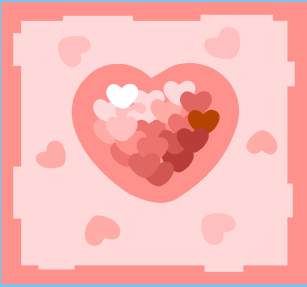


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Calendar of Events

- Feb. 3- Parent/Teacher Conferences 4-8
Feb. 4-No School
Parent/Teacher Conferences 8-8
Feb. 5-No School
Feb. 15-No School
Presidents' Day
Feb. 16-No School
Professional Dev.
Feb. 18-Kindergarten
Application Night
6:30 pm
Feb. 22-Major Saver Card
Fundraiser begins
Feb. 22-Music Programs
2nd grade 6:30 pm
3rd grade 7:15 pm
Feb. 23 SPMT/PAWS 5:45 pm
Mar. 2-Dr. Seuss
Family Fun Night 6:00
Mar. 8-No School
Professional Dev.
Mar. 11-Cici's Pizza Night
4:00-10:00 pm
Mar. 12-Classroom Picture Day
Mar. 15-19 No School
Spring Break
Mar. 22 Panther Pride
Assemblies
Mar. 29 Skating Party 6-8 pm

Parent Teacher Conferences

Feb. 3 & 4, 2010

Every parent who attends their child's conference will be entered into a raffle for a dinner for two, flowers, and a box of chocolates.

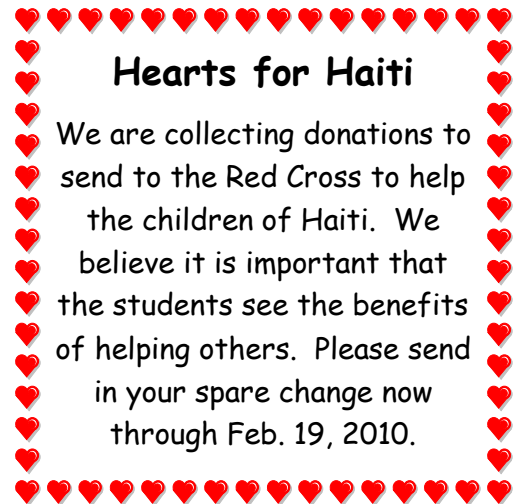
We are hoping for
100% attendance!

Kindergarten Application Night February 18, 2010 6:30 pm

If you have a child who will turn five on or before August 31, 2010, please attend this night to ensure your child's admittance to Kindergarten at Scott.

Dr. Seuss Family Fun Night March 2, 2010

6:00
pm



Hearts for Haiti

We are collecting donations to send to the Red Cross to help the children of Haiti. We believe it is important that the students see the benefits of helping others. Please send in your spare change now through Feb. 19, 2010.

Winners of Holiday Shopping Spree Baskets

- Holiday Dinner-David Naylor
Diaper Cake-David Naylor
Holiday Dinner-Janice Salyer
Spa Baskets-Ja'Neysa Hendricks
Jeannette Brumley
Diane Taylor
Marie Brumley
Coloring Fun-Marie Brumley
Chocolate Lover's-Earlene Simms
Pet-Jeannette Brumley
Diary of a Wimpy Kid-Travis Gardner
Holiday-Angello Cradle
Baking-Earlene Simms
Mystery Bag-Libby Devin
Harley Davidson-Jessica Hirsch
Card Game-Jeannette Brumley
Cozy Winter-Marie Brumley
Baby Boy-Jessica Hirsch
Barnes & Noble-Diane Taylor
Dylan Wright
Baby Girl-Summer Gardner
Game-Bryan C. Retana



How to Listen to Your Child

By Katherine Lee, About.com

The most valuable gift you can give your child is to listen to the little and big things in his life. Begin early so that the lines of communication will be open during the teenage years.

Difficulty: Easy

Time Required: 15 Minutes

Here's How:

1. Stop what you are doing.
2. Look at your child.
3. Pay attention to your child's nonverbal language. Does the child look happy, sad, afraid?
4. Be silent.
5. Use simple acknowledgement responses that show you are listening. "I see. Oh. Uh-huh. Hmmm."
6. Use door-openers, phrases that encourage further talking. "Tell me more. Go on. How do you feel about that? I know what you mean. Then what?"
7. Listen for and name the feelings you think you hear from what your child is telling you. "That made you pretty mad, didn't it? You seem really happy about that!"
8. Use problem-solving phrases when needed. "What do you wish you could do? What do you want to happen? What do you think will happen if you do that?"

Tips:

1. Don't feel that you must advise or help your child come up with a solution all the time. The value of listening is in the listening itself.
2. Listening helps parents and children avoid the power struggle cycle. Instead of arguing, listen. Show your understanding while maintaining your position.
3. Don't try to deny, discount, or distract the child from the feelings they are expressing.

Taken from: <http://childparenting.about.com/od/familycommunication/ht/htlisten.htm>

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