



# Young Authors Fair!

March 2010

## Aware Parents

One more reminder to keep on top of things with your children. The internet—and FaceBook in particular – needs to be watched. One parent who recently visited with me said they have 2 internet rules to safeguard their children:

1. Children may use the home computer (located in a central place) only when parents are in the same room.
2. No internet use at friends' homes.

Something to think about. . . .

## Calendar:

March 1	LAST Early Out/Ski Day
2	Dr. Seuss/Hat Day Reading Charts due
3	Lon Wardrop at Assembly Joint Dance Practice
10	Assembly: 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
16	Textbook Check
17	Assembly: 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade St. Patrick's Day
18	Young Author's Fair
19	March Break - <b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b>
24	Assembly: 5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> Grades
26	Spring Pictures
27	Regional Spelling Bee 9:00 a.m. Scera Theater. Liesel Faux representing Ivy Hall
31	Assembly: Kindergarten Class
April 11-15	Spring Break – <b><u>No School</u></b>
Aug. 25	School starts
Oct. 14-15	UEA – <b><u>No School</u></b>

World Studies: Africa  
Values: Courage, Conviction



## Open Enrollment

Our open enrollment has begun for those not currently at the school. There are now no guaranteed spots for Ivy Hall students. Enroll now to avoid disappointment.

With our present economy and many local cutbacks in education, we should highlight that there is no uncertainty here and we:

- Maintain small classes
- Are not adding additional or hidden fees
- Are fiscally sound
- Have no furloughs

Ivy Hall is a place of old-fashioned, solid education. Recommend us to others.

## Earn a \$200 Tuition Credit

If you are influential in having a family enroll at Ivy Hall, we give you a \$200 tuition credit the month after they become current students. Word of mouth is our best advertising—so open yours and be rewarded!



## Young Author's: 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

On March 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll hold our Young Author's Fair from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Preschool and Kindergarten will do a class project and all other students will write a book at home.

Come see the work of all our budding authors – it's impressive!

Family and friends are welcome.

## Back at the Gate

Now that the weather has become warmer, I'll be back out at the gate in the mornings. The cold weather adversely affected my knee, so I've been greeting the students inside; however, I've really missed seeing all you parents every morning.

Mrs. Kirby

## Paper Process

We have developed a school-wide system to help parents know what to do with papers that go home in homework folders:

- COMPLETE stamp on a paper means there is work to be done and then returned to the teacher
- CORRECT & RETURN stamp means there are mistakes to correct
- A checkmark on the top of the paper means the teacher is finished with this – a grade has been recorded and it is to stay at home.

We hope this clears up any confusion caused in the past.

## **Teacher Evaluations**

At the west entrance, we have forms to help us meet your needs. Your input is essential for us to continue to offer a quality program. Please fill out a teacher evaluation form and return it to us.

## **Well-Rounded Education**

Along with a strong academic program, Ivy Hall has offerings to provide our students with a well-rounded education. Here are a few:

- Each day our students have a drawing assignment to help them learn to draw. Once a week there is a more involved art project.
- We are just concluding two months of dancing—we had a ball and raised our heart rate!
- Choir will resume this week. Classes sing often in their classrooms.
- Each month we study countries of a continent, have flags up in the gym, and a poster of indigenous animals above the drinking fountain.

## **Teacher Ease**

For students in grades 2-8, parents may go online and check grades at any time. We appreciate those who visit the site regularly and keep their student up-to-date.

The program keeps track of who logs on and how often—so, big brother is watching you! ☺ Seriously, this is a great service for parents and we appreciate our teachers taking the time to enter grades and print out lists of missing assignments. At the present time, less than half the parents ever access this benefit.

## **Homework Habit**

Remember that homework is a part of attending Ivy Hall Academy. In William Bennett's book, *The Educated Child* (pg. 99) he lists the Ten Signs of a Good School. Number 7 is: Homework. "Achievement rises when teachers give homework and children conscientiously do it." We feel we've found a good balance between time spent on homework and time available for outside interests and family. Please support us by having your student consistently complete assignments.

## **Make-Up Work for Trips**

When families take trips, many ask for work to keep students current. Generally, it doesn't get done, and we feel that a family vacation should be a time to make memories—not do homework. When students return to school, teachers will give them what they need to avoid "holes" in their learning, and allow a week for them to get caught up. We feel that this is the most advantageous for all concerned.

## **Thanks, Parents!**

Our ski program would not happen if it were not for you parents who drive. Special thanks go to the parents who drive their children and others every week. You are a vital part of what we offer and are much appreciated.



**Ski days are over after Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup> and regular Monday uniforms are then required.**

## **Lost and Found**

Our lost and found has more lost than found! Items will be set out during the Young Author's Fair. Look through and see if anything belongs to you.

## **Fabulous Friday Treats**

We want to thank all of you parents for the yummy Friday treats you've brought in for the teachers. We all look forward to Fridays. Know that you're the greatest parents!



## **Spring Pictures**

On the 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have Spring pictures. They are **OPTIONAL**. Students have a free dress day and may wear whatever you'd like for their pictures. This package has many options.