

SAGER SCENE MARCH '05

PRINCIPAL'S PEN

$$2 + 2 = 4$$

Some things never change! But the way in which we look at mathematics has changed. The homework your child brings home this year is no longer "1-20 even", at the end of each lesson, but centered around problem situations.

Through the program called "Connected Math," students develop skills, procedures and ways of thinking. They also develop reasoning in number sense, geometry, measurement, algebra, probability, and statistics.

The in class problems and homework give students practice with important real life concepts, skills, and algorithms. Some problems involve real world applications or whimsical situations, while others are purely mathematical.

Strategies for helping your child in math are:

- * talk with your child about the applications that are in the unit and similar applications that you encounter in your daily life.

- * encourage your child's efforts in completing all homework assignments.

- * look at your child's math journal, have them share what they have completed in class.

- * help maintain a positive attitude about math.

- * help your child get organized, take responsibility for their learning.

Math is not the only area of change at Sager. We received our first check from Washington Mutual from the WaMoola program. Jane Wilkins presented Sager with a check at the last board meeting, from 14 card holding parents that utilized the program this last year. If you have questions about how your credit card purchases can help Sager, please contact Jane at 527-3300. Thank you parents! Sager was also the recipient of another award from the Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. Rob

McGregor came over from Olympia to present us with the Academic Improvement Award for 2003-2004. For 7th grade reading and math, Sager was recognized for our outstanding, continuous improvement in student achievement.

Our response: Woo Hoo!

****** SAGER STARS ******

The Sager Staff recently nominated and voted on Students of the Month for January and February. Those students nominated for EXTRA EFFORT were: Alina Reese, Samuel Alazar, Chinonso Opara, Nancy Patino, Sandra Ramirez, Lori Goodwin, Stephanie Conaster, Andres Torres, Margarite Patino. For MOST SCHOOL SPIRIT, the nominees were: Leslie Prendiville, Traci Schmidt, Alyssa Barnett, Faith Volkers, Brooke Thompson, Joe Throw, Jordan Christensen, Jordan Palmer, Joel Pimental, and Kortni Razzolini. Winners will enjoy lunch with Mr. Price. "and the winners are" Brooke Thompson and Jordan Palmer.

The following students were recognized at our Awards Assembly by the Elk's Club with a framed certificate: Samuel Alazar, Robby Wall for MATH, Chinonso Opara, Lori Goodwin for SCIENCE, and Gordon Farr, and Tyler Garrett for SOCIAL STUDIES.

Thirty eight students also participated in our Annual Egg Drop Competition with 24 'eggcellent' survivors!

Overall winner: ERIK LARA

Winners for weight: 1st Erik Lara, 2nd, Nic Castoldi, 3rd Pedro Diaz

Winners for size: 1st Kyle Jones, 2nd Erik Lara, 3rd Kendra Carnes.

Creativity Awards went to: Jordan Christensen, Amanda Nielsen, Dylan Shenefield, Serena James and Josiah Frazer

Sager Students Win D.A.R. Contest

The Daughters of the American Revolution sponsor a nation wide contest each year focusing on American history. This year Mr. Knauff's 5th period High Cap students participated. Their essays were entered in with others in our valley this last December. This year's essay topic was "Along the Trail

with Lewis and Clark and the Corps of Discovery, May 1804 – September 1806.” Six students from Sager Middle School placed in the contest. Our two first place winners, Alina Reese and Kristen Glaeser, papers are advancing to the state level. The D.A.R. contest is designed for grades 5th through 8th. Each student must write a minimum of 600 words and a maximum of 1,000. In addition, all research must be documented in the proper format. All submitted papers are then evaluated. Winners are then asked to read their papers at a special local awards ceremony. This year Sager students received the places of first and second in the 7th grade and first through fourth in the eight grade.

Written by Alina Reese and Kristen Glaeser

GRADES

Thirty three 7th graders and 34 8th graders earned a 3.25 gpa or better to qualify for Term 2 Honor Roll. These students enjoyed a great day in Pendleton either roller blading, roller skating, or laser tagging ! The usual winter honor roll activity is a trip to Spout Springs – and now you know the ‘rest of the story’ ! Mid term grades for term 3 will accompany this newsletter with a reminder of our spring conferences dates.

They are as follows:

Mon., March 7 5:30-6:30 pm Labor Camp
7:00-8:30 pm Sager Gym

Tues. March 8 NO CONFERENCES

Wed. March 9 5:30-8:30 pm Sager Gym

Thurs. March 10 7:40am -3:40 pm
Sager Office- Appointments only
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Friday, March 11 No Conferences
NO SCHOOL

If you have questions regarding your child’s grades or if you would like to make a conference appointment, please call the office at 525-5300.

SPRING SPORTS NEWS

Practices for Spring Sports at Sager will begin March 17. Students who have not participated in a sport this year will need a physical, proof of insurance, and a \$10 sports fee . Mr. Mark Ferraro will coach baseball, Mr. Andrew Goin, track, and Mr. Corey Davis, softball. Be sure to join us for a great springtime outdoor activity and cheer on your favorite team. Schedules will be coming home with student and are also posted on the College Place School District web page.

CARNIVAL TIME

March 19 beginning at 5:30 is the annual College Place School District Carnival. If you would like to volunteer your time and your students time to work in a booth, please contact the office. Sager 8th graders will also be ‘manning’ the food booth and the bingo area. It is always a fun evening, so be sure to mark your calendars and join in the fun

CALENDAR

March

2 Delayed Start

4 Early Dismissal 12:35

5 Hi Cap – Destination Imagination in Wenatchee

7-10 Spring Conferences

9 Delayed Start

14 Chess Tourney begins

15 McDavis Night at 9th St. McDonald’s

16 Delayed Start

19 CP Carnival at Davis

23 Delayed Start

25 End of Term 3

26 GREAT EXPLORATIONS...a math/science adventure for Girls

30 Delayed Start

