



Teacher Email

Pathfinder Quarterly

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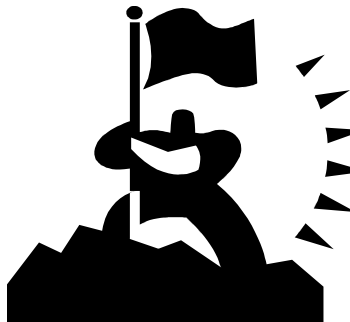
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Team Building at Camp Winnebago

We went to Camp Winnebago September 17, 18, and 19. The kids were excited to be going on a fieldtrip so early in the year. The purpose of the Camp Winnebago fieldtrip was to provide an opportunity for the Pathfinder team to experience team building with the help of communication, listening, responsibility, respect, and cooperation to get to know one another. With the use of team building activities, the YMCA guides taught us that these concepts are very important in team work. One such activity was the rock climbing wall in which we had the opportunity to

climb the wall while our teammates encouraged us from below. Other activities include getting an entire team across hot molten lava, ordering our selves by last name without falling off the planks, and getting everyone on the elephant without waking him! We would also like to thank all the



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Student-Led Conferences



The end of the first quarter has ended! The Pathfinder team will be holding student-led conferences on Thursday, November 6th from 3:30 to 8:30 and Monday, November 10th from 4:30 to 8:30. Our team uses a unique way for your child to share his/her learning. Student-led conferences are a proven and effective way to help students become more aware of, involved in, and re-

sponsible for his/her academic progress. Parents will be meeting with their child's homebase teacher and child to discuss all CORE classes. Conferences are scheduled on a first come first serve basis. If you are unable to attend your child's student-led conference, please be sure to contact the teacher to arrange another date/time.

Parent Tip:

- Homework Club has begun!
- Report cards go home October 31.
- All parents can check grades online at www.spihost.com/HomeAccess/?SiteCode=blv

Dream Team



You've heard of Student of the Week? Well the BCMS Pathfinders have their own version of student of the week in what is known as Dream Team. Each week, five Pathfinder students are chosen to serve as the weekly Dream Team. Dream Team honors include: a one on one interview with Mrs. Repka,

our guidance counselor, a homebase class interview, a special spot in the Dream Team display case for their photo and something they bring to share, a Student of the Week pencil, and special privileges to help with administrative tasks in all the Pathfinder classrooms. During the course of

the school year, each student will have had an opportunity to be part of Dream Team. Dream Team offers opportunity for students and teachers alike to learn a little something

Pathfinder T-Shirt will be on Sale Soon!

In keeping with the team building idea represented in Camp Winnebago Field Trip, the Pathfinder team brought team building back to the classroom with a team t-shirt creating task. Each homebase worked in

groups of 4-5 students to design our 2008-2009 Pathfinder t-shirt. Students

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worked in extended class period to sign and

color t-shirt designs to be voted on by all Pathfinders. Initial voting took place in each homebase, then a team-wide vote was taken in Social Studies class. Creativity oozed out of all our students, but in the end, the

Pathfinder Hollywood Dance

The Pathfinder Team held its annual fundraising dance on October 17, 2008 at the BCMS. This year's theme was Hollywood Nights. We enjoyed an evening of music provided by our own Mr. Flesichmann, as

well as basketball in the gym, and concessions in the cafeteria. Students were offered the opportunity to be photographed with cutouts of Hannah Montana, Indiana Jones, and Jack Sparrow. Thanks to



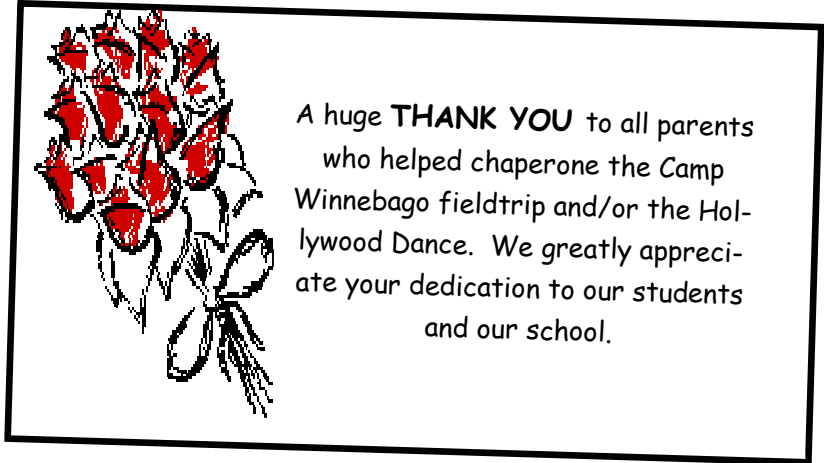
students and our generous chaperones, the night was a huge success and the team has a nice start for funding the end of year field trip.

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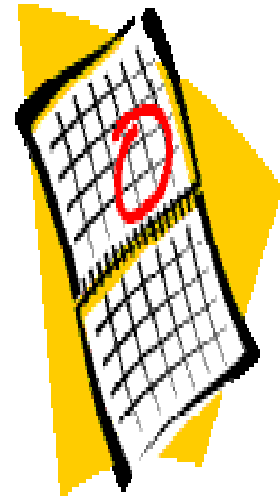
► "Children First"



A huge **THANK YOU** to all parents who helped chaperone the Camp Winnebago fieldtrip and/or the Hollywood Dance. We greatly appreciate your dedication to our students and our school.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Parent/Teacher Conferences..... November 6
- School Improvement Day..... November 7
- Parent/Teacher Conferences..... November 10
- Veteran's Day..... November 11
- Midterm Ends..... November 21
- School Dance..... November 21
- Thanksgiving Break..... November 26-30
- Midterms Go Home..... December 5
- School Dance..... December 12
- Winter Break..... December 20-January 4



Student Artwork

A sample of onomatopoeia
By Haley Beck

An original design
By Eduardo Billolobos