

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Bulletin 7

LOOKING AHEAD

- Nov. 10 Tuesday Veteran’s Day Band Performance (Lunchtime)
Playground Committee Meeting (7:00-8:00pm, Library – Meeting with Architect)
- 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 PAJAMA DAY! (Sponsored by Student Council)
Walk-A-Thon Assembly (2:15pm)
Chinook Book Orders Due
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)
Yearbook Cover Contest Deadline
- Nov. 20 Friday 2nd 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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PASSABLE HALLWAYS

In order to have our hallways passable for our 530 students, we ask that parents say their good-byes and allow children to make their own way to class. *If you are a parent that needs to come down the hallway in the morning between 8:40a.m. & 9:20a.m. (e.g. you are chaperoning a field trip, delivering birthday treats, or volunteering in a class) please sign in and get a badge before proceeding down the hall.* It is truly uncomfortable for staff to remind parents of this policy in the hallway in the mornings. We need ALL parents to follow this rule. We need to get all students to class on time and we need your help to do this. Thank you, parents, for your help.

STUDENT SAFETY

Please be mindful of student safety whenever bringing/taking your child from school, as well as setting a good example for your child. Specifically:

- 1) Always use the crosswalks.
- 2) Do not “double park” and let your child out in the street.
- 3) Do not use our back parking lot as a dropoff/pickup place for your child.
- 4) Do not park in our bus load zones.

Remember: Safety first, so please make sure you give yourself enough time to get your student to school not only safely, but on time.

FIRST SPIRIT DAY – PAJAMA DAY (11/13/09) – Sponsored by the Student Council

The date for our first Spirit Day “Pajama Day” has been selected....**Friday, November 13th**. Remind your child that even though this is a special day, they must comply with the dress code of Lafayette. No spaghetti straps, short nightgowns, or short, short bottoms (must reach fingertips in length), and no flip/flops/backless sandals. Slippers may be worn inside the building only, so bring a regular pair of shoes. Posters will be up soon advertising this first fun day.

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE

Come and meet one of the potential Landscape Architects for Phase II of the Playground Project. The meeting will be in the school library on **November 10, 7:00-8:00pm**. Join us to share your thoughts and hear the ideas of the architect, Richard Ward. If you can't make the meeting, you can still submit comments or questions to the Committee to Janine Bostock at Janine@avadesignbuild.com or (206) 323-6619.

YEARBOOK COVER CONTEST

Your student has the unique opportunity to participate in our Yearbook Cover Contest. How exciting would it be to have your artwork become the cover of the school's most coveted keepsake – the Yearbook? ***The contest ends Thursday, November 19th.***

What is the contest? Draw a colored picture to go with the theme, "***Me and My Leopard***". The winner's artwork will be used as the cover of Lafayette's 2009/2010 yearbook!

How will the winner be chosen? The Yearbook Committee will select a finalist from each classroom. The finalists' artwork will be displayed in the cafeteria for everyone to see. The students will be asked to vote for their favorite. The winner's artwork will be used as the cover of Lafayette's yearbook!

Deadline: Please submit artwork to your teacher no later than ***Thursday, November 19th.***

Specifics:

- The student's artwork must be on 8-1/2 x 11 paper. The width of the paper must be 8-1/2". The height, 11".
- You may use colored pencils, watercolors, markers, pastels, or acrylic paint.
- Artwork should go all the way to the edge of the paper.
- Please make sure your student puts the following information on the back of his/her artwork –
1) Name 2) Teacher 3) Room #

MOVIE NIGHT – November 13th @ Hiawatha Community Center – 6:30pm.

Movie Night is this ***Friday, November 13th, at Hiawatha Community Center Gym***. Doors open at ***6:00pm***, and the movie starts at 6:30pm. Please see the attached flyer for all of the pertinent Movie Night information. For questions or volunteer opportunities, contact Jennifer Herrin at 932-1473 or jenniferherrin@comcast.net. The movie votes are in! And the winner is....."UP" "Up" received the most votes at 223+, Chicken Run received 42 votes, and Toy Story received 33 votes.

If you have misplaced your movie ticket, no worries. A master list has been generated for every student who earned a movie ticket and every student who earned free popcorn. So, when kids go to Movie Night on 11/13/09, they just give their names at the door and volunteers will find it on the list. Then when they go get popcorn, there is also a list they can just give their name. If they are not on the popcorn list, popcorn is just 25 cents.

WALK-A-THON

Walk-A-Thon 2009 was an incredible day! ***Thank you to everyone who participated by pledging or by volunteering your time, energy and great ideas.*** It was amazing to watch students, teachers, staff and the tireless volunteers brave the wind and the rain to make the event such a huge success!

Your chance to be on American Idol! Any goofy, sarcastic, funny moms and dads out there? Ever dreamed of being a judge on American Idol? Well now is your chance! The Walk-A-Thon Awards Assembly will be on ***Friday, November 13th.*** We still need about five volunteers to parody the American Idol judges at the assembly. Please contact Kristi Brown at kristiabrown@yahoo.com or (206) 933-5984 if you fit the bill and can help out!

CHINOOK BOOKS

Orders are due in the office this ***Friday, November 13th.*** Books will be sent home with students on Wednesday, November 18th. Questions? Contact Heidi Arvish at hraaja@msn.com. Or 935-2295.

SALLY FOSTER

By now all students and families should have received their Sally Foster orders. It is important that you now go over your order to make sure all items ordered are present and in good condition. I will make the replacement order on **Monday, November 16th**, so I must have all misorders reported by then. Please do not delay. I only get one opportunity to reorder. Again, thanks for making Sally Foster a success this year! Contact Jennifer Herrin at jenniferherrin@comcast.net or 932-1473 with any questions or concerns.

REQUEST FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

We are running low on some clothing items. We sure could use boys or girls clothes, specifically pants and underwear in size 5, 6, and 7. If you could help out, we'd be so grateful. Thank you!

COSTUMES NEEDED FOR "AFTER" HALLOWEEN

Ms. Scranton would like to borrow any woodland animal costumes (bunnies, bears, mice, skunks, etc...) that are used for Halloween, for the play in February....*The Trial of Goldilocks*. Drop them off in Room 6.

Auditions begin this week for speaking parts, but a student can be in the play just by signing up on the sheet outside Room 6, by the water fountain. (**3rd through 5th grades only.**) Rehearsals begin after Thanksgiving, after school in the lunchroom. More details later.

DVD'S OF 2009 PRODUCTION OF "ANNIE"

We have DVD's of last years' play, "Annie". They are on sale for \$10.00 each. If you're interested in a DVD of this amazing production, please see Ms. Scranton. If paying by check, they should be made payable to: Lafayette PTA.

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) Nov. 18th – 10:00-11:30a.m. @ Delridge Library
- b) Dec. 16th – 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

LOOKING FOR 4TH GRADE CAMP PHOTOS

The fourth grade would like to gather this year's camp photos, compile them, and copy them onto a disc. If you were a camp chaperone who took pictures, please email the pictures to Dianne Wieland (diwieland@seattleschools.org)

PASSPORT CLUB

Passport Check Day this month will be **Friday, November 20th**. Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday Break and school closure for parent/teacher conferences, we will re-schedule the re-check to Wednesday, December 2nd at lunch recess.

November study maps have been provided to teachers for distribution to interested students. If a student needs another map, extras may be found in the hallway on the Passport Bulletin display, near the computer resource room. There are lots of fun places to locate this month. Study with a buddy or a family member throughout the month. **November Countries:**

Level One: Algeria, Canada, Turkey, Mongolia and Panama

Level Two: Info from Level 1, and Mali, Nepal, Uruguay, Bangladesh, and Sweden

Level Three: Info from Level 1, 2 and Niger, Kyrgyzstan, Czech Republic, Comoros, and Zambia

Level Four: Info from Level 1, 2, 3, and Iraq, Liechtenstein, Netherlands, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Djibouti, Barbados, Moldova, Grenada & Sierra Leone

Level Five: Info from Level 1, 2, 3, 4 and Ulan Bator (Mongolia), Ankara (Turkey), Panama City (Panama), Ottawa (Canada), and Algiers (Algeria)

PASSPORT CLUB, CONTINUED

Volunteers will be needed for Passport Check Day on Friday, November 20th and re-check day on Wednesday, December 2nd. The biggest need is during lunchtime, 12:00-1:00pm. Maps will be provided for volunteers to use as they check students at check stations. Please contact Kimberly Burggraff at kjburggraff@comcast.net for volunteer opportunities and any questions.

LOST AND FOUND

Missing a coat? We have about 40 of them. Where is the Lost and Found located? In the west wing, right across from the double doors. Missing a lunchbox? We have about 20 of them. They are lined up on the bench right outside the cafeteria. All articles go to charity during winter break.

GREETINGS TO ALL YOU "CRAFTERS" by Suzette Warshaw

The annual Craft Fair is quickly approaching. Let's make this the best one yet. This will be my last one as Chairperson, since my daughter Molly Warshaw is a 5th grader and will be moving on to middle school. The craft fair is open to all students at Lafayette and their families. It will be held in the school cafeteria on **December 4, 2009 from 6:00-8:30pm**. The cost to rent space is \$1.00 and crafters will keep their proceeds. A form will be going out soon for those who want to participate. Questions? Contact Suzette at alleycat1964@hotmail.com.

NEW .5 CERTIFICATED POSITION

Our BLT (Building Leadership Team) met last week to decide how to best use the additional .5 certificated position that we have been allotted. The BLT decided to add another .5 to our librarian position. Here is how it gets tricky. The new .5 would not be more time for Linda Nakagawa (our current .5 Librarian). She would still stay .5 at Lafayette, working Mondays, Tuesdays and every other Wednesday. (She works another .5 already at Maple Elementary) We would hire another .5 librarian to work Thursday, Friday and every other Wednesday. We are hoping that the librarian volunteers we currently have in place (thank you to Kristi Brown, Daphne Stephens, Catha Elder, Renee Wilson, Mia Bradley, Carmela D'Amico, Mioka Casaba) will stay and continue to support our library system. We will be posting, interviewing and selecting for this position. A parent will be a part of our interview team.

FAMILY HANDBOOK POLICY REMINDERS

Birthdays (Pg. 8) "In an effort to spare children's feelings at school we ask that unless you are inviting an entire class to a party, birthday invitations **may not be distributed at school**. It is appropriate to send a small treat for the class to celebrate your child's birthday. However, it is not appropriate to send balloons or other gifts to school, nor to decorate your child's locker. Any discussions for celebrations should be discussed with your child's teacher prior to the event."

Toys, Athletic Equipment, etc... (Pg. 20) "Students need to leave all toys including action figures, cards, electronic games, CD players, iPODS, and the like at home. We cannot guarantee their security, and try as they might, students cannot guarantee that games will not become a distraction during class time. We have allowed students to bring balls to school, and will continue to do so as long as they do not present a problem. They should be clearly marked with the students' name. Hard baseballs, baseball bats and tennis balls are not allowed. All unauthorized and/or dangerous articles will be confiscated and returned only to a parent or guardian coming to the school to claim them." ***Pokemon cards, magic cards, sports cards and the like are not allowed at school. If students bring them to school, they will be confiscated and will be returned only to a parent.***

Cell Phones (Pg. 10) "We would prefer that students ***not*** have cell phones at school. However, if parents feel their student must have a cell phone the following rules are in place: Cell phones must be turned off during school, staff should never see or hear the phone. Cell phones are brought at the family's own risk, we will not spend time investigating issues arising from student phones such as theft or damage. If a cell phone is spotted during school hours the following will occur: 1st offense – Student picks up phone at end of day. 2nd offense – Parent must come and pick up phone. 3rd offense – Phone goes into Mrs. Turner's "June box" til the last day of school for the year."

BOTTLED WATER DONATIONS NEEDED

The Safety Committee would like to replace as many bottles of water in our emergency supplies. We used to have cases for each classroom, but over this past summer many of them disappeared. Donations could be made to an individual classroom or to several classrooms. Thank you for your consideration.

REMEMBER:

*No school the week of
Nov. 23-27, 2009
for students*

*These dates are reserved for parent/teacher
conferences,
and the
Thanksgiving Holiday*



