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Entertainment Book Raffle

Winners

Congratulations go out to the following students for winning Target gift cards in the Entertainment Book raffle. For every 2 books sold a student got an entry in the raffle and the winners are: Kindergarten: Olivia Powell, 1st grade: Emmie Wade, 2nd grade: Madelynn Wegrzyn, 3rd grade: Jenna Gargula, 4th grade: Anna Monson, 5th grade: Mia Dela Riva, 6th grade: Nathaniel Fleig.

Upcoming Dates

Market Day Pick Up: Wed. Oct 6th 5:30-6:30PM
Scholastic Book Fair: Thurs. Oct 7th 2PM – 7PM
PTO meeting: Tues, Oct 12th 6:30PM

The CAC has been given approval to start a new Ad Hoc Committee on cyberbullying.

A peer can easily destroy another student's self-esteem, reputation, and safety in the far-reaching platform of cyberspace.

In January 2009 an Illinois law on cyberbullying went into effect, which puts the onus on school districts to properly monitor and handle instances of cyberbullying. (SB2426*)

Think elementary students are too young? Check out Facebook to see which of your child's friends have Facebook accounts, you will be surprised!

The Cyberbullying Ad Hoc Committee will partner with administration to develop policy and procedures that specifically address cyberbullying. To help tackle this important topic, the committee would:

- Research cyberbullying resources online, what other districts are doing, what our individual schools are doing.
- Develop a comprehensive definition of cyberbullying (media, FB, My Space, texting, emails); the use of media to bully.
- Review the current district policy of bullying and make a recommendation on the expansion/reworking of it to specifically address cyberbullying. This would be a district-wide policy that would address: definition, reporting procedure, discipline, education and support resources.
- Help develop an education component for students, staff, and families.

The impact of this work would be experienced within the next school year and the positive impact would be felt for years to come.

If you are interested in participating on this committee, please email Natalie Olsen at natalieolsen@att.net or plan on staying a few minutes after the October 7 general meeting to discuss the next steps.

Spirit Wear

Due to the influx of orders at the beginning of the school year, some items are on back order. Sorry for any inconvenience. All back-ordered spirit wear items should be in next week. If you haven't received your order by October 7th, please notify me. Thank you for your patience.

If you can imagine it, you can create it. If you dream it, you can become it.
- William Arthur Ward