

August 25, 2009



The Panther Page

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, cold and flu season has already begun in our schools. Nurses are noticing a variety of illnesses including but not limited to strep, various strains of flu, the common cold, etc. As a precaution and in an effort to keep your child protected, we hope you will encourage good health habits like washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when sick.

In addition:

- Keep sick children at home and always check for a fever before sending a student with any complaint to school.
- Do not give your child any over-the-counter medication to bring a fever down in order to send your child to school.
- Do not send your child to school and ask the nurse to see if they are sick or not.
- Rely on your healthcare provider for specific guidelines on when to keep your child out of a public setting.
- If your child becomes sick at school, we will notify you and expect you to pick up your child from school as soon as possible.
- Under federal privacy law, school employees will not discuss a child's medical condition with any other parent. However, the school will keep parents informed of general health conditions in the school that might affect children.

Remember a new strain of flu is in the illness mix this year, H1N1 flu. Symptoms for H1N1 include: fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, fatigue and diarrhea/vomiting (in some cases). It is expected that a vaccine against the new strain of flu will be available later this fall.

Please follow the most current Williamson County Schools recommendations regarding the flu, and these are located on our school district website at www.wcs.edu. In addition, new information regarding flu and illness will be included in the district's email newsletter, *IN FOCUS*.

For more information you can check with your health care provider or visit the following Web sites:

- www.flu.gov
- www.cdc.gov
- www.state.tn.us/health

Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our children protected.

Lunch Charges

Students will only be able to charge lunches three times. If after three times the charges have not been paid, students will not be allowed to charge. Mrs. Caporali will phone home to let you know when your student has three charges. Please make sure that your student has money on their account because after three charges your student will not receive any lunch.

Rotary Club

The Breakfast Rotary continues to be generous to Page Middle School. Today we were honored to have as our guests from the Breakfast Rotary Mark Gregory and Paul Gaddis. They honored us with a \$2,000.00 check to be used to purchase resource books to extend our curriculum. These books will be housed in the Rotary Reading Rocks room and will be available for check out by all teachers.

Java with Josie

We are planning a “Java with Josie” on September 4th at 8:00 a.m. for any parent new to Page Middle School.

We will discuss:

- Vision for Page Middle and ask for your input as to how you would like to see that vision realized
- Tennessee State Standards
- Curriculum
- High School Honors Classes
- Discipline/Behavioral Expectations
- Parent Involvement

Focus Classes

Each after noon the last 45 minutes of the day is spent in Focus. Every student goes back to his/her homeroom at this time. The purpose of this class time is to be all academic in nature. The options for this time are:

- Make up or missing work/tests/quizzes
- Homework for any class
- Teacher remediation/tutoring
- Peer tutoring
- Supervised group project work
- Computer usage for school work only
- Library – agenda must be filled out for specific task and time
- Locker cleanout – one at a time, as needed by teacher monitoring
- Read for pleasure – if all other work is completed

Focus will NOT:

- Allow students to use this time as play time, nap time or social break
- Show movies
- Allow students to use electronic devices
- Allow students to play computer games.

Sports UPDATE

1. Our football team is undefeated. We play Heritage tonight at Heritage. Today we are having a pep rally to cheer on our team.
2. Our Varsity Volley Ball team is undefeated. You go girls.
3. Our Cross Country teams are AWESOME:

Cross Country had a great 1st meet at Fairview last night! Both the girls and boys teams scored first place against Fairview, Freedom and Heritage. There were about 70 runners in each race.

The girls had 8 of the top 10 runners in the race.

1st place: Lizzy Kroeger 9:21

2nd place: McKenna Pierce 9:32

3rd place: Ashley Weathers 10:06

4th place: Emily Nicholls 10:15

5th place: Allie Harmon 10:16

6th place: Amelia Thiesing (Our top 6th grade runner) 10:48.

The boys were just as exciting . . .

1st place: Kurt Pierce New meet record of 8:20 2nd

place: Jonathan Helton 8:55 6th place: Joey

Renzaglia 9:05 8th place: Kevin Pierce 9:15 10th place:

Dylan Webb Time?

Important Information

Students may not wear pajama bottoms to school. The only time this is acceptable is on a spirit day and only if they have the PAGE MIDDLE pants that are sold by PAC.

Parent Connection

1. If you signed up for Parent Connection last year, you just need to send to the school the participation agreement form that you have received.
2. If you have not signed up for Parent Connection, the information for having daily access to your student’s grades can be found in the red folder that you received when school started.
3. If you are not able to find either the Participation Agreement or the directions for signing up for Parent Connection, please notify your student’s teacher by email.

How to Complain

1. If you have a complaint or question, please discuss this first with the person that you have the complaint with.
2. If you do not feel that your complaint has been resolved or heard, you may make an appointment with me to discuss. I will only discuss complaints regarding a teacher if you have addressed this complaint with the teacher first.
3. As you get to know me, you will know that I believe all issues can be resolved. I will listen and then I will involve all parties so we can solve the problem.

