

Cottrell Bulletin Board

December 2, 2011

“ Building a future, starting today.”

Cottrell Calendar

Nov 15-Dec 9 Parent/Teacher Conferences
Dec. 6 Parent Discussion:
Report Card/Standard Based Learning 6-7pm
Dec 5-8HLC Bookfair (times below)
Dec. 7 REPORT CARDS GO HOME
Dec. 22 Early Release
Dec 23-Jan 2 Holiday School Vacation

Parent FAQ Time (frequently asked questions)

We have had some great conversations about our new report card system and about our standards-based learning. I hope you will be able to attend our last FAQ meeting until January.



December 6th 6:00-7:00 pm

Our librarian is looking for volunteers to help out at the book fair next week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday before and after school. Please let us know if you are available for about 30 minutes or so.

December 5th-8th Book Fair Hours

Mon. 7:15-8:00 am
2:30-3:15 pm
Tues. 7:15-8:00 am
2:30pm-7:00pm
Wed. 7:15-8:00 am
2:30-3:15 pm
Thurs. 7:15-8:00 am
2:30-3:15 pm



SEE YOU THERE!

Why are we changing our grading system?

In RSU 2 we are changing the way we grade our students. Research has shown that the best way for students to improve is to provide feedback. “The most powerful single modification that enhances achievement is feedback.” (Robert Marzano) Feedback is a specific comment and report about student learning. In order to provide the best feedback, students and families need to know what should be learned and when learning is complete. Our new grading system will do just this. Students will clearly be able to identify what they need to learn and how to reach proficiency. An example might be: “ Student understands ending punctuation.” Through practice and opportunities to work with the teacher, a child will learn about ending punctuation. As a result, a score of 3 (proficient) will be entered in our grading software. Students and families will know what the student has done successfully and what needs extra attention. Single letter grades in a subject are proven to be the least optimal way to report a child’s learning progress. Our grading system will give families and students clear and specific information about learning. In the very near future, families will have access to the tasks students are working on at school and will be able to review the learning progress. Watch for meetings in January to learn more about the Educate grading system.

PTO Calendar Fundraiser

You still have time to purchase raffle tickets for the **Calendar Raffle**. Send in the bottom part of the calendar with your \$5. Each day a name will be selected to win the prize for that day on the calendar! Winning names go back into the drawing, so you could win more than one time!

Entries will be added throughout the month. If you need more calendars, just let the office know.

Thanks for your support of the PTO. All proceeds support enrichment activities at our school.



Check out the RSU Learner Centered information on our webpage at:
www.kidsrsu.org

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