



Schroeder Elementary School

...where our mission is to ensure learning for all members of the school community

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November 11, 2011

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

November 14: 1-3 Report cards sent home. 4th & 5th available online.

November 16: Conferences at 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 5:30-8:30 p.m. Half day of school, dismissal at 12:15 p.m. **PM Kindergarten attends in morning.**

November 17: Conferences from 4:00-7:00 p.m. **AM Kindergarten attends in the morning.**

November 23-25: Thanksgiving Break

November 28: School Resumes

December 1: Round Table Meeting, 7:45 a.m., Room 1. Dairy Queen Family Night.

December 2: Bagel Day

December 7: Conversational English Coffee, Cafeteria, 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

December 8: Vision Screening Grades 1, 3 and 5. Market Day Pick-Up

December 16: Spirit Day, Bagel Day, Holiday Parties.

December 19: Winter Break Begins

January 3: School Resumes

HAPPY THANKSGIVING



Report Cards

Report Cards will be sent home with students in Grades 1st through 3rd and will be online for 4th and 5th grade on November 14. Kindergarten students will **ONLY** receive report cards twice a year (in January and June).



Cold Weather

Schroeder follows the TSD Policy for Indoor or Outdoor Recess/Morning Line Up.

Above 20° - Recess is held outside

From 15-20° - Wind chill conditions will determine outside or inside recess.

Below 15° - Students will remain indoors.

Outside recess will not occur during inclement weather or extreme cold.

It is important that children dress appropriately: Have boots for use in snowing or muddy weather, wear hats, gloves and/or mittens and a warm coat. All students are expected to participate in recess periods. It is generally felt that if a student is well enough to attend school, he/she is well enough to go outside.

Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on November 16th and 17th. These conferences provide an opportunity to discuss your child's adjustment to school as well as academic, social and emotional growth.

At this time you should have signed up for a time or have had a time has been assigned to you. The conferences run for 15 minute increments.

Reminder notes will be sent out early next week.

Your Jogathon \$'s at Work

Naturalist Endeavors presented "Michigan's Wildlife" to the first graders on Tuesday, October 11th. The children enjoyed learning about Michigan wildlife and seeing the animals. Thank you for your continued support of the Schroeder PTO. Your fundraising dollars from the *Jogathon* support these wonderful programs.

Stephanie Flynn and Amy Scott



SAVE YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLE CAP FOR ART!

Please start saving your plastic bottle caps from water bottles, pop, etc. and bring them to Mrs. Sordyl in the art room. They will be used to create a large mural later in the year when enough caps are collected. Schroeder is proud to be an EVERGREEN GREEN SCHOOL and we strive to continue to teach our students to be environmentally responsible and how to reduce, reuse, and recycle materials. All students that bring in caps will be able to sign a large poster that will be displayed next to the mural showing that they participated in making the project a success!

Artfully yours, Mrs. Sordyl

!Send in your pictures!

Please share pictures that you have of students and/or school events by emailing them to schroederpictures@gmail.com. I will be collecting these all year for inclusion in the yearbook.

I'm especially looking for Jogathon and Halloween party pictures at this time.

Thank you for your help.
Laurie Church - Yearbook Chair





Drawing Contest Winner

In the last Schroeder Reporter we congratulated Schroeder student Arun R. His drawing entry in the SooperYooper Drawing Contest was recognized as a winning entry in the state of Michigan. When he attended the ceremony in Grand Rapids, he was announced as the grand prize winner in the 9-12 year old age group for the entire state! Arun received a \$250 prize for his accomplishment.

Congratulations Arun!

Candy for the Troops

You can donate Halloween candy to troops overseas. Review the article in the Free Press at

<http://www.freep.com/article/20111031/NEWS05/111031056/1001/rss01>.

Candy is donated through a dentist office. You can find a dentist in your area that participates in the program by visiting www.halloweencandybuyback.com.

This link is also located at the end of Free Press article.



Dear Schroeder Families,

Our holiday book fair will be open Monday, December 5th through Friday, December 9th during school hours. The fair will close at noon on Friday. We will also stay open on Wednesday, December 7th until 7:30 p.m. for your shopping convenience! We have a wide variety of books in addition to software and stocking stuffers.

Teacher wish lists will be available if you would like to purchase a book for your child's classroom.

Our Media Center will receive 25% of the book fair profit that will be used to purchase additional library materials for all Schroeder children.

Thank you for your support of our book fair!

Mrs. Gustin
Schroeder Media Specialist



Jogathon 2011 was a HUGE success! We raised over \$26,128.00! Thank you Schroeder families for generously donating your time and money to our wonderful school!

Jogathon Committee

Ann Tenniswood
Sue Kraemer
Julie Ray
Tricia Drew
Susan Smith
Brandy Walters
Miyuki Anderson
Tricia Drew
Jessica Moore
Maureen Olson
Karyn Lennon
Stasi Mortimore
Marc Tomlinson
Anna Spradlin
Amy Scott
Jen Donnelly
Annie Cook
Teri Brune
Leslie Robare
Lorie Moran
Kim Swider

Jogathon Volunteers

Muneer Abidi
Robin Adams
Miyuki Anderson
Dawn Benson
Sue Bleich
Michelle Blevins
Sue Buechner

Thank you

Mrs. Klotz
Teachers
Mrs. Wartchow
Mrs. Sheridan
Mr. Fralick
Mr. Canfield
Mr. Jon
Thank you again for all of your hard work!
Margot Moran
mmmoran@wowway.com

Jogathon Volunteers

Lissa Chiappelli
Suzanne Conover
Tanja Cooper
Tricia Drew
Krista Falk
Jen Farrah
Stephanie Flynn
Meg Fris
Heidi Gatto
Simona Ghilezan
Lorri Hayden
Margie Hessen
Tania Jann
Shantell Jenkins
JoJo Klingler
John LaFave
Julie Lucas-Wong
Jeffifer Mackie
Carolyn Maher
Sreedevi Manneppula
Rachael McClintock
Susie Meyer
Jessica Moore
Jen and Mike Peluso
Julie Ray
Missy Sawicke
Neelima Seepani
Anne Selemba
Chandrani Sengupta

Jogathon Volunteers

Lucy Simone
Seema Taneja
Annette Throne
Nikki Vannier
Sarah Wright
Bing Xiao
Tao Xie
Phil Young
Angela Young

Jogathon Wish List

Donations

The Canny Family
Jon Curcio
Curtis Noon
Leslie Robare
Jessica Moore
Jen Peluso
Tricia Drew
Sue Buechner
Beth McIntyre
Rocio Kittinger
Karyn Lennon
Karen Dunn
Katarina Von Eper

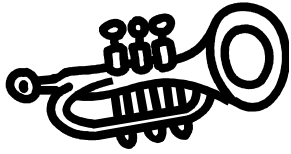


I have had an absolute blast being the Jogathon Chair for the past few years. It is so incredible how our community comes together with such generosity and devotion to our school. It is now time for me to pass the torch. If you are interested in chairing the Jogathon, please contact me.

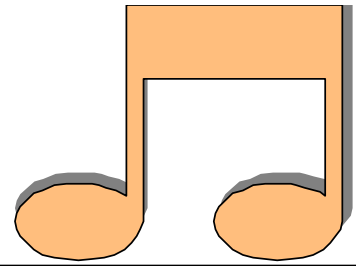
Margot.

Band Room Notes

Oct.- Nov. 2011



**Troy School District
Elementary Schools**



2012 Fifth Grade Band Concert Dates

Two evenings for each school-
Mark your calendars today!

Barnard: Feb. 9 and May 1
Bemis: Jan. 24 and May 3
Costello: Jan. 31 and Apr. 25
Hamilton: Jan. 26 and May 3
Hill: Feb. 2 and May 1
Leonard: Jan. 26 and May 3
Martell: Jan. 26 and May 3
Morse: Feb. 9 and May 1
Schroeder: Jan. 24 and May 3
Troy Union: Jan. 31 and Apr. 25
Wass: Feb. 2 and Apr. 25
Wattles: Feb. 9 and May 1

*Locations, times, and other
details to follow.*

The Instrument Choice

The fifth graders spent the early weeks of September exploring instruments before making their selections. Now that we are off to a solid start, students are expected to stick to their choices for the entire school year. Switching will not be permitted because it puts your student at a disadvantage and takes away instructional time from the rest of the class.

ATTENTION:

Clarinets and Saxophones

Clarinet and sax players need to have a minimum of four good **reeds** at all times. A new reed usually lasts three or four weeks, with care. Ask for strength #2. Consider buying by boxes of ten from music stores or online. Visit the Woodwind/Brasswind website at www.wbw.com.

Janet Schoon, Band Director - jschoon2@troy.k12.mi.us

Matt Tignanelli, Band Director - mtignanelli2@troy.k12.mi.us

Renee Fidler, Band Director - rfidler2@troy.k12.mi.us

OUR GOALS FOR THE FALL!

In just a few short weeks, many skills are being covered in the fifth grade band classes. Are you seeing these being practiced at home?

- Your student should be assembling the instrument quickly and correctly.
- Your student should be demonstrating excellent posture at every practice session. See photos on pages 2, 3, and 4 in the lesson book. (Percussion students should be **standing up** when they practice.)

- Your student should be able to identify by name and fingering at least 5-7 notes.

- Your student should be able to play recognizable melodies such as Hot Cross Buns and Mary Had a Little Lamb.

- Your student will soon be working on note-reading and playing on pages 6-8 in the lesson book, *Accent on Achievement*.

- Your student should be keeping the instrument clean and well-maintained.



- Your student should be recording daily practice on a **chart** in the band binder and asking you to sign it each week.

PARENTS PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE

The enthusiasm of the beginning students is inspiring. In order to keep this same level of energy throughout the year, parents, teacher, and students must work as a team. How can a parent help, even when he or she is not a musician? The following are a few tips:

- Provide a place to practice.

- Encourage setting regular practice times.

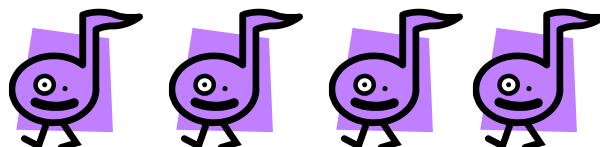
- Sign your student's practice record each week.

- Help your student remember band materials on lesson days (instrument, book, binder.)

- Try getting band materials ready the night before! Put them with the backpack.

- Ask your student to perform for you and other family members on a weekly basis!

- Be positive! Always praise your child for a valiant attempt.

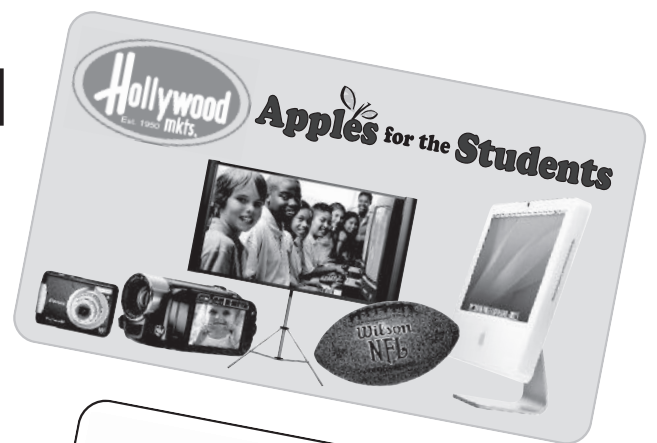


Apples for the Students

Dear Parents and Supporters:

Each time you shop at
Hollywood Markets and
scan your

**Hollywood Markets
NEW Apples for the
Students Card** through
March 18, 2012, your
purchases
electronically earn our
school **FREE Educational Awards!**



It's that easy!





COMMUNITYDAYS

Friday, November 11, 2011
Saturday, November 12, 2011



Support Troy Youth Assistance! Since 1999, Community Day has partnered the Bon-Ton family of stores with local, non-profit organizations just like us to help raise over \$84 million for charity! Community Day is a great way to give back to your community by purchasing coupon booklets valued at over \$200 for just \$5! You get a \$10 off coupon with minimal restrictions, a 20%* shopping pass that you can use over and over, a 30% off early bird coupon valid Saturday from 6am - 10am, 11 bonus buy coupons and exclusive web offers. 100% of the booklet sales benefit Troy Youth Assistance.

We are using the funds we raise for..... Family Education programs, Camp/Skill Building scholarships, Youth Involvement..

You can go shopping, get discounts on great merchandise and show your support for Troy Youth Assistance

Ready to purchase a booklet? Here's how:

step 1 Stop by Troy Youth Assistance 4420 Livernois, Troy Schools Services Bld. And purchase a book. We'll be selling booklets in The Village of Rochester Hills on Wednesday November 9th from Noon - 2:00 p.m., Wednesday November 9th from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Wednesday November 9th from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Or, go online to www.communitydayevent.com and click on the "Participating Organizations" link. We are listed in the drop-down menu as Troy Youth Assistance. Once you're on our Community Day Homepage, you can contact us to purchase coupon booklets for just \$5 each, good toward great looks at the Bon-Ton family of stores.

step 2 Shop the One Day Community Day Sale on Friday, November 11, 2011 and Saturday, November 12, 2011 at any participating store and use your coupons for sensational styles at great prices.

step 3 Look fantastic and feel even better about helping Troy Youth Assistance!

Questions? Please contact us!

Robin 248-823-5095