

LATHROP STREET Elementary NEWSLETTER

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Halloween



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METEOR PINK OUT

The High School student council is planning to sell t-shirts for "pink-out week" October 25th through October 29th to support Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The high school students will come to Lathrop Street to sell the shirts. No pre-orders will be taken, **all shirts will be sold on October 21st in the afternoon.** The cost of one shirt is \$10.00.

PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF

Students should be in their homerooms no later than 8:05 am. Students are considered late after 8:05 am. Students brought to school by parents should be dropped off in the back parking lot. Teachers are on duty until 8:00 am in the back. If you choose to walk your child to the school, please park your car in an open parking spot. Please do not double park other vehicles.

SCHOOL PICTURE RE-TAKES



Craige's Photique will be at Lathrop Street Elementary on Wednesday, October 27th for picture re-takes. If you need an order form, have your child pick one up in the office.

HEALTH BEAT



New Immunization Requirements for the 2011-2012 School Year

The Pennsylvania Department of Health recently changed the immunization requirements for all students in kindergarten through 12th grade. Beginning next school year, all students need to have two Varicella (chicken pox) shots, or history of the disease. Students entering 7th grade next year will also need one dose of the meningococcal conjugate vaccine (MCV) and one dose of tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis (Tdap). Please be sure to discuss the new immunization requirements with your primary care provider. Once your child has received any necessary immunizations, please provide documentation to the school nurse.

ATTENDANCE

THE IMPORTANCE OF REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

It's a fact that students who attend school regularly learn more and are more successful in school than students who do not. Parents who make regular school attendance a priority also are helping their children learn to accept responsibility. And that's an important lesson for a successful life. Attendance patterns are formed early in life. Children who develop good attendance habits in the early grades will be more likely to continue them throughout their school career. That's important, because students who miss school miss out on carefully planned sequences of instruction. They miss out on active learning experiences and class participation. They miss out on the opportunity to ask questions. They are more likely to fall behind. And they are more likely to drop out.

What Parents Can Do

1. Let your child know that you expect her to attend school every day. Explain that, just as you have a job, it's her job to go to school and learn.
2. Set time for doing homework each evening and a time for going to bed. Unfinished homework and too little sleep are common reasons why parents hear the words, "I don't feel good," on school mornings.
3. Get involved with your child's school. When she sees you in the halls or the classrooms she'll understand that school is important.

COMING TO LA THROP STREET IN
NOVEMBER!



MOBILE AG. ED. SCIENCE LAB

The PA Farm Bureau's Mobile Ag. Ed. Science Lab is a 40 foot trailer complete with 12 work stations and all equipment and supplies for a variety of experiments. The lab travels to different elementary or middle schools in Pennsylvania each week. In the lab, a certified teacher provides five to six 50 minute hands-on science experiments per day.

Students work cooperatively in groups of 2 or 3, to solve a problem as they form a hypothesis, conduct an experiment, collect data, and draw conclusions.

The entire curriculum taught meets Pennsylvania Department of Education Science & Technology and Environment & Ecology standards, and is endorsed by the Department of Agriculture.

Students leave the lab with a better understanding of the scientific process, more aware of agriculture's importance in their life, and excited about learning.

