

**Granite Falls School District continues to reduce costs**

In an effort to continue cost saving measures, the Granite Falls School District will not print its annual community school calendar for the 2009/2010 school year. "We are looking at large and small ways to help save money," said district spokeswoman Kathy Grant. "Not printing the calendar will save the District approximately \$2,000 in printing costs and postage." The calendar will be online for parents or community members to download and print from home computers. Individual schools will also post parent newsletters online rather than mail home, which will save an additional \$1500 in paper and postage.

The District encourages parents and community members to visit the District website [www.gfalls.wednet.edu](http://www.gfalls.wednet.edu) frequently for information including the school calendar, lunch menus, emergency school closure, reports required by the state, student handbooks, graduation information, and much more. For anyone that cannot access the website, hard copies of the calendar, or any other information, can be provided by calling the individual schools or the administration office at 360.691.7717.

The District cut approximately \$1.3 million dollars from the 2009-2010 school year budget due to the state's \$9 billion dollar deficit and declining enrollment. Support staff and administrators voluntarily took 3.5 days each in unpaid leave to help with the deficit. The District also made reductions to staffing and coaches in addition to many smaller changes in programs and services such as streamlining transportation routes and reducing energy costs. Staff members continue to look for ways to be efficient and frugal while keeping student achievement as our priority. "We are looking everywhere we can to keep the reductions as far from the classroom as possible," Grant added.