

Press Release



Battle Ground Public Schools

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HIV/AIDS and drug information nights slated

Battle Ground Public Schools' annual parent-information events on HIV/AIDS curriculum and "red flags" of drugs use are set for Oct. 21 – 26. Fliers on these events are accessible via the bright green box near the top of the district Website, battlegroundps.org.

HIV/AIDS -- Age-appropriate instruction on HIV/AIDS is offered to students in grades five through 12, as required by Washington law. Parents are invited to any of the three information nights at which materials regarding that curriculum will be distributed. Parents may come at any time during a session to pick up the packet of material and ask questions. Parents may have their children excluded from the instruction by reading the material, signing the exclusion form in that packet and turning it in at the information event or at their child's school. Students excluded in the past will automatically be excluded unless a parent calls Amy Peterson at 885-5389 to reverse that exclusion. The HIV/AIDS information events are:

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 20, Maple Grove Middle School library, 601B Eaton Blvd. (formerly Northeast 199th Street).
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 21, Laurin Middle School library, 13601 N.E. 97th Avenue (just north of Glenwood Heights Primary School at Northeast 97th Avenue and 134th Street)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, Amboy Middle School library, 22115 N.E. Chelatchie Road

Drug Information -- The school district's Drug Information Night is not linked to a specific curriculum or course of instruction. It is designed to inform parents of current drug trends and what to look for in children's behavior and appearance that might indicate drug use.

It is from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 26, in the media center at Prairie High School, 11500 N.E. 117th Avenue (state Highway 503, just south of Northeast 119th Street. Access via southbound 117th Avenue or from either direction on 119th Street, across from Winco Foods).

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