

## Wednesday, February 24 (tomorrow!)

### Full Day of School!!

Due to the numerous weather related interruptions in the days/weeks past, a decision has been made to conduct a full day of school tomorrow and to cancel the scheduled two hour early dismissal for Professional Learning Communities. Our next scheduled two hour early dismissal will be Wednesday, March 3 – weather permitting.

### From the Desk of the Principal

March, 2010 - Monthly Newsletter

**Health Education** - Starting the end of March, Washington Intermediate students will be engaged in health curriculum to help students understand their changing bodies and the cycle of growth and development from infancy to old age, including human sexuality. A letter will come home with every 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade student before Spring Break explaining the curriculum and schedule in more detail. We will also post this information on our school website. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ms. Bates (school counselor) or myself.

**Parent-Teacher Conferences** - Thank you for attending parent-teacher conferences in February! We appreciate your active participation in your child's education. Please know that we want you involved more than just fall & winter conferences! Communicate with your child's teacher often and continue to stress the importance and joy of learning is an everyday job!

**Parent Advisory** - Our next Parent Advisory meeting will be Thurs, March 4, at 7:00 pm. All parents are welcome to join us. Agenda items will be: homework, ITBS, budget & staffing, transition day, technology updates, and any parent items of concern.

**Odds-n-Ends** - We are still experiencing some minor drop-off and pick-up issues I would like to address again. Please...please...please...☺...help us with the following:

\* The **Drop-Off and Pick-Up Zone** is on the south side of the school (Washington street). Please do not drop students off in front of the building as it creates a safety issue when students cross the street or cars stop. It is for the safety of all students that we want parents to use Washington Street each and every day. Also, please **do not park** in this area and leave your vehicle unattended.

\* Please **stop completely** at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> & Washington. We have students who cross this street before and after school on a regular basis.

\* We appreciate your continued support of our Tiger Behavior Plan. We are trying to include more information on the Think Sheets students may bring home to help parents understand what took place when a child earned one. Please feel free to jot a note and/or call if you have questions.

\* Our transportation director, Carlos Guerra, and I have stressed to students the importance of following the rules on the bus. Students who continue to engage in unsafe activities on the bus may lose the privilege of riding the bus so that we may provide a safe ride for all students.

Mar 3 – 2 hr Early Out (PD)
Mar 4 – WIS Students see Cinderella @ HS (9-11 am)
Mar 4 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Gr Speech Contest (1:30 - ???)
Mar 4 – Parent Adv Mtg (7pm)
Mar 12 – 2 hr Early Out
Mar 13-21 – Spring Break
Mar 24 – 2 hr Early Out (PD)

Happy St. Patrick's Day & Spring Break!! ~ He who laughs, lasts ~ Doug Barry, Principal