directory in the office. You can find our membership form on our PTA website.

Don't forget to "Fall Back" on November 4th. It's time to set our clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 4th.

Enjoy the week!

Corinne and Melissa

PRINCIPAL UPDATE

Please join me at our next Principal Coffee Hour on Wednesday, November 14th, in the Library from 9:00am to 10:00am. Our Instructional Technology Curriculum Leader, Wendy Powell, will

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KID KUDOS

Remember to check out our [Student Recognition](#) page, under our Activities Menu for outstanding students! Junior All-State performers and Mrs. Cari's Outstanding Students are currently listed.

be presenting a tutorial on the Parent Internet Viewer and I will be providing an overview of the School Improvement Process, our goals, and student achievement data.

I'd like to send out a personal 'thank you' to all of our parents and volunteers for supporting and coordinating the Black & Orange School-wide Social. We had nearly 250 students come dance, play and have tons of fun in the cafeteria on Friday evening, October 26th. In addition, we have been enjoying the goodies that have been showing up in mailboxes and the generous donation of coffee and creamer. Your support makes a difference every day for students and staff.

We're coming up on a four-day weekend. Remember, there is no school on Friday, November 9th, and Monday, November 12th, in observance of Veteran's Day. Chinook will be recognizing veterans on our staff and featuring the Band, Choir and members of our Drama Department on Thursday, November 8th, during two assemblies at 9:30am and 10:15am in the gymnasium. You are welcome to join us. Have a great week!

REFLECTIONS ART PROGRAM--NOVEMBER 5 IS THE DEADLINE!

Our theme- The Magic of a Moment! Due date November 5th.
Please encourage your students to show their artistic side through any of the following categories:

- Visual Arts
- Literature
- Film/Video
- Dance/Choreograph
- Music
- Photography

We appreciate your support. For forms and rules of entry please go to

<http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html> or contact Trina Nguyen trinatl@hotmail.com and/or Faraz Doan farazd24@gmail.com

WHAT IS PIV? FIND OUT AT 11/14 PRINCIPAL COFFEE

What is PIV?

PIV (Parent-Internet-Viewer) is an online tool which can help support a student's academic success.

What will I learn?

Learn how to use PIV to:

Look up grades

Review attendance

View course progress reports Set email alerts for missing assignments or grades

Email teachers

See curriculum

Receive login & password help

When is the training?

November 14th 9-10 am (during Principal Coffee Hour)

Where do I go?

Chinook @ Ringdall Library

What if I can't make it?

Please email Wendy Powell, powellw@bsd405.org, if you are interested in PIV training but cannot attend on November 14th

COUNSELOR'S CORNER--CHINOOK ROCKS!

What is it? We work hard as a school to continue to foster a safe and civil environment where all students can learn. We teach students about the following school wide expectations: **R**espect, **O**wnership, **C**ommunity, **K**indness and **S**cholarship. We refer to these expectations as Chinook ROCKS. Lessons were delivered at the beginning of the year in each of these areas, and teachers are continuing to reinforce these expectations with students throughout the year.

Why is this important for me to know as a parent? Students who are successful at Chinook academically and socially are also students who are able to demonstrate these qualities. Our hope is that you will take time to model, discuss and reflect upon these expectations with your student at home. Next time you have a moment, share a story about how you were kind toward someone else at work, or talk about how another adult was respectful of you. Students learn in multiple ways, but often the most powerful role model they have is you, their parent! By collaborating with you, we hope to reinforce that all Chinook students "ROCK!" because they know how to conduct themselves in a way that will benefit them at school and in life.

CHINOOK NEEDS YOU

If you are looking for a way to help our Chinook community, contact our new Volunteer Coordinator Laura McKean at laura_mckean@hotmail.com for opportunities.

CHINOOK COMMUNITY CORNER

As a service to our school community, the Chinook PTSA shares information about local opportunities for middle school children and their families on our website. These events are not sanctioned by Chinook Middle School or the Chinook PTSA.

[Click here](#) to visit the Community Corner of the PTSA website to find out more about Boys Lacrosse Spring Registration and Bellevue Ski School.

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Any images must be saved in .jpeg. Thank you!
Please put the title of your article in the subject line.
Email word documents to kodiakkorner@gmail.com

Please feel free to contact us regarding Chinook PTSA.

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