

September 2011

Meadowlark All-Stars



Meadowlark Newsletter

Principal's Message....

Here are the dates scheduled for 2011-2012 Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Thursday, October 20th 4:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 25th 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 27th 4:00-7:00 p.m.



October 1

GAD Parade @ 10:00 a.m.

October 2

Custodial Recognition Day

October 3

- All Day Kindergarten Payment Due
- PTO Meeting @ 12:15 p.m.

October 10-14

- Fire Prevention Week
- School Lunch Week

October 14

- End of 1st Quarter
- Book Fair Begins

October 16

National Boss' Day

October 17

No School (teachers on duty)

October 19

- Site Council @ 4:30 p.m.
- Papa John's Pizza Night

October 21

- A.R. Recess
- Book Fair Ends @ 1:30p.m.

October 24-28

Red Ribbon Week

October 26

Pizza Hut "Fun"draiser Night

October 28

Fall Classroom Parties

October 31

No School (conference credit day)

Tips for making your Parent-Teacher conference successful:

- **Always prepare.** Have some specific questions ready concerning your child's strengths, needs, study habits, and social skills
- **Be positive.** Showing the teacher you appreciate his/her efforts helps build a strong relationship. Share with the teacher activities your child has enjoyed in the school.
- **Check back.** Work with your child on areas that need help. After a few weeks, check back with the teacher on your child's progress.

EARLY ARRIVING STUDENTS

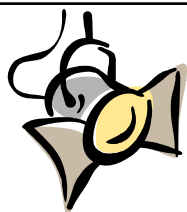
Please do not drop off your child before 8:20 a.m. as there is no supervision before school and safety is our utmost concern. Students are not to be in the hallways or classrooms before 8:25. If you need before school child care, please contact the YMCA SACC program. (264-1010)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following staff members:



OCTOBER

- 1** Shelly Herbers (Nurse)
- 7** Becky Hall (Math Aide)
- 10** Elaine Nield (Library Aide)
- 17** Michelle Flanigan (Instructional Aide)
- 28** Craig Gray (Band Teacher)



SPOTLIGHT ON OUR NEW STAFF



Hi, My name is Michelle Flanigan. I am the new Instructional Aide here at Meadowlark, and I'm very excited to be here!!!. I am married to Jeff, who is in the Kansas Air National Guard. We have two children, Haley a junior at Andover Central High School and Hunter a sixth grader at Andover Central Middle School. I also have two dogs. When I'm not at school or at my children's activities, I love spending time with my family and friends, being outdoors, cooking and baking.

Greater Andover Day Winners

As part of the Greater Andover Days celebration a carnival coloring contest was hosted by the committee. Students at each school were given the opportunity to color a picture representing this family festival. These lucky students were presented with a certificate entitling them to a free wristband from Ottaway Amusement Carnival which allows them to ride the carnival rides free for four hours.



Mr. Gray wins KAKE Golden Apple Award

School band instructor Craig Gray wins KAKE Golden Apple Award. Craig was at Andover Central Middle School when he received the award. KAKE's Golden Apple Award recognizes Wichita-area teachers who have gone beyond the call of duty for their students. Winning teachers get surprised in their classroom and receive \$250 cash from Papa John's, \$250 cash from Haddock Computer Center for the principal of the school to use as they see fit, and a beautiful Golden Apple Award! Winning teachers are also featured in the Davis-Moore ad in *The Wichita Eagle*. For more information about the award, visit www.kake.com/goldenapple. The presentation aired during the 10 p.m. news on KAKE TV on Sat., Sept. 3. It is also available at KAKE's Golden Apple website.



Mr. Gray receives his award at ACMS.

Mr. Brightup Honored

School band instructor Kevin Brightup, has been named the South Central Kansas Music Educator of the Year for Middle Schools.

Congratulations Mr. Gray & Mr. Brightup!

Labels for Education

This year, our school will be participating in the *Labels for Education*® program. Through the program, we can collect UPCs and beverage caps from participating products to earn points that can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise!

Our goal this year is to collect 20,000 points that we can redeem for great things for our school. It's easy to help—simply save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products and drop them off in the Office.

By registering your Dillon's Plus Card at www.eLabelsForEducation.com, we can also earn one point every time you purchase a participating product. This is in addition to the UPC codes you send in! See below a list of participating products. There's more than just Campbell's soup — you'll find cereals, storage bags, pens, and even magazines on the list.



TIE-DYING T-SHIRTS

First graders and their fifth grade book buddies have been tie-dying t-shirts for several years. The first grade classes wear their t-shirts for special events throughout the year and on field trips.



HONOR CHOIR 2011



Jenna G., Lauren W., Mercy M., Leo C., Kamon W., and Colton B. were selected to represent Meadowlark at the South Central Kansas Music Educator's Association Honor Choir on Saturday, October 29th. Students from the South Central area will be joining together and performing music under the direction of Nick Engels from our very own Andover Central High School. The concert will be at noon on the 29th and the public is invited. It will be held in the ACHS Auditorium.

BOBO BOX TOP



BOBO Box Top was in the building!! On Wed.-Sept 21st, the Box Top Mascot "BOBO" the clown (make sure to ask your child if they saw her) visited all the classes to give them an update on Box Tops. Around 95 students earned the EXTRA RECESS for the Summer Collection sheets that were given at the end of last year. That's an amazing collection, as each student had to turn in 30 box tops. The extra recess is scheduled for Friday, Sept 30th. Box Tops are collected every month on the 3rd Wednesday, except for December. Students also learned of their "Class Box Top Goal" which has been raised this year from 600 to 601. Once each class reaches 601 box tops, they will earn their "POP and POPCORN PARTY" provided by the PTO. At the end of the year, the class with the overall most boxtops brought in will earn---"DAIRY QUEEN LUNCH PARTY"! Every student of the winning class will receive their choice of kids meals from Dairy Queen, complete with drink and ice cream. Needless to say, the classes were excited! Mr. Lee, the winning class teacher from last year, will be trying to defend his title!

PLEASE SAVE MAGAZINES!

Art students will recycle these into art projects. There is a box outside Miss Blumer's room for donations. Thank you!



FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Family Fun Night was a huge success. We would like to thank the following volunteers for their help:



JENNY MCCAIG

STACY ELLINGTON

CARRIE RICE

KASSIE ZWIENER

KAREN POOL

AMY SMITH

CHRIS STEWARD

SUMMER CROOK

SHANNA DEMPSEY

CARRIE ROBISON

AMY RECH

ANGELA LUHAR

DAVE & LORI WOLF

GIRL SCOUTS

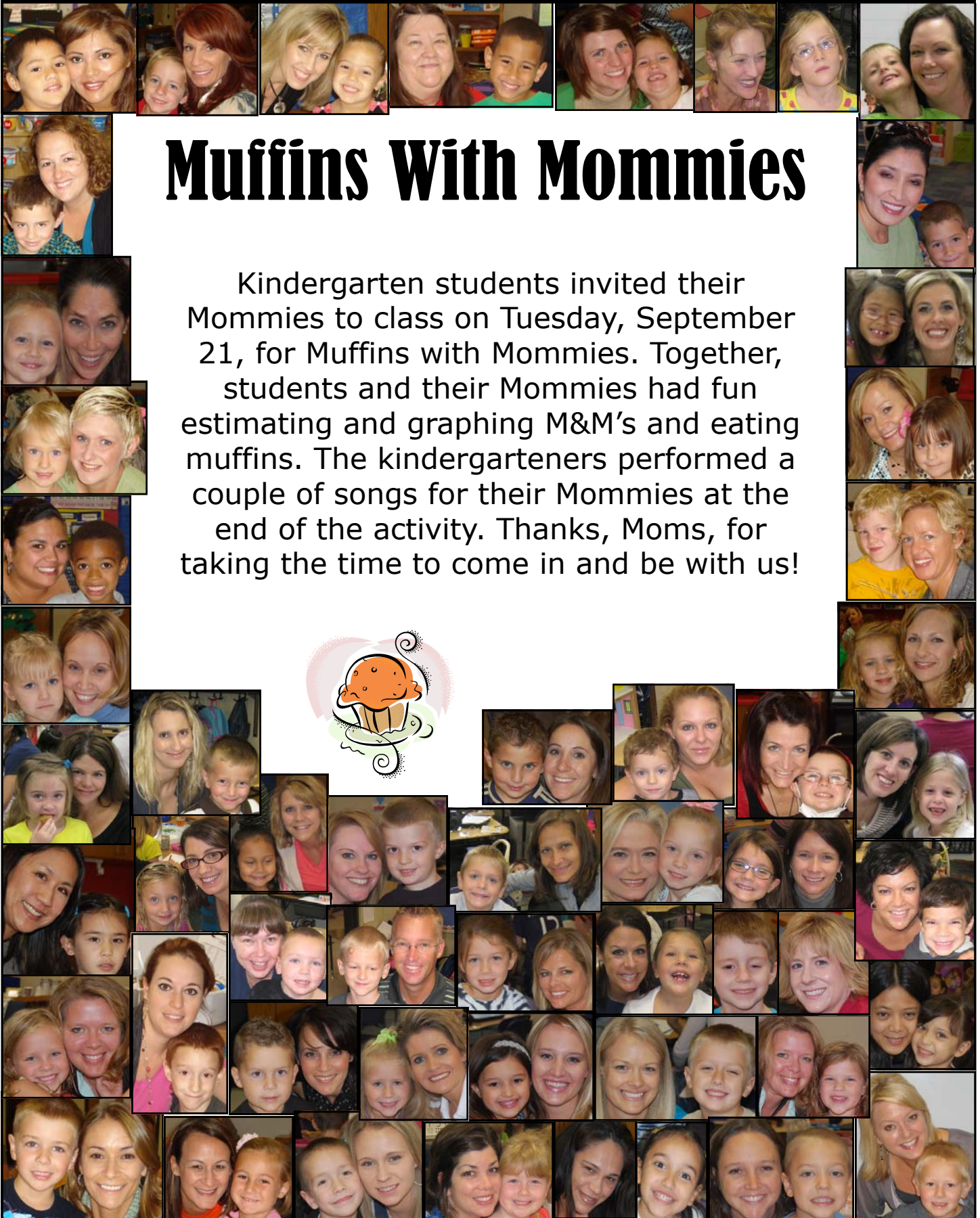
PRAIRIE CREEK PTO

All the parents that
donated pop



Muffins With Mommies

Kindergarten students invited their Mommies to class on Tuesday, September 21, for Muffins with Mommies. Together, students and their Mommies had fun estimating and graphing M&M's and eating muffins. The kindergarteners performed a couple of songs for their Mommies at the end of the activity. Thanks, Moms, for taking the time to come in and be with us!





DID YOU KNOW.....

Pizza Hut and Papa John's Pizza donate 20% of your purchase back to Meadowlark to be used for student activities?

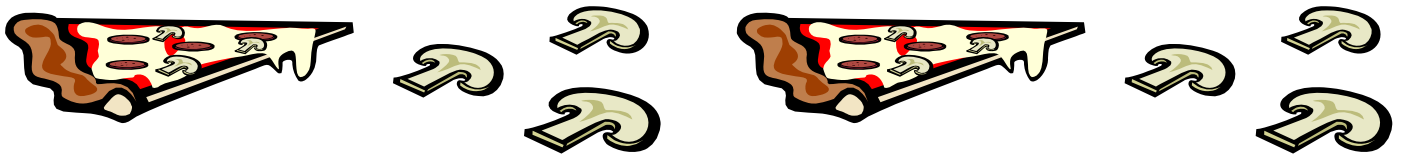
“Yes, last year Meadowlark received a total of \$531.27 from Papa John's and Pizza Hut”

Thank you Meadowlark families for participating in the Papa John's and Pizza Hut "FUN" draisers!

GOOD NEWS FROM PAPA JOHN'S

If you order online **“ANY DAY” “ANY TIME”** at **“PAPAJOHNS.COM”** Papa Johns's will donate 20% of your purchase back to Meadowlark!

Just enter the promo code **“Meadowlark385”**



ALSO.....

WIN A FREE PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS!

The class with the most participation wins a free pizza party from **Papa John's!**

MEADOWLARK LIBRARY



FALL BOOK FAIR IS COMING IN OCTOBER!

Go to the following web link for more information!

<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/cptoolkit/publish/meadowlarkallstars>

ON-LINE SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Starts Thursday, October 6

Ends Monday, October 24

OPEN 24/7!

IN SCHOOL SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Starts Friday, October 14

Ends Friday, October 21

HOURS

8 a.m. - 4 p.m. October 14 thru 20

8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. October 21

FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday, October 20

4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Color this page, return to the library, and help us decorate for the book fair!

Come to Our
BOOK FAIR!
Reading Is Out of This World!



Dates/Times/Place

At MES library - Oct. 14, 18, 19, 20 8am-4pm Oct. 21 8am-1:30

Family Night 4pm-8 Oct. 20 On-line Fair Oct.6-24!

 SCHOLASTIC

Red Ribbon Week (Oct. 24th – 28th)

by Mrs. Clarkson, Counselor

Each year, Red Ribbon Week provides us with an opportunity to renew our commitment to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle. This week also provides us with the opportunity to show our dedication to education and prevention efforts in our schools and communities.

Red Ribbon Week was established to honor Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, a U.S. Drug Enforcement agent who lost his life while investigating a drug gang in Mexico.

In 1986, one year after the agent's death, angry citizens in California responded by wearing red ribbons, showing their support in the war against drugs. Red Ribbon Week quickly spread to every state in America. Celebrations now commonly take place during the last week of October.

Throughout the U.S., Red Ribbon Week celebrations bear witness to the efforts of one person who made a difference in the fight against drugs. When students, teachers, and parents wear the red ribbon, it powerfully symbolizes each individual's commitment to preventing drug abuse in schools, workplaces and communities.

This national weekly celebration allows educators, parents, community groups, students and

others to focus on the work being done to stop the spread of drugs and draw attention to the growing millions of youngsters who have pledged to be drug-free.

Red Ribbon Resources

In honor of Red Ribbon Week, Meadowlark has chosen the theme:

Show Good Character by being Drug-Free!



**Respect
Responsibility
Caring
Citizenship
Trustworthiness
Caring**

To highlight the week, Meadowlark Elementary students and staff will be participating in the following activities:

- **Monday, Oct. 24th**
The students and staff will show their **Drug-Free Pride** by wearing **RED shirts** today.
- The Student Council will handout Red Ribbons. The students and staff will wear the red ribbons all week.
- **Tuesday, Oct. 25th**
"Hats off to a Drug-Free Life" day. Wear your favorite hat.
- **Wednesday, Oct. 26th**
"Follow Your Dreams, Don't do Drugs" day. Wear pajamas today, to show your support for a drug-free life.
- **Thursday, Oct. 27th**
"Team-up Against Drugs" day. Wear your

favorite professional sports team shirts or your Meadowlark shirt to help "Team-up" against drugs.

- **Friday, Oct. 28th**
"Drugs are Ridiculous" day. Wear CRAZY clothes and crazy hairstyles today!

By participating in **Red Ribbon Week**, Meadowlark students and staff can make a powerful statement that says, "We are committed to a healthy and drug-free lifestyle".



Let's Show Good...

Citizenship
Trustworthiness
Leadership
Respect
Fairness
Caring
Honesty
Responsibility
Pride

by Being Drug-Free!!!

**Meadowlark Elementary
Site Council Membership
2011-2012**

The purpose of the Meadowlark Elementary Site Council is to:

- Provide advice and counsel to the school in evaluating performance goals and objectives;
- Help determine methods which could be used by the school to meet the goals and objectives;
- Serve as a liaison between the school, the community, and the local board of education by collecting and disseminating information about school improvement;
- Provide other assistance that the school may request; and
- Share information on school activities, success and concerns with other council members.

The Meadowlark Elementary Site Council is comprised of 11 members. The Membership is as follows: 5 staff members and 6 parents:

Stacey King	Staff Member; Vice-Chairperson
Rachael Hoopes	Staff Member; Secretary
Darla Brooks	Staff Member
Erin Middleton	Staff Member
Butch Thomas	Parent; Chairperson
Jill Sagehorn	Parent
Susie Wilson	Parent
Chris Steward	Parent
Ellen Schwartzbeck	Parent
Amy Rech	Parent
Jody Baker	Building Administrator

Site Council meetings are held monthly and are open to the public. Future meeting dates are: Nov. 30 (Mark Evans will be the featured speaker), Jan. 18, Feb. 15, Mar. 14, Apr. 18, May 16. All meetings will be from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Persons interested in presenting at a council meeting may request to be put on the agenda by contacting the chairperson or the building principal. Please feel free to contact any of the site council members with questions or concerns regarding our school.

ANDOVER FOOD SERVICE

School Meal Account Information

The Andover school meal cashier system, *Nutrikids*, sends email notification to parents each Thursday for accounts with a balance of **+\$30.00 and below**. You will be notified at your Power School email address. If you do not have email or access to online account information, contact Bonnie Scarth, 218-4600, to receive current account information.

Nutrikids is linked to *Power School* so student records in the lunch program will contain current and accurate data. Student photos are displayed when the student meal ID is entered into the serving line keypad, improving accuracy and security. Account information regarding allergies; ala carte privileges and account comments are also displayed. Full-pay, reduced or free meal status is not displayed in the serving line. The student meal ID number will remain the same until the student graduates.

To check your student lunch account balance:

Go to the district website: www.usd385.org

Select *Payments and Fees*; Select *Meal Account Deposits*

Click the picture of the school lunch.

Scroll to the bottom of the page and type your student's last name and ID number. This is the number the student enters into the pin pad to charge meals in the lunch line. It is also their library number. This number is noted on your weekly email. It is also listed in your student's record in Power School. Your student's current balance will appear at the bottom of the screen, below his name and ID number. You do not have to make a payment on line to retrieve this information.

Please note that *Nutrikids* places deposits into individual accounts.

If there is more than one student in a family in any school building, one student may make deposits to their sibling's accounts. Please note the ID numbers of each student and the amounts to deposit to each account.

Example:

A \$20.00 check.....Billy Doe - Grade 4 #1111 \$10.00

Judy Doe - Grade 6 #2222 \$10.00

Please contact the Food Service Office with any questions.

Ann Katt,

Food Service Director

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We're on the web!
www.usd385.org

Health Room Information

As it is beginning to feel more like fall, it is good to remember the ever-changing weather in Kansas. The mornings may feel warm and comfortable, but as you know, the temperature and wind can change quickly making recess a bit chilly and uncomfortable. It is a good idea to send a jacket with your child everyday during these fall and winter months. Cold and flu season is just around the corner. We have already had a few reported strep cases. Policy states that if your child is throwing up, diarrhea, and/ or a temp. of >100, he or she may not be at school; and they may only return when they are without fever for 24 hours and have not thrown up for 24 hours. We ask that you, as parents are mindful of this policy for the safety of your own precious children, and for the safety of one our Meadowlark students who is currently immunosuppressed.

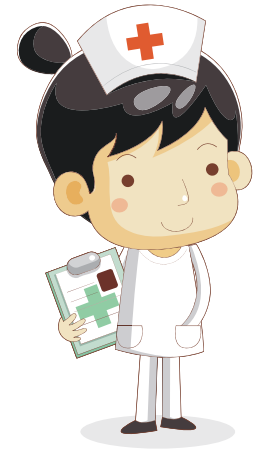
The health office is now reviewing KCI's (Immunization reports). There are a few we have not yet received. If you have not sent record of your student's Immunizations, please contact your child's physician and have it faxed to 218-1000. According to state laws and regulations, this is a requirement for enrollment in the State of Kansas. Notification letters will soon be sent and we appreciate your prompt response.

If your child will need to have an over the counter medication kept in the health office, a medication authorization form will need to be completed by your physician. These can be found on-line and faxed to 218-1000. Medications will need to be brought in by an adult. If you have any questions please feel free to call, 218-4630 Ext. 53115

Thank you

Is It a Cold or the Flu?

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Characteristic, high (102-104 F); last 3-4 days
Headache	Rare	Prominent
Aches/pains	Slight	Usual; often severe
Fatigue/weakness	Quite mild	Can last up to 2-3 wks
Exhaustion	Rare	Early & prominent
Stuffy Nose	Common	Sometimes
Sneezing	Usual	Sometimes
Sore Throat	Common	
Cough	Mild-Moderate; hacking cough	Common; can become severe
Prevention	None	Annual vaccination; antiviral Medicines-see your doctor
Treatment	Only temporary Relief of symptoms	Antiviral medicines-see doctor



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