

CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOLS PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER REPORTING

As winter weather approaches, Central Valley School District is prepared to report school closure and delay information. The district will continue to report using an automated system which streamlines reporting to the local media. This same system is shared by dozens of school districts in the area. In addition to automatically alerting the local media about delays and school closures, the “Media Notification” system will instantly post the school closure or delay information online (www.cvsd.org click on “School Delays and Closures”). As was established last year, we will also post any urgent information directly on our district home page.

Any decision to close or delay school due to winter weather will be made prior to 6 a.m. Parents should listen closely for information about **Central Valley School District** schools which will be broadcast on local television and radio stations. Even when school is running on time, buses may be running late as they slow down to safely travel on winter roads. Some buses may follow “snow routes” in the higher elevations of our district. Information about changes in bus routes due to winter weather will be available by calling the Central Valley Snow Hotline at 228-5572. We appreciate your patience and assistance in the event of adverse weather conditions. Your child’s safety is a top priority for our schools and transportation department. *Thank you!*

PARENT AND STUDENT INPUT KEY TO STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS

More than 260 parents, students, employees and community members shared their thoughts about Central Valley schools during a series of 13 focus groups held last month. The focus groups are one of eight steps in the district’s year-long strategic planning process. Focus group participants were asked to answer and discuss a series of questions designed to develop a common understanding of shared responsibility and commitment to Central Valley Schools. Reams of notes, draft commitment statements and other feedback are now being compiled for analysis. This feedback will be combined with other input to help shape the direction of Central Valley schools for the next three to five years. Thanks to everyone who took the time to participate in a focus group! For more information about the strategic planning process, visit www.cvsd.org.

YOUR CHILD WILL NOT GET SCREENED AT SCHOOL FOR SCOLIOSIS.

As of July 26, 2009, our state legislature has repealed the mandate to screen all public school children for scoliosis. This means that your child will not get screened at school for scoliosis. Scoliosis is an abnormal curve of the spine. The symptoms of scoliosis are uneven musculature on one side of the spine. This may look like a rib bump, a prominent shoulder blade, one shoulder being higher than the other or an uneven hip. Pain is occasionally considered a symptom of scoliosis. If you are concerned your child may have scoliosis, please contact your healthcare provider.

CENTRAL VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT OBSOLETE/DISCARDED BOOK SALE

Central Valley School District will be selling obsolete and discarded curriculum books, teacher materials and library books December 16, 2009 – December 18, 2009 from 8:30am – 2:00pm. The sale will be conducted at the Central Valley Learning and Teaching Center located at 19307 E. Cataldo Spokane Valley, WA. **Everyone is welcome!** If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact Colette Seubert at 228-5423.