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Welcome to October and our second newsletter of the year. We hope that by mailing the newsletter again this year you will get a chance to read and see all the great things that are happening at Selah Junior High. It has been a great start to the year. I am very happy with our wonderful new staff members and our 8th graders seem to be getting acclimated to "The Spartan Way." Our mentoring program has been a huge hit and connected each of our 8th graders to a 9th grade student. If you were able to attend our annual open house we hope you enjoyed meeting teachers and talking to us.

With October comes parent/student/teacher conferences. The dates for these conferences are Wednesday, October 21 through Friday, October 23, 2009. On Thursday we conduct night conferences to accommodate many different schedules. Please know we cannot have all conferences on that date so if you are available during the day please help us in that way. We would appreciate it. You may receive a letter in the mail if a teacher would like to conduct a conference with you, or you may call and schedule a conference even if you don't receive a letter. Please call 697-0501 and speak with Cathy Bounds to set up a time for a conference.

Please continue to use the district calendar to update yourself with late arrival days and teacher in-service days. Also on the Junior High web page we have our daily bulletin posted, teacher e-mail addresses, and bell schedules just to name a few. We enjoy working with all of our young adults and would encourage you to call if you have any comments, concerns, or just want to chat. The office number is 697-0500. I look forward to hearing from you soon and thanks for helping this year get off to a great start.

Our next newsletter comes out after the month of "Movember" has started. That's right; "Movember" not November is coming up at Selah Junior High. Many of our male staff members have agreed to support male cancer awareness month by growing a mustache, hence the name "Movember." We will be collecting donations that go to support the LIVESTRONG Foundation and other research efforts working with male cancer concerns. We are going to challenge the other buildings in the district to see who can raise the most funds and grow the best mustache. Feel free to stop by to see our mustache additions to the junior high, not to mention the many other great activities and educational opportunities!

Make it a great month by living life "The Spartan Way!"

Marc Gallaway
Principal

Scott Ruark
Assistant Principal



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Mentor of the Month

The mentors of 2009-2010 are doing an amazing job helping their mentees. There is one mentor from the Yellow Team who is really standing out and doing an amazing job. That mentor is Melisa Valencia. Congratulations Melisa!

Melisa has stepped out of her comfort zone since the beginning to help her mentees. She is connecting really well with her mentees and does a great job of welcoming all students to Selah Junior High. Keep up the good work Melisa.

By: Arika Smith



Left to Right:
Sabrina Macias,
Melisa Valencia

Mentor of the Month

Sabrina Macias has been chosen the Mentor of the Month for September. Sabrina is a very hard worker. All of her mentees are always on track and she is very patient. On the slight chance a mentee does get off task, she leads them back into the lesson and gets them involved. I can tell that the kids are having a lot of fun in the lessons that she teaches. They are all volunteering to answer questions. The kids have learned a lot from the experience.

Another great thing about Sabrina is she always is doing her mentor homework. By the time the training comes along, she always knows what to do. When M2M (Mentor to Mentee) times comes around, she is always prepared. She manages her time well and always gets done with the activities at the appropriate time.

Since Sabrina is such a good role model to the eighth graders I'm sure they will apply to be mentors next year and hopefully be as good at it as she is.

By: Nolan Newman

Executive Mentor

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PTSO NEWS

Big THANKS to all the great PTSO supporters that have made this school year so successful thus far! Reminders: The monthly PTSO meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th at 2:45 p.m. in the Jr High library. (I think I put Tuesday in my last email, my apologies). EVERYONE is welcome to join us! It's a great time to meet other parents and usually some staff too, and find out how YOU can get involved! The first dance will be Friday, October 16th from 7 - 9 p.m. Susie Bennett and the PTSO would appreciate your help in making this dance fun for our kids! If you can volunteer to chaperone, please email me at aprilsm68@yahoo.com or give me a call. Also, big thanks to Kris Cater who has organized the fall concessions for volleyball and football. Volunteering to run the concession stand is great fun and very easy! Please email fredandkris@charter.net if you can help out! The funds that are raised directly benefit our students and our staff! Have an idea? Want to get involved? Just drop me an email or call me. Being an active part of PTSO has truly enriched my life and my son's school experience AND best of all, it is so much fun! Look forward to seeing YOU soon!

April Shattuck Mickles

PTSO President, 910-1251



CALENDAR

Oct. 12	NO SCHOOL- Learning Improvement Day
Oct. 13-16	Spirit Week
Oct 15	Flu Shot Clinic @ High School 2:30-5:30 pm
Oct. 16	Dance 7-9 pm
Oct. 16	Jr. High Progress Reports sent home
Oct. 21-23	Parent Conferences- Bell Schedule # 4
Oct. 28	Two Hour Late Arrival Bell Schedule # 7
Oct. 30	Jr. High Progress Reports sent home

STUDENT OF THE MONTH

The character trait for the month of September was PERSISTENCY. The students shown below demonstrated that determination pays off.

On Wednesday, September the boys were treated to a donut party to celebrate their achievement.

Nice job guys!

Left to Right:

Michael Herrera, Maeson Wilkey, Justin Parish & Eliseo Montiel.



The Spartan Way!

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COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hooray for homework!!

Think about time

Ask your child to consider different time slots they can use to get work done. For instance, maybe they could set aside a weekend morning or Sunday night. Also, many junior high students have time during class, lunch or after school to work on homework. Encourage your child to complete one assignment at school each day. The more they do at school the more time they will have to have fun.

Think Positive

Help your junior high student see homework as a chance to prove their independence by getting their work done on time and by themselves. Boost their confidence by telling them, "Homework gives you a chance to show all that you know." And give them a thumbs up when they get it done.

Tina McKel

Selah Junior High Counselor (L-Z)

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National Junior Honor Society

Do you want to make a difference? This may be your chance. We have an exciting opportunity for all ninth grade students who have a minimum GPA of 3.5 and demonstrate citizenship qualities. National Junior Honor Society will be starting up this month. This is a club that promotes community service and leadership. Students are asked to maintain a GPA of 3.5, serve 20 hours of community service, participate in two service projects, attend 75% of general meetings, and demonstrate role model behavior throughout the school and community. If you are interested please attend the informational meeting in Ms. Norgard's room on October 20th at 7:20 am. Applications will be due on Tuesday, October 27th. Late applications will not be accepted. Faculty members will review the applications and students will know if they have been accepted by November 5th. We always have a lot of fun with National Junior Honor Society at Selah Junior High and are looking forward to another wonderful year.

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FCCLA NEWS

The Selah Junior High chapter of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) is off to a great start this year. So far, we have completed the Step One online activity to start us off on what it really means to be in FCCLA, and the various projects and activities FCCLA offers. We have also planned the year long agenda, (which can be seen in Ms. Fendell's health room) and elected officers. The officers for the 2009-2010 year are: President, Adriana Guijarro; VP, Sabrina Macias; Secretary, Simon Morris; Treasurer, Lauren Allan; Historian, Hannah Morse; Social Chair, Erica Osland; Community Service Chair, Ayla Lewis, and, STAR Events Coordinator, Jessie Wilkey.

We will be going to the Regional meeting Wednesday Oct. 14 where we will be learning about Children's Miracle Network, this years state wide community service project. Look for what we decide to do to raise some funds for this worthy cause in months to come. Friday., Oct. 16th will find us selling concessions at the first dance. We wish good luck to all our members for the exciting year ahead!

PREVENT THE FLU!

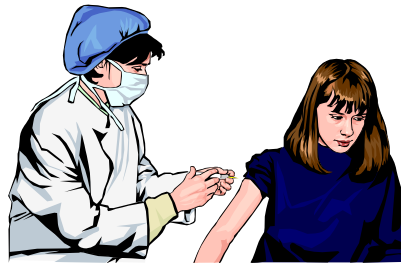
The Selah High School ASB is holding a Flu Shot Clinic. The clinic will be held on Friday, October 15th from 2:30-5:30 pm in the student center at the High School.

You can register for the clinic at <https://secure.flubusters.com/home.aspx>

Cost of the shot is as follows:

\$25.00 if you preorder on line

\$30.00 at the door.



Welcome Harvest!