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"OUR BEST FOR EVERY CHILD'S BEST"

John Campbell News

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SCHOOL SCOOPS

John Campbell's Mission:

"All students will meet or exceed district, state, and national goals through a combined effort of school, home, and community."

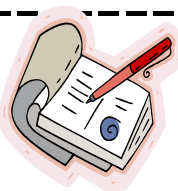
Welcome to fall in the Upper Valley! With the remarkably warm weather we had in September it's easy to forget that cooler weather is just around the corner for us as we start our second month of school. If you've had a chance to visit our classrooms in the past few weeks you will know that our building is in full swing now with students and teachers working hard on academic and social skills. Now that we've begun October I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on a couple of things happening in our building and district.

John Campbell students, along with students in the other Selah School District schools, recently completed fall testing with a new assessment tool called AIMS-Web. This new assessment tool provides a fall baseline of student academic performance for our students in the areas of reading and mathematics. Performance results are then used to help guide teacher lessons in the classroom and identify students needing extra help. All students will be assessed again in January and May to help determine academic progress throughout the school year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and understanding regarding our building and district professional development schedule. Being a parent of two John Campbell students, I know the challenge that late-starts and full-day in-service trainings (Monday, October 12, 2009) for our teachers and administrators can have on families. Realizing the value of this opportunity we at John Campbell have been working to use this time in the most efficient and productive way we can. Our October late-start provided all John Campbell teachers with an opportunity to work together to identify specific teaching strategies that have demonstrated academic success for students in numerous Washington State schools. The process was developed by an educational consulting firm named "Leadership Innovations Team" using a student observation tool called the "Student Learning Protocol." This work will be a common theme for John Campbell staff this year. If you have any questions about this work feel free to ask your child's teacher.

Once again, on behalf of the John Campbell staff we thank you for reading our newsletter and your continued support. We look forward to seeing you during evening events with our students and volunteering in classrooms as your schedule permits.

Sincerely,



DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ 10/5-9 Bus Ridership Week
- ✓ October 7 - Books for Breakfast - 8-8:30 in the Commons.
- ✓ Friday, October 23 - *Individual student pictures*. Retakes are scheduled for Tuesday, November 24. Class pictures will be taken on, February 9, 2010.
- ✓ Tuesday, October 27- *Read and Treat Night* - 6:30 to 8 p.m.
- ✓ Monday, November 12 - **NO SCHOOL** - Veterans' Day

