

# Snowdon Cougar News

## PTO News:

There will be no December PTO meeting. Please join us on January 3<sup>rd</sup> for the next PTO meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Snowdon library. Childcare will be provided.



## Principal's Message

Dear Families,

As Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded of how thankful I am to work in such a positive, caring, and thoughtful community. Thanks to each of you for your support of Snowdon events, programs, and activities. Our *Snowdon Pride Stride* was a great success! Students and families raised over \$15,000 to support Snowdon activities! I am also continually grateful for and proud of each Snowdon student. Snowdon students demonstrate strong character each day. The November character trait is "Citizenship." Our hallways, classrooms, and playground are filled with outstanding citizens! Teachers will recognize students this month who are demonstrating citizenship, which can be defined as, "positively contributing to society and community, as well as dutifully respecting authority and the law." Please see below for books that can help teach "citizenship" at home.

Sincerely,

*Shawna Fraser*

Principal, Snowdon Elementary

## Pride, Excellence, Respect In Everything We Do!

### IMPORTANT DATES

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Veterans Day Assembly 9:00 a.m.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** – Veterans Day – NO SCHOOL

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Re-takes

**November 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Conferences, 11:30 Dismissal (**No Late Start on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.**)

**November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving Holiday, **NO SCHOOL**



The weather is getting cooler. Brrrr! Please remember to send your child with a jacket.

Dear Snowdon Families,

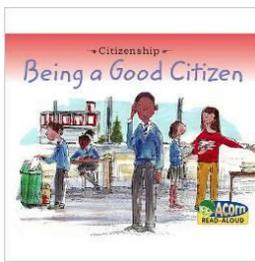
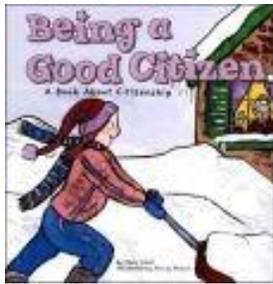
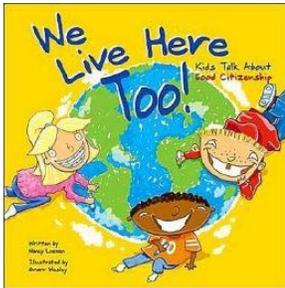
Please clip, save and send-in **BOXTOP** coupons for our school! Maybe even ask your neighbors and relatives to help out too! Just have your child give the Boxtops to their teacher. Each Boxtop is worth 10 cents!! We can earn hundreds of dollars very easily. The money we receive from Boxtops can provide books for kids, support our family reading programs, purchase supplies and all kinds of positive items for our students. We will have fun contests throughout the year to encourage kids to "Bring in the Boxtops". If you have any questions, or would like to help as a volunteer to count and collect **BOXTOPS** this year, please contact the Snowdon office!

Thank you for your support!

### General Reminders and Information:

- In the event that your child will be absent, please notify the school by calling the attendance line, 509-559-4302.
- If your child's after school plans change, please send a note to inform the teacher.
- If you have questions about bus routes or schedules, please contact the transportation department at 509-559-4523.
- Student Drop Off and Pick-up: Please use the west parking lot for dropping-off and picking-up your child. The bus loop on the south side of the building will be reserved for buses only. Thank you for helping keep our Snowdon Cougars safe!
- If you are in need of before or after school childcare, Cheney Parks and Recreation will be offering their ECHO program at Snowdon. For more information or to register, call 509-498-9250.
- Don't forget...Fridays are late start. Students should arrive by 9:15 a.m.

The November PACE character trait is "Citizenship." Citizenship is positively contributing to society and community, as well as dutifully respecting authority and the law. Here are a few titles you may want to read at home to help teach your child about *citizenship*:



Ask your child about our "Eat Real Food" Harvest of the Month taste test. This month's featured food is carrots! Students will have the opportunity to try carrots that are locally grown and served in a variety of ways. Did you know Washington State grows 10,000 acres of carrots per year?



**Counselor's Corner:**

At Snowdon Elementary we are committed to ensuring that every child is safe when they come to school. Counselors in our district have the privilege to teach at least 10 lessons in every classroom each year. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grades, we teach a program called *Second Step*. Students learn steps that help prevent bullying in school, while also learning to tell the difference between a conflict and bullying.

**Conflict** is a disagreement that happens when people want different things. The people involved in a conflict have equal power to solve the problem. They are not purposefully trying to hurt each other.

**Bullying** is unfair and one-sided. It happens when someone keeps hurting, frightening, threatening, or leaving someone out on purpose. Bullying actions are carried out on purpose with the intent to harm someone.

We teach the children to ask 4 questions to determine if something is bullying:

1. Is it fair?
2. Is it one-sided? (Is only one person doing something wrong?)
3. Is someone using their power in a hurtful way?
4. How does it feel?

It is good practice to talk with your child about the difference between conflict and bullying and please feel free to give me a call if you ever have any questions or concerns at (509) 559-4304.

Kim Lefler, School Counselor

Dear Families,

*Thank you for serving as a partner in your child's education. Parent/Teacher conferences are a wonderful opportunity to hear about your child's progress in school, how you can support at home, as well as a chance for you to share your thoughts, celebrations, and concerns. We look forward to meeting with each of you for upcoming fall conferences, scheduled on November 17<sup>th</sup> - November 22<sup>nd</sup>. While you're at school to meet with your child's teacher, make sure to stop by the lost and found to check for misplaced items.*

Sincerely,  
The Snowdon Staff