

**LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

- Oct. 15 Thursday Student Council Meeting (12:05, Library)  
Big Foot Assembly (5<sup>th</sup> grades only)  
PTA Meeting (7:00-8:00pm, Auditorium)
- Oct. 16 Friday Hearing & Vision Screening  
Field Trip (5<sup>th</sup> grades to Olympia)  
Field Trip (Carpinito Farm, Rms 1, 2, 8, 9, 9:30-2:00pm)  
PTA Meeting (7:00pm, Library)
- Oct. 19 Monday Sanity Circus (Parent Education Series, 7:00-8:30pm)
- Oct. 23 Friday Passport Check Day (lunchroom)  
Walk-A-Thon
- Oct. 26 Monday Sanity Circus (Parent Education Series, 7:00-8:30pm)
- Oct. 28 Wednesday** Passport Recheck Day (lunchtime)  
**EARLY DISMISSAL (1:15pm)**  
Math Night – (7:00-9:00pm, Auditorium)
- Oct. 30 Friday Field Trip (Camp Long, Rm 26 only)  
Mineral Display (Rms 14, 15, 17, Auditorium 2:00-3:00pm)

**LOOKING WAY AHEAD**

- Nov. 2 Monday Bike Safety Unit begins in P.E.  
Sanity Circus (Parent Education Series, 7:00-8:30pm)
- Nov. 4 Wednesday PTA Board Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)
- Nov. 6 Friday End of 1<sup>st</sup> Trimester  
Walk-A-Thon Assembly  
Field Trip (Children’s Theater, Rms 1, 2, 8 & 9, 10:15-12:30)
- Nov. 7 Saturday Spectrum Testing at Lafayette
- Nov. 9 Monday Sanity Circus (7:00-8:30pm, Parent Education Series)
- Nov. 11 Wednesday NO SCHOOL (Veteran’s Day Holiday)**
- Nov. 12 Thursday Spectrum Teacher Nominations for Kindergarten are due  
PTA Meeting (7:00-8:00pm)
- Nov. 13 Friday Walk-A-Thon Assembly (2:15pm)  
Walk-A-Thon Movie Night at Hiawatha
- Nov. 16 Monday Sanity Circus (7:00-8:30pm)
- Nov. 19 Thursday Student Council Meeting (12:05, Library)
- Nov. 20 Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Book Float Parade  
Passport Check Day (Lunchtime)
- Nov. 23-25 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (Parent-Teacher Conferences)**
- Nov. 26-27 NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Holiday)**

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**MORNING ROUTINES**

In the mornings, if it is raining or VERY cold, students may wait in the cafeteria. Entrance to the cafeteria is not through the front foyer. **Enter the cafeteria in the mornings on Lander.**

### **FLU SEASON**

We all know that flu season is upon us. Here are a few tips to know when to keep your child home. The most important thing is to keep a sick child who has a 100 degree or more fever home. Also, if a child is actively coughing or sneezing, and is just plain miserable...it would be a good thing to keep your child home. Children should be kept home 24 hours after a fever has passed. Here at the school we are reinforcing handwashing, as well as coughing into your sleeve if there is no tissue immediately available.

### **FOURTH GRADE CAMP**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers would like to say a loud and resounding “THANK YOU” to the volunteer parents who accompanied the 4<sup>th</sup> graders to Camp Colman. Your time and energy make the difference in students’ experiences. The weather held until we were back on the bus going home, and everyone had a terrific time! “Thank you” to: Juanita Roberts, Rex Weddle, Riofelia Jones, Philip Hildebrand, Colleen Kinerk, Aaron Vanek, Sara Jaecks, Myron Goldberg, Kathy Wimer, Matthew Gray, Patricia Paris, Stefon Persson, Carmela D’Amico, Becky Carlson, Marian Johnson, Miles Ewing, Steve Wald, Celeste Kean, Nan Hall, and Amy Crawford. *We could not have done it without you!!!!*

### **TURN YOUR WALK-A-THON ENVELOPES IN THIS FRIDAY (10/16/09)**

Every student who returns their Walk-A-Thon pledge envelope in this Friday (October 16<sup>th</sup>) with a minimum of one (1) new pledge will receive either a **FREE admission ticket to Lafayette Movie Night** if they’re turning in their envelope for the first time, OR **FREE popcorn at Lafayette Movie Night** if they turned in their envelope last week as well!

### **BAKERS NEEDED!**

There is going to be a Bake Sale on ***Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>*** during the Walk-A-Thon, so please pull out your favorite dessert, cookie, cake, sweet bread or pie recipe, warm up your oven and get baking! (Please, ***NO NUTS!***) Bring your wrapped baked goods on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> to the Bake Sale table located on the playground next to the Walk-A-Thon track. Questions? Contact Gina Formea at [ginamoe@quidnunc.net](mailto:ginamoe@quidnunc.net).

### **WALK-A-THON T-SHIRTS**

Come and help distribute Walk-A-Thon t-shirts to classrooms. Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:15a.m. in the cafeteria. Please contact Tami Clark at (206) 923-3239 or [tami.clark@comcast.net](mailto:tami.clark@comcast.net) if you can be there.

### **MATH NIGHT – OCTOBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 7:00pm**

Back by popular parental demand, Adam Dysart (the same presenter as last year) will be discussing the EveryDay Math curriculum – how it is set up; examples of problems; how parents can help their child; resources for parents – and more. Bring any questions – he will answer them. Parents found this to be a very practical meeting. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria this year, as we anticipate a large turnout.

### **HALLOWEEN GUIDELINES**

It is the teacher’s decision whether or not to have a class party. If there is no party, students may still dress up ***but only during lunch and lunch recess***. Remember: October 30<sup>th</sup> is still a day for learning!

1. Costumes may not include weapons of any kind (no swords, guns, knives, sickles, etc...)
2. No sport equipment that could cause injury (e.g. bats, hockey sticks, in-line skates, cleats, etc..)
3. If a costume includes a mask or facepaint, teachers ask that students not wear the mask or facepaint except during the party.
4. Common sense is the rule: Parents need to ask themselves: “Is this costume appropriate for an elementary school?”

Student will be required to remove costumes or costume parts that do not adhere to the rules. We want this to be a safe and fun day for all.

### **PARKING ON LANDER**

The load zone on Lander street must be kept clear in the mornings for delivery of food from the district, and other district vehicles. *Please do not park in the load zone on Lander.*

### **JUMP ROPES**

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, kindergarteners in Seattle Public Schools are receiving jump ropes through a program called JUMPUP, an initiative aimed at promoting exercise and developing your child's awareness about the importance of physical activity. The program is co-sponsored by Seattle Children's and Treeswing, a local non-profit working to prevent childhood obesity. **All kindergarteners in Seattle Schools will receive a free jumprope in the next few weeks.** Also, for those who are not in kindergarten, attached you will find an order form to purchase your own jumprope.

### **50 MILE CLUB**

Students are encouraged to walk or run laps around the grass field and record their laps. Turn in recorded laps to folder next to gym door. Many classrooms are already doing this with their classroom teacher. Those that are not may do their laps during recess or before and after school. At the end of the school year, students completing 50 miles are recognized at an all school assembly. Be sure to turn in your laps every week. Classroom teachers are turning in recorded laps at the end of the month. - Ms. Belfor

### **BIKE SAFETY UNIT – NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

The Bike Safety unit in P.E. will begin on November 2<sup>nd</sup> for grades 3, 4, and 5. Please bring your own helmet, if you have one. Bikes will be provided by the Cascade Bike Club. You may bring your own bike, if you have one.

### **CHESS CLUB**

The students are anxious to have a chess club back at Lafayette. We need volunteers to make this happen. We have two classrooms available for the club on Friday afternoons, 3:20-4:15. Please call or email Bronwyn Gerberding if you would like to volunteer. [The4gerberdings@comcast.net](mailto:The4gerberdings@comcast.net) or (206) 935-6796. "Your move!" Thanks!

### **NEW STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLAN**

Please see the attachment for community feedback meetings dates/times. The student assignment plan will go into effect for the 2010/2011 school year.

### **HOW TO FIND MAPS ONLINE**

Proposed attendance area boundary maps will be presented at a work session of the Board on Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Tuesday evening maps will be made available on the NSAP Web site ([www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.html](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.html))

### **ADDRESS LOOKUP TOOL**

A helpful new tool for families is a web-based program that displays initial attendance area school assignments based on an address. The tool will be available beginning the morning of Wednesday, October 7<sup>th</sup> on the NSAP web site: [www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.html](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/newassign/index.html).

### **WORLD BOOK ONLINE**

At the Back to School night you may have been given information about World Book Online. Parents can find this site by going to [www.mylafayette.org](http://www.mylafayette.org), click on "community", and then click on the links. Scroll down to the reference section, and you will see the World Book link. Use the username: studentps  
Password: access

### **PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE**

Please join the Playground Committee. Our first meeting is on **October 20<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00pm.** Come and find out about the project status and see how you can get involved. For more information, contact Janine Bostock at (206) 323-6619 or [Janine@avadesignbuild.com](mailto:Janine@avadesignbuild.com).

## **PASSPORT CLUB**

Passport Club check day is coming soon! We experienced a great response from students for the September check day! Thank you to all students who participated and the volunteers for their hours of help! Students may still sign up and participate in Passport Club if they missed out on the September sign up dates. Any 4<sup>th</sup> graders that missed the check days due to camp may request to be checked for September at the October check days. New October study maps were provided to teachers last week. If a student needs another map, extras may be found in the hallway on the Passport bulletin display, near the computer room. The next check day will be **Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>** in the lunchroom during lunch recess. We are aware that it is Walk-A-Thon day, however we will still set up for students wishing to participate. The re-check day will be **Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>** during lunch recess.

There are lots of fun places to locate this month. Study with a buddy or a family member throughout the month.

### ***October countries:***

- Level One: Brazil, Australia, United States of America, Thailand, and Democratic Republic of the Congo  
Level Two: Info from Level 1, France, Vietnam, Namibia, Angola and Italy  
Level Three: Info from Levels 1, 2, Ecuador, Haiti, Sudan, Poland and Bhutan  
Level Four: Info from Levels 1, 2, 3, Chad, Georgia, Tajikistan, Senegal, Cameroon, Qatar, Croatia, Indonesia, Slovakia, and St. Kitts & Nevis  
Level Five: Info from Levels 1, 2, 3, 4, **Brasilia** (Brazil), **Canberra** (Australia), **Washington DC** (United States of America), **Bangkok** (Thailand), **Kinshasa** (Democratic Republic of Congo)

Please contact Kimberly Burggraff at [Kjburggraff@comcast.net](mailto:Kjburggraff@comcast.net) for volunteer opportunities and any questions.

## **NEIGHBORHOOD CHATS WITH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, STEVE SUNDQUIST**

Mr. Sundquist invites you to join him, our neighbors, and other parents for an informal discussion of current school issues. You are welcome to come to all or just one of the meetings. The Fall calendar is as follows:

- a) Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> – 10:00-11:30a.m. @ Delridge Library
- b) Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-11:30a.m. @Highpoint Library
- c) Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> – 1:00-2:30pm @ Highpoint Library
- d) Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-11:30a.m. @ Delridge Library
- e) Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> – 10:00-11:30a.m. @ Delridge Library

For a more complete calendar and overview of key school issues, please visit his website [www.sundquist4schools.com](http://www.sundquist4schools.com)