

November 2010

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, the guidance counselors will be hosting a Parent Information Night for families with students in grades 9 and 10. Information regarding curriculum at all our area high schools, both public and charter will be available. The meeting will be held in the library of the secondary school, 215 East 22<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Please make sure your student dresses appropriately for the weather. If you are missing any jackets, gloves, hat, scarves, etc., check our Lost and Found area in the east hall.

AM Kindergarten Parents - please pick your student up by noon.

**November**

- 4 Parent Information Night @ Secondary for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Graders, 6 -7 p.m.
- 5 Minimum Day
- 9 OPAPO Board meeting, 4:30 p.m., secondary school
- 11 Fall Author Night w/ Lemony Snicket – Twenty-five of our 9<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending the dinner held at the Eccles Conference Center
- 16 AMC 8 – math competition
- Math Olympiad – Division E, grades 4-6
- 17 Math Olympiad – Division M, grades 7-8
- 18 Half of the 8th graders to Energy Solutions
- 22 The other half of 8<sup>th</sup> to Energy Solutions
- 23 Minimum Day
- 25-28 Thanksgiving Break

Your student needs to read a minimum of 20 minutes per day. The following research shows the impact this time has on student achievement.

Amount of Time Spent Reading  
And Reading Achievement of Fifth Graders

Percentile Rank on Standardized Tests	Minutes of Independent Text Reading Per Day	Estimated Number of Words Per Year
98	90.7	4,733,000
90	40.4	2,357,000
70	21.7	1,168,000
50	12.9	601,000
20	3.1	134,000
10	1.6	51,000

Source: Richard C. Anderson  
Center for Reading - University of Illinois

Remember – you don't have to read every day..... only on the days you eat!

Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving.

Kathy Thornburg  
Principal