

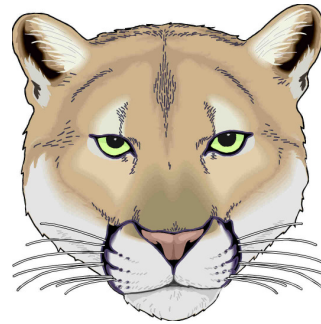
SWEET HOME SCHOOL NEWS

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Our First Day of School

Wow! What a great first day of school. On Monday, we welcomed 129 students to Sweet Home School. It was so good to see so many familiar and new faces back in our classrooms again.

Each year we strive to make the school year better than the one before. All of our faculty and staff are committed to making this the best year ever. Best wishes on a successful 2008-2009 school year!



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Students and Staff Practice Safety

School safety is our top priority. In order to prepare our students and staff for emergency conditions, we will have different drills throughout the year.

parents remember doing when they were in school. Students will learn how to move to the main building and huddle along the walls for safety.

Home Connection

This weekend might be a good time to discuss exit drills and bad weather drills in your own home.

Does your family have a designated meeting place in the event of a fire? This might be a good time to decide on one, or to create one.

Where does your family gather inside the home in the event of a bad weather emergency?

Where are the emergency phone numbers found in your home?

Fire Drill

On Friday, we will have our first fire drill. All students will learn how to safely exit the building in the event of a fire.



Bus Evacuation Drill

Also on Friday, we will teach all students how to safely evacuate a school bus in the event of an accident. All students will likely be riding a bus somewhere this year. This drill is conducted twice per year.

Bad Weather Drill

On Friday, we will also have our bad weather drill. This is the "tornado" drill that most

Our Football and Volleyball Fall Schedule

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
NO GAMES FOR SWEET HOME**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH
SWEET HOME @ MEYERSVILLE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH
EZZELL @ SWEET HOME**

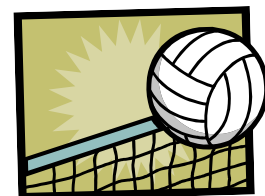
**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
SWEET HOME @ WESTHOFF**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
VYSEHRAD @ SWEET HOME**

GO GET 'EM COUGARS!



A Pep Rally will be held at 11:15
a.m. for each of our four games.
Please join us!



Information for our New Families about our School

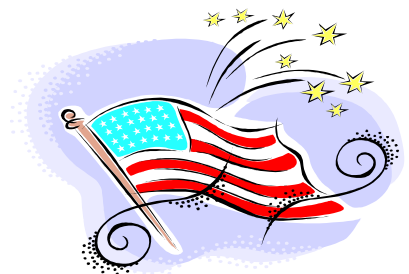
Did you know...

- ◆ **REPORT CARDS:** We run on a 9 week grading cycle. We have four report cards per year. After each three weeks, we send home a progress report to all parents on grades so far.
- ◆ **THURSDAY FOLDERS:** We try to send all information for you in a Thursday folder. We send one folder per family. Please look through the information and sign the folder and return the following day. On short weeks, we might send the Thursday folder home on a different day.
- ◆ **TUESDAY FOLDERS:** This folder contains completed assignments that you may keep. Please sign this folder and return it on Wednesdays.
- ◆ **LUNCH MONEY:** Students who purchase breakfast or lunch may charge their meals. In each Thursday folder is your "lunchbook" account. The amount in parenthesis () is the amount you owe. If the amount has no () then this is the amount remaining in your account. Please keep your account paid regularly. Our district policy requires that after a student has accumulated \$10 in meal charges, the student will only receive a peanut butter sandwich until the account is paid.
- ◆ **PAYING YOUR BILL:** You may write one check for your bill(s), however, please indicate on the check how you want the money to be applied. For example, a check for \$50 may be used for \$25 lunchbook and \$25 for after school care.
- ◆ **ATHLETIC GAMES:** We are very fortunate to have Coach Jalufka and Coach Pohler working with our students in our athletic program. Our games are usually on Thursday afternoons. We start around 1:00 p.m. We do finish before the end of the school day. If we travel to another school, we will return to Sweet Home by 3:20 p.m. Admission is free and parents and other fans are always welcome to come and support the COUGARS!
- ◆ **SCHOOL COLORS:** Our school colors are blue, white, and grey. Our Mascot is the COUGAR!
- ◆ **SCHOOL SHIRTS:** We have not had a new t-shirt design in two years. Very soon we will unveil the new design for this year. Look for information in the Thursday folder if you would like to order a school shirt. We do encourage every student to purchase a shirt. We wear our school shirts on Field Trips.
- ◆ **Accelerated Reader:** Sweet Home School actively uses the A/R program as the program recommends. Different schools implement the program at various levels. At Sweet Home, we strive to follow the program at 100%. Students will have goals each 9 weeks. For students who meet their goals at least 3 of the 4 grading periods; a free trip to Splashway is planned for May. In addition, the A/R store opens several times throughout the year for students to spend their points on "goodies."
- ◆ **MR. MEYER:** Mr. Meyer serves as the district's superintendent, the school's principal, and also teaches 7th and 8th grade social studies. His door is always open to you for any questions or concerns. His phone number is 293-3221.

Weekly Assemblies Continue This Year

Sweet Home School will continue the tradition of beginning each week with an opening ceremony in the gym at 8:00 a.m. We will have opening ceremonies on the first day of the week, even if Monday is a holiday. Dur

ing the opening ceremonies, students will recite the pledges to the United States and Texas flags. We will sing our National Anthem, Texas State Song, and our School Song. We also recognize birthdays for the week!

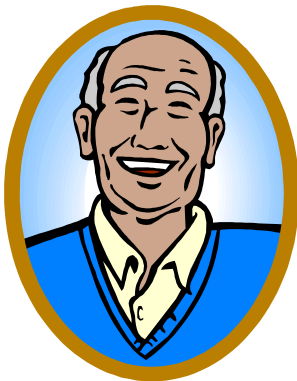


GRANDPARENTS DAY

A Special Invitation

Dear Grandparents,

Please join us at Sweet Home School Monday, September 8th at 8:00 a.m. for our opening ceremonies in the gym. You will be our special guests. After the opening assembly, you may have your picture taken with your grandchild (ren). Complimentary refreshments will be provided to all grandparents after the assembly and pictures.



Happy Grandparents Day!



Teacher Conference Periods - 2008-2009

12:20 - 1:05 - Ms. Jalufka

1:05 - 1:50 - Mrs. Raz, Mrs. Mikes, and Mrs. Hale

1:50 - 2:35 - Mrs. Meyer and Mrs. Pohler

2:35 - 3:20 - Mrs. Steffek and Mrs. Steinmann