



Ephrata Area School District

Akron Elementary All-Star Connection

From our Principal

Dear Families:

Welcome back! After another wonderful opening this year, we have all enjoyed seeing how the children have grown and blossomed over the summer. We look forward to a year of great successes and many smiles. Enjoy the blurb on the last page. We know parenting, as teaching, can be a tough job and we appreciate your cooperative, faithful support.

Please see the following important reminders:

Safe Arrival Phone Messages

To help ease your concern about your child arriving safely to school each day, the Ephrata Area School District will begin using the *AlertNow* telephone system to notify parents / guardians of absences. Calls to the parents / guardians of absent students will be delivered mid-morning. **AlertNow Telephone and Email changes.** If you change your telephone numbers or email the Dis-

trict filed as your contact information, please complete a new *AlertNow* form, which is available from the school or the Community Relations section of the District website at www.easdpa.org. Completed forms should be returned to the office..

Up Coming Events:

September

- 2 SWEBS Day
- 4 Vacation Day - No School
- 7 Vacation Day - No School
- 8 Open House, 6:30pm
- 14 Instrumental Parent Night
- 24 In-service Day - No School
- 28 SWPBS Student Assembly

October

- 12 In-service Day - No School
- 15 Lifetouch Pictures
- 16 Race for Education
- 23 Trunk or Treat, 6:00 - 8:00pm
- 26 Spirit Wear for Sale till 11/6/09
- 30 SWPBS Student Assembly

Akron Elementary School Monthly Character Traits

September's Trait: *Friendliness*

Each month the Akron students will be studying a social skill-building trait. The Akron Lion's Club Recognition Program will award prizes to students who win the contests for best illustrated writing responses to a prompt relating to the monthly trait. Children in a different grade will be eligible to win each month. The specific grade level teachers will provide the materials, class time, and information about the contest rules. Lion Club members will be asked to help with the final judging. The awards will be given out at the monthly SWEBS Assembly.

Membership Drive Reminder:

Join the PTO for just \$3 per person and we'll put your name on a star above your child's classroom door where it will stay for the remainder of the school year! Anyone 18 or older can join, so get your aunts, uncles, cousins, friends & neighbors involved in helping our school and supporting your Akron All-Star! Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 classes that bring in the highest percentage of memberships. All monies received go directly to our school to pay for things such as field trips, assemblies, classroom activities, playground equipment and more! If you have more than 1 child in the school, you need only pay the \$3 membership fee once and we'll put your name on a star above each child's door!



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Parents: there will be additional school spirit days which will be announced after we have time for student input.

Mark your calendar and check out the sign up sheet in the PTO welcome folder...

Race for Education on
Friday ~ October 16, 2009
We need your help to make it a successful event!



Red Ribbon Week:

Drug Free and I've Got the Strength to Say No to Drugs! The PTO will provide bracelets for all students to wear throughout the whole week. All days of that week children will be asked to wear clothing that will reflect the Red Ribbon themes.

Monday, October 26th Students will be given their Theme Bracelets (Thanks to the PTO!)

Tuesday, October 27th **"Team Up Against Drugs!"** Students should wear their favorite sports clothing

Wednesday, October 28th **"Proud to Be Drug Free!"** Students should wear red clothing

Thursday, October 29th **"Drugs and I Don't Match!"** Students should wear mix-matched clothing

Friday, October 30th **"Reach for Stars, Not Drugs!"** Akron All-Star tee shirt day

will be held the week of October 26th.
Our theme will be **"Real Heroes Are"**

Teacher Spotlight: Miss Kreider ~ First Grade



Hi my name is Tania Kreider. I recently came from Fulton Elementary School as a first grade teacher. I am very anxious to be a part of Akron Elementary. I graduated

from Ephrata High School in 1998 and West Chester University in 2007. I received my

Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. I currently live in Ephrata with my roommate and dog. My dog is an 11 year old yellow lab. His name is Murray and he is spoiled with love and toys! I enjoy walking, playing tennis, and spending time with my family and friends. I also enjoy going to the beach and the pool over the summer.