



ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Roosevelt Hosts U.S. Secretary of Education, Governor Gregoire, and Terri Bergeson

Roosevelt Elementary School hosted a roundtable discussion last week for U.S. Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, Governor Christine Gregoire, Superintendent of Public Instruction Terry Bergeson and education leaders from throughout the state of Washington. The roundtable discussion focused on the federal No Child Left Behind law.



Secretary Spellings, Governor Gregoire and Superintendent Bergeson complimented the staff and students at Roosevelt for their focus on student learning. Roosevelt was recently named as a School of Distinction, an honor given to a small number of schools in Washington State that have shown consistent improvement in student learning.

Parent Reminders

The office would like to remind our families to:

- Please call the attendance line early at 596.6703 to report an absence.
- Get a doctor's authorization for any medications to be taken at school; this includes but is not limited to over-the-counter medications such as cough drops, Benadryl, Tylenol and any medication filled by pharmacists.

- Always check the school website for school happenings at: <http://roosevelt.osd.wednet.edu>
- Remember the nurses' office is in need of socks, girl's underwear and gently used children's shoes of various sizes. If you can help, please drop items off at the office. Thanks in advance for any assistance.

Electronic Items at School

An increasing number of students are bringing expensive electronic items such as mp3 players, iPods, cell phones, and



sometimes handheld video games to school for use on the bus or at Y-Care. These items can be very expensive, and can often disrupt instruction or create other problems for our classroom or playground teachers. Roosevelt policy allows students to bring electronics to school as long as the following items are kept in mind:

1. *iPods, cell phones, and other electronic items must be turned off and kept in backpacks during the school day. The item is not to be pulled out during class, lunch, recess, etc.*
2. Write down the serial number of any electronic item your child brings to school and keep it in a safe place
3. Write or engrave your child's name and phone number clearly on the item. Jewelry shops will engrave most items neatly for just a small fee.
4. ***An engraving pen is available in the office to engrave electronic items with your child's name if necessary.***

Coats & Jackets, Sweaters and Gloves...



Over 170 coats and other clothing items were left as unclaimed by the end of school in December 2007. That averages out to about one coat for every other child at Roosevelt. Coats are expensive, so please take a moment to use a permanent marker to write your child's name clearly inside the coat. (The office can help you if you don't have a permanent marker.)

A Note from the Counselor

As children grow up, parents are faced with understanding their children's behaviors, and developmental stages. There are so many wonderful resources that offer parents current information about how to help their child develop into a self-reliant, responsible and happy individual.

With Title 1 money, Roosevelt was able to purchase books and videos on a variety of parenting topics for our Parenting Library. If you are interested in accessing any of these materials, please contact me at 596-6704, Monday-Wednesday to look at what is available and check them out. A sample of the topics we have materials on in the Parenting Library are:

- ◆ Sibling Relationships
- ◆ Communicating with your child
- ◆ Homework Issues
- ◆ School Success
- ◆ Autism, Asperger's
- ◆ Your child's self-esteem
- ◆ Building a positive relationship with your child
- ◆ Discipline
- ◆ Coping with Sensory Integration Issues

Below is a Parenting Tip from one of the books in our Parenting Library.

Parenting Tips For the Strung Out Mom and Dad

By: Ruth Saphier

Tip 1. Taking Care of Myself

How Caring for Myself Helps Me and My Child

When I am taking care of myself, I often feel encouraged and have more patience. Self-care is a necessity for parents, not a luxury. My children need a healthy adult example of how people care for themselves.

- ♥ *Nurture yourself in a way that is meaningful to you.*
- ♥ *Plan a date with yourself and mark it on your calendar. And keep the date.*
- ♥ *Attend to your needs. Balance activity and rest, socializing and solitude.*
- ♥ *Join a support group, formal or informal, such as a book group, or walking group.*
- ♥ *Exercise daily, if possible. Eat nourishing food. Enjoy nature.*
- ♥ *Take care of yourself first, so you can take care of others.*

A.R. Testing Room

We are so glad that the Accelerated Reader (A. R.) system is up and running. We are also thrilled that so many of our children are excited about reading a great book and then taking the matching A. R. test. To best accommodate the needs of our student test takers and our school staff, we have made the Music Room available for A. R. test taking in the morning before school, and after school as well! Students taking A. R. tests at these times must be supervised by a parent or guardian.

Mornings 8:40am to 8:55pm
After School 3:17pm onward

Please check with the teacher in the music room before starting a test.

Please do not use classroom or pod computers for before-school or after-school AR testing. Visitors or children in the hallways before or after school make it difficult for teachers to prepare for the school day, or to have professional discussions regarding curriculum or student needs.

Students also have the opportunity to take A. R. tests at various times of the day depending on the day's schedule.

Bus Drivers Needed

Do you like working with children? Do you like to travel? Do you like driving? How about working for the Olympia School District as a school bus driver?

Drivers make \$12.97 per hour the first year, \$13.91 the second and \$15.90 the third year. Drivers also earn State retirement and Teamsters retirement.

Olympia Transportation Department will train. Call 360.596.7700 for more information.

Inclement Weather Conditions

Please keep the following information readily available in case you need to check if school has been canceled or delayed due to weather or other emergency conditions.

Radio: KGY 1240AM or 96.9 FM KMAS
1030AM
KXXO 96.1 FM KAOS 89.3FM

Internet: <http://osd.wednet.edu> or
<http://psecs.wednet.edu>

(Sign up for automatic e-mail notification at <http://psecs.wednet.edu>)

Parents, please keep in mind:

- There is no student supervision when school starts late or is cancelled.
- Web or media alerts will inform families if emergency/snow bus routes are being used.
- For more information please see the flyer that went home with your child in November, or

access the EMERGENCY INFORMATION link on the OSD home page at <http://osd.wednet.edu>

Custody Documentation

In cases involving court-ordered custody of children, schools must have legal documentation (parenting plan) of restrictions to ensure compliance with court orders.

Before & After School Childcare

The District, in cooperation with the South Sound YMCA, offers before and after-school childcare at each of our eleven elementary schools. For more information, contact the YMCA at 360.705.2642.

The Olympia School District also works in cooperation with the City of Olympia to provide after-school opportunities for students at each of our four middle schools. For information about the City of Olympia Parks, Arts and Recreation After School Program for middle school students, please call 753-8380.

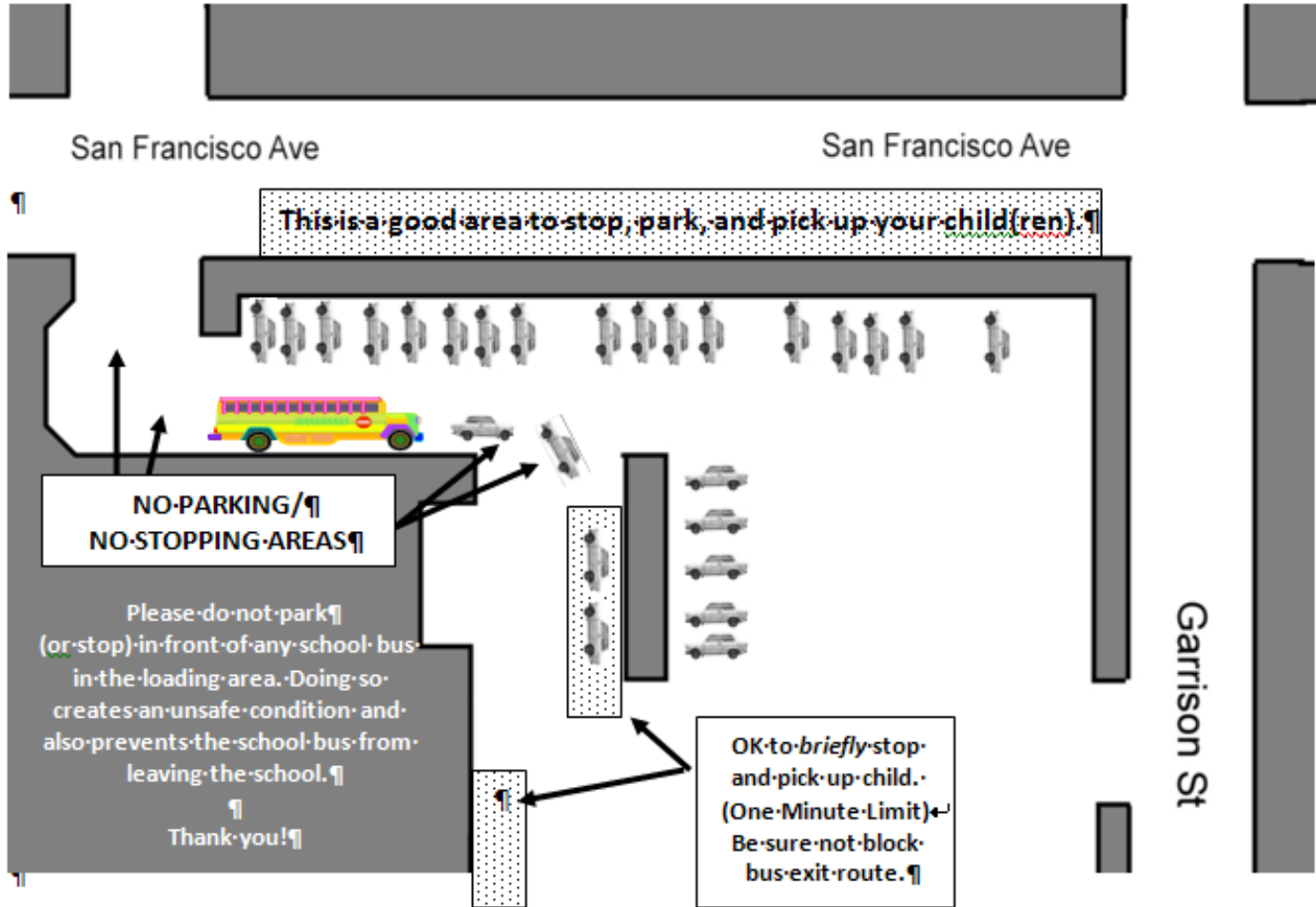
Perfume/Aftershave

The holiday season often brings gifts of fragrances or scented toiletries. Please note that for the past several years Roosevelt has been a "**Fragrance Free**" campus. There are an increasing number of students and staff who suffer allergic reactions to perfume or aftershave. We ask that all visitors and staff do not apply perfume or aftershave if they plan on entering the building. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Calendar

Jan 28Passport Club
Feb 1stEarly Release Day (All schools)
Feb 15th-18th ...Mid-Winter Break
Mar 7thTeacher In-Service Day (No School)
Mar 24th-28th ..Spring Conferences
April 7th-11th ...Spring Break
May 26thMemorial Day
June 16thLast Day of School

IMPORTANT STUDENT PICK UP / DROP OFF CONSIDERATIONS



For the safety of our students, and in consideration of our school buses, we ask that parents picking up or dropping off children in the morning do not park or stop their vehicles in the areas marked above.

Under no circumstances should anyone, other than school buses, park in the yellow No Parking areas.

Thank you for your understanding. The safety of all our students is important to us.