

JEFFREY CLARK SCHOOL

WEEKLY BUZZ

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LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

The last student day is Tuesday, June 22, 2010, with a 1:20 p.m. dismissal. The cafeteria does not serve lunches the last day of school. Students must bring a bag lunch from home.

LUNCH CHARGES

The cafeteria is no longer accepting charges for lunch. All lunch charges must be paid as soon as possible. The cafeteria must clear the books for auditing. Please remind your child not to forget their lunch or lunch money.

FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Monday, June 14, was Flag Day. In honor of this important day, all of the Clark staff and students had a special ceremony honoring the flag. Honored guests included Mr. Ed Corker, Mr. Ed Marshall, Mr. Howard DeVault, Mr. Vito DiGiovacchino, and Mr. Ian Bucs. Mr. Vito DiGiovacchino also represented his son who is presently serving in Iraq. All of these men previously served or presently serve our country in one of the branches of the military. Their job was and is to defend our flag. Mrs. Kim Smith, Teacher of the Year, was honored by helping to lift and fold the flag with our military guests. One of our students, Jacob, helped raise the flag in honor of his dad serving in Afghanistan. Some of our honored guests brought family members and sat proudly with them. All of the second grade students sang a particular patriotic song. The first grade students sang "Grand Old Flag." It was a grand old assembly. It was about our flag and the value of peace and freedom in our country. The price is high. Men and women sometimes need to fight to protect our peace. Flag Day is about our flag and what it represents, PEACE AND FREEDOM.

KINGSWAY MIDDLE SCHOOL STRING ORCHESTRA PERFORMS

The Kingsway Middle School Orchestra gave an outstanding performance to all of our students on June 15. Our second grade string students sat side by side with the older students and played two songs with them. They were terrific. This concludes the String Program for the year. All violins must be returned as soon as possible.

SUMMER READING

Young imaginations can soar when they have access to lots of books over the summer! Visit the library often this summer and have your children select books they would like to read. Encourage your children to read a minimum of 3 books each week. Much like we would expect an athlete or musician's performance to suffer if they didn't practice regularly, the same thing is true for young people when it comes to reading performance. Stop the summer slide! Children that don't read during summer vacation can be significantly behind in reading achievement by the time they are in middle school. Have your children participate frequently (30 minutes per day) in reading and writing activities such as write letters, send e-mails, or keep a journal this summer!

SECOND GRADE

The second graders explored the Franklin Institute today. It was an exciting and educational adventure. Thank you to our parent chaperones and to all of the second grade families for supporting our trips this year! They have been a meaningful and enjoyable component of our curriculum.

Mrs. Moul worked with Mrs. Dell and her second grade students to design and create a banner for the "Pounding Out the Cure" Relay for Life Team. The class discussed the purposes for fundraising and outreach projects. The children traced, cut out, and colored in designs of their sneakers. They glued their "shoes" around the banner to symbolize the walking in the relay. Sponsored walkers are raising money to donate to the American Cancer Society. The beautiful banner will be displayed on Saturday in Medford. Mrs. Dell is participating in the event.

SUMMER PICNIC

Thursday was our final picnic for the year. Students enjoyed lunch outside and enjoyed a treat of Rita's water ice. Mr. Meyer had the opportunity to spray students with the hose. Everyone had fun.

DRESS CODE

Students should not wear tank tops. Tops should not consist of undershirts only, nor should they be imprinted with suggestive or offensive pictures and/or words that promote violence, profanity, and/or substance abuse (drugs, alcohol, or tobacco). Students should wear shoes that do not present a safety hazard to the child. Flip-flops, slip-on shoes, and high platform shoes present safety problems while pupils are at recess and on the playground equipment. Sneakers or rubber-soled shoes must be worn on gym days. Please refer to page 15 of the Parent Handbook regarding our dress code policy.

SAFETY

It is extremely dangerous to allow your child to walk across the parking lot without adult supervision. You must walk your child to the sidewalk. If a car is coming around to drop their child off, they will not see your child if they are walking by themselves.

Home and School Notes:

Calling all bakers! Monday, June 21, 2010 is the 6th Grade Farewell Program at the Samuel Mickle School. If you are able to bring a dessert for the reception please contact Robin Atkinson at sratkinson@comcast.net. Goodies may be brought to the Samuel Mickle School anytime that day before 4:00 pm. Thank you in advance!