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For the month of **September, 2016**

Upcoming events at Indian Woods:

- **Sept. 12-16** – Roof Sit Collection
- **Sept. 12, 6:00-7:00 pm –** PTA
- **Sept. 22** – Popcorn Thursday
- **Oct. 4** – Picture Day

For the complete calendar:
http://indianwoods.phasd.us/calendar

Welcome Back!
We are so pleased you have chosen Indian Woods Elementary and we are looking forward to an exciting year! We thank you for the support you gave our schools in August. Watch for opportunities to be part of planning the improvements to our schools as we move forward on the path to being the best school district ever!

PTA – Thank you to PTA for all of their work to make our Open House so successful! They provided refreshments, collected memberships, took sign-ups for volunteers to support school activities, gave parents information on upcoming fundraisers, and took orders for Spirit Wear. Click here for a link to the Spirit Wear order form.

Officers for 2016-17 are:
President – Stacie Stein & Kasi Hoekstra
Vice President – Serene Hunt
Secretary – Maria Floyd & Heather Morden
Treasurer – Jim Gorinac

Please join us on the second Monday of the month. Meetings are at 6pm in the Media Center. Free childcare is provided. Second Cup meetings will be held the following morning at 8:35am for those who prefer to attend a daytime meeting.

Student Council –
Officers for 2016-17 school year are:
President – Maggie Knowlton
Vice President – Emily Edwards
Secretary – MaKayla Johnson
Treasurer – Keely Roberts

Classroom representatives will be selected in the next few weeks. The first Student Council activity is a collection for Roof Sit. The winning class will have the opportunity to participate in delivering the proceeds to the Child Abuse Neglect Council at Birchwood Mall.

Online Newsletters –
Please return the form to your classroom teacher requesting online or paper newsletters. Online newsletters will be posted the beginning of the month. We will send hard copies home only upon your request.

Student & Family Handbook –
Our updated handbook is available online at www.phasd.us. Choose the Indian Woods link under district schools. The same form that asks if you prefer a paper newsletter provides the opportunity to request a hard copy of the handbook.

Emergency Information –
Please be sure the emergency form is completed and sent to school the second day, and updated as contacts or phone numbers change during the year. The form may be accessed and completed electronically if you prefer. It is available on the district site under Back to School forms. Please help us by remembering to sign the form. This is required for emergency and auditing purposes.

Parking and Bus Loop –
We have devised the following plan for arrival and dismissal with student safety as our top priority:
Safety Area drop off and pick up – please follow the edge of the pavement and make the circle all of the way to the end of the sidewalk. Students will not be allowed to walk between cars. If you need to come into the building, please park in the main lot so the rest of the traffic can continue to move.
Bus Loop – please reserve the front area for buses only. It is not legal to pass a loading or unloading bus, so you would have to wait to leave until all buses have left if you pull into the front loop. If you have something to quickly drop off during the day, please pull forward to the east doors, as we have midday bus pick-up and drop-off for preschoolers.
Thank you for helping to minimize wait time for drivers in the back, and for keeping our students safe!

Election Instruction –
Our staff met prior to the opening of school to determine a philosophy for teaching the electoral process. With the very strong opinions some people have regarding the upcoming presidential election, our goal will be to keep this instruction positive, with focus on the process not personalities.

Lower el teachers may choose a mock election that is about a classroom procedure, or some other topic that students can help decide the outcome. In classrooms that do choose to have a mock election regarding candidates, the stipulations will be that students can only debate the positives of their own candidate, and that they must respect others' opinions.

How can you help at home? Remember that little ears often repeat strong opinions that they hear. Conversations about your family values and respecting others' opinions would support our educational goals for teaching this important Social Studies topic.

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