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The Panther Page

Reporting to Parents

The system is taking grades for the report cards directly from Grade Speed, which is your Parent Connection. As we progress, the intent is to do our entire grade reporting electronically. We would only do paper if a parent did not have access to a computer. This year your hard copy report cards are an exact replica of the reporting that you see in Parent Connection. If you have not signed up for a daily update of your students' grades using Parent Connection, please email Maura Perine for directions. maurap@wcs.edu.

Red Ribbon Week



This week October 26th-30th we are celebrating Red Ribbon Week by focusing on drug and alcohol awareness and prevention. Former Page High School Graduate Derek Smith will be visiting Page Middle on Wednesday morning to share with students his personal story on how drugs and alcohol have affected his life. Students will also be bringing home "Tips for Teens" regarding the risks and consequences of using drugs and alcohol. Please talk with your child about the discussions taking place in classrooms this week regarding these topics. We encourage parents to visit the website, www.family.samhsa.gov. The website is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health. It contains great information on how to help parents initiate conversations with their children about key topics.

We are also having Dress-Up Theme days this week. Please encourage your student to participate!

Tues: "Be a HERO – No Drug Free!" – Camo Day

Wed: "Sock it to Drugs" – Crazy/Fun Sock Day

Thurs: "Proud to be Panthers – Proud to Be Drug Free" – Panther Spirit Wear Day

Fri: "Support Red Ribbon Week" – Wear RED

Homerooms are also decorating their doors. The winner of the door-decorating contest wins a DONUT PARTY!

Students can also design a T-shirt to be printed and sold here at Page!

We Need Help in 6th Grade Math

Cara Ellis, sixth grade math teacher, is coordinating a parent volunteer program. We need your help in working with students in basic math concepts and basic facts. If you are willing to help from 1:30 to 2:25 on any day, please contact Cara Ellis at carae@wcs.edu.

F.Y.I.

- **Starting tomorrow, Wednesday, October 28th, we will no longer take requests for change of transportation after 1:00 p.m. This is very important that you follow this request unless you have an emergency situation.**
- **We are asking that you do not talk on your cell phones in the afternoon when you are picking up students in the car line. Students are moving freely throughout the car line and we need every parent to be alert to this situation.**
- **You can now go to every teachers' website and find the learning targets for the unit they are teaching. These targets will help you to stay informed and give you direction as you are helping your student study for nine week assessments and/or exams.**
- **Nine week assessments for the sixth and seventh grades will cover only the material for this nine weeks. These assessments will be given Monday, December 14th – Thursday, December 17th. Your student will have only one assessment each day.**

- Exams for the 8th grade are Tuesday, December 15th – Friday, December 18th .
- The 2009-2010 Page Middle School yearbook is on sale now! You will be receiving ordering information from Jostens in the mail, and your student will be bringing home information as well. Yearbooks start at \$40 each, and can be purchased on an installment plan if needed.

Go to www.jostensyearbooks.com to order. Please do NOT send money or order forms to school. We are not processing any orders at the school.

Got Pictures?

If you have any great pictures of Page Middle students that you would be willing to share with the yearbook staff, you can upload pictures at images.jostens.com. The username is 400006299, and the password is panthers.

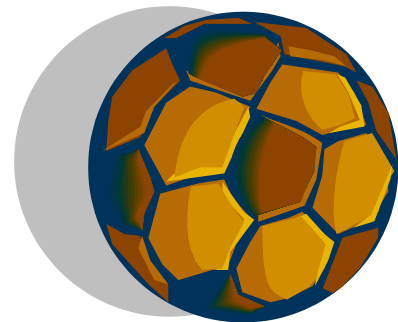
There is no guarantee that all submitted pictures will be used in the yearbook, but this is a great way to share pictures of events that might otherwise be missing from the yearbook.

- Thank you to Shirley Batsel, Dan and Yevonne Tito, Cynthia Howell, Erin Robinson and Buddy Inman of Pro Lawn Tree Service for all the work they have done to improve our Page Middle School campus. The next volunteer workdays are Thursday, October 29th from 9:00 – 2:00 and Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 – 2:00. Please join us if you only have 30 minutes.
- The Page Middle Idol Talent Show audition forms are due on Monday, November 2nd. The auditions are Wednesday, November 4th after school in the band room. The show will be on Friday, November 20th at 7:00 p.m. at Page High Theater.
- Play tryout are November 11th – November 20th You will receive more information next week.

Library Books

I would like to remind parents that students need to return their overdue library books and/or pay their fines. We have several overdue books out and would like them returned so that other students can read those books. Ask your student if they have received an overdue notice, and if so, if they have returned those books or paid those fines. If the student has not returned their

books, please encourage them to do so as soon as possible. If they need to, parents may contact me at juliec1@wcs.edu or Amy Layne at amyl1@wcs.edu if they have any questions.



Soccer Time

And



Wrestling, too!