

Robert Frost Elementary

February 12, 2008

Book Exchange: Every Wednesday! Bring a book, take a book!

Tuesday, February 12- Second Grade Presidential Wax Museum (Gym)
Tuesday, February 12 –Science Fair Informational Meeting 3:30-4:00 PM (Library)
Friday, February 15 - PTSA Auction 7:00-10:00 PM (Gym)
Tuesday, February 26 - Skating Party 6:00-8:00 PM (Skate King- Bellevue)
Wednesday March 19 - Science Fair 7:00-8:00 PM (Gym)

Remember! Every Wednesday is Early Dismissal at 2:00 PM (AM K at 10:55 AM, PM K at 2:00PM)

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Recent and archived Tuesday Bulletins can be accessed online: <http://schools.lwsd.org/frost/>

Message from the Principal *Sue Anne Sullivan*

Last week we held a very successful Math Parent Linkage meeting at Frost. Mr. Matt Manobianco, LWSD Director of Curriculum (and former Frost principal) and I hosted the evening of informal conversation about math resources. Parent facilitators helped to guide the conversation.

Frost parents had the opportunity to explore the new LWSD math resources that are available online and to offer feedback about them. In addition, parents brainstormed many great ideas about other ways the district and school could offer support to parents and kids in the area of math.

Our Math Parent Linkage meeting at Frost was the first meeting of its kind in the district. Mr. Manobianco plans to hold similar meetings in at least one school in each of the four learning communities (areas) in the LWSD. He will be sharing valuable parent feedback with school communities, as well as with district central office staff and the School Board.

Thanks to the parents who participated in this event and a special thank you to our great parent facilitators: April Lee, Dan Decker, Cassandra Sage, Nora Ryan, Jessica Pfundt and Keri Gengo!

Frost Auction this Friday night! 7:00 PM

Come support your school, bid on something wonderful, and enjoy the comedy show & laughter with friends. Auction items are available for preview this week in the library.

FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY!!

**PLEASE
DRIVE
SLOWLY**



**IN OUR SCHOOL
PARKING LOT!**

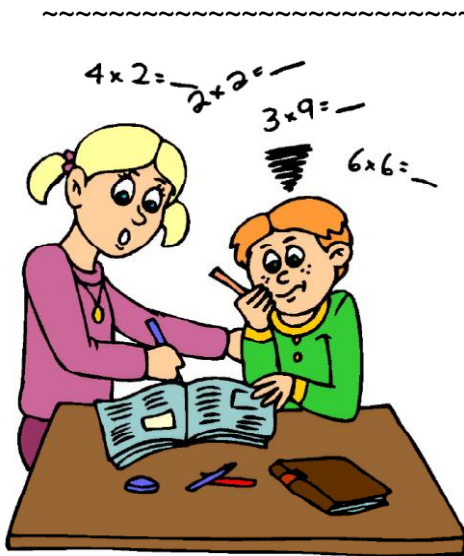
**Mark your Calendar for the Science Fair
Wednesday March 19th 7:00 -8:00**

Ribbons and Medal will be awarded at all grade levels, Kindergarten through 6th grade. It is not too late to sign up. We have about 15 projects but could use some more participants! Forms are in the office along with the information shared at the Tuesday 3;30 meeting. So come join the fun. Science Fair entries can be individuals, partners or small groups.

Math Resources for Parents Available Online!

From the main LWSO page- www.lwsd.org: click on the Parents tab, then on the left side, under Teaching and Curriculum, click on Math Resources. Choose your child's grade level and explore!

Each grade section begins with an overview of the mathematics at that grade level. Next there is a section on the computation fluency (computing skills and strategies) that are emphasized in that grade. Then there is a link for each math unit for the year. For each unit, you will find an explanation of the Mathematical Emphasis, Tips For Helping At Home and Questions To Ask, an explanation of Vocabulary Terms, a link to an excellent Mathematics Vocabulary Web site, explanations of the Mathematics Strategies used in the unit, and directions for playing appropriate Mathematics Games. For many units, there are even downloadable cards and materials.



An article from the LWSO Math Resources website:

Teaching Mathematics – What Parents Should Know

Information and tools for parents to support their student in learning math

Twenty or thirty years ago, when many parents were in school, learning math was primarily about one thing: learning to compute fluently. There was

one right way to add, subtract, multiply, divide and do other mathematical functions. Memorizing specific procedures and practicing them over and over was most of what math classes were about.

Computing fluently is still a critical part of learning math. However, those who are really proficient at math also learn to apply math, to reason, to understand mathematical concepts and to engage in math as sensible, useful and doable. Students really haven't learned math unless they can do all of those things.

Learn 21st century skills through math

Given the pace of change in this century, students today will need to be able to learn new concepts quickly: some of today's most popular college majors and professions didn't exist 20 years ago. They will need to be able to reason, to solve problems, and engage in whatever they are doing. These critical 21st century skills are taught in today's classrooms through math.

Today, all students need to learn math. Just as reading is fundamental, in today's society, math is essential. Understanding how different interest rates are computed, for example, can be the difference between owning a home and foreclosure. Math is also essential to so many careers, even those that don't seem to need math. (See the Partnership for Learning Web site to see several videos about how people in different careers use math.)

Every child can learn math. They don't all learn it the same way, though. That's why today's math instruction helps students learn several different methods to get to the answer. Some students will naturally understand and choose one way to get there while others will prefer a different method that seems more intuitive to them.

As a parent, you can support your child in learning math. This Web site will provide you with grade specific information on what your child is learning, how to help them with their homework, games you can play together to supplement what they are learning in school and more.