

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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LOOKING AHEAD

Jan. 14 Thursday Student Council Meeting (12:05, Library)
PTA Meeting (7:00pm, Library)
Jan. 18 Monday NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King Holiday)
Jan. 19 Tuesday Open House for Prospective Families (6:30pm)
Jan. 22 Friday Passport Check Day (Lunchtime)
Jan. 27 Wednesday Passport Re-Check Day (Lunchtime)
Jan. 29 Friday NO SCHOOL (Day Between Semesters)

LOOKING WAY AHEAD

Feb. 3 Wednesday EARLY DISMISSAL (1:05pm)
PTA Board Meeting (7:00pm, Auditorium)
Feb. 5 Friday Field Trip (SCT – Rms 16, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 26 – 10:15-12:30pm)
Feb. 8 Monday Play Rehearsal (WSHS, 3:15-5:00pm)
Feb. 9 Tuesday Play Rehearsal (WSHS, 3:15-5:00pm)
Feb. 10 Wednesday Play Performance (WSHS, 7:00pm)
Feb. 11 Thursday Student Council Meeting (12:05, Library)
Play Performance for Lafayette students only (WSHS, 1:15pm, Grades 1-5 only)
Feb. 12 Friday Spirit Day (Sponsored by Student Council)
Play Performance (WSHS, 7:00pm)
Feb. 15 Monday NO SCHOOL (President's Day Holiday)
Feb. 16-19 NO SCHOOL (Mid-Winter Break)
Feb. 26 Friday Assembly (Boxtales Theatre, Time to be determined)
Passport Check Day

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MAP ASSESSMENT

The second MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) assessment will take place during the window of January 5th through January 26th. Your child will take this math and reading assessment during their week in the Technology Lab with Mr. Zwiren. This is a new district mandated assessment. Results will be sent home with the report card at the end of the 2nd trimester (March 12th).

PTA MEETING (Thursday, January 14th, 7:00pm)

We have two fantastic guests attending this week's PTA meeting. The Principals of Madison Middle School and West Seattle High School are stopping by to answer all your questions/concerns regarding their respective schools. This is a great opportunity to speak directly to the Principals of these schools! We also have a woman from the District coming to update us on the upcoming school levy. It's a jam-packed meeting, and we look forward to seeing you this **Thursday, 7:00-8:00pm in the auditorium.**

OPEN HOUSE (January 19th, 6:30-7:30pm)

With the new assignment plan, all schools will be holding "Open Houses" this winter. Lafayette's Open House will be held on **Tuesday, January 19th @ 6:30pm.** **This event is for families who will be new to Lafayette next year.** There will be presentations by the Principal, and several panels to choose from for break outs: 1) K teacher panel, 2) Spectrum parent & teacher panel; 3) Regular Ed. Program teacher and parents. As well as the opportunity to tour our facility. Students may attend this event, but it will be geared toward adults. It may be difficult for children to sit through presentations.

NEW STAFF MEMBERS AT LAFAYETTE!

We are very pleased to welcome the following new staff members, made possible due to our increased enrollment this year.

- 1) **Kylie Arlint** – Kylie will be working 12 hours per week in the Resource Room as an Educational Assistant, under the direction of Judy-Gene McCoy. Her hours will be 9:00-12:00. Kylie is actually a certificated teacher and brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to the job. We are so very fortunate to have her on our staff.
- 2) **Patty Rose** – As our new .5 Librarian, Patty will begin work on Monday, January 11th. Her first week will be spent working with Linda Nakagawa (i.e. the same days as Linda to become familiar with the library) Starting the week of January 18th, Patty will begin her regular schedule: Thursday, Friday and every other Wednesday. Patty is a very experienced Librarian, who did a Librarian job in the Bellevue schools recently.

We know you will warmly welcome these new “leopards”.

SCHOOL TOURS

“School visits” (previously known as tours) will be held, (at District request) **AFTER** families receive notification of their child’s placement for next year (i.e. after February 26th). Lafayette will be holding school tours on **Thursday, March 4th; Thursday, March 11; and possibly Thursday, March 18 (if there is demand) from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** **We request no children on tours.** (There will be a Meet & Greet for parents and children right before school starts next September.) The format will be as follows: General Information presentation by Principal; Tours led by current parents; Question & answer time, if questions are not answered during the tour. If you would like to attend a tour, a reservation is a must. Please call 252-9500 to schedule a tour. ***If you think your child may qualify for Spectrum, the time to tour is in March as noted above. There will be no additional school tours scheduled for families whose children qualify for Spectrum.*** Please help spread the word about tours and the Open House to the West Seattle Community.

TOUR GUIDES NEEDED

One of the best things about Lafayette tours is that prospective parents get toured by current parents. This experience is invaluable and we have received many, many compliments about our tours throughout the years. Our parent tour guides make the tours particularly informative and truly special. If you would be willing to be a Tour Guide, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, KT Meyer, at ktmeyer4@comcast.net or 933-7348. Thank you in advance to those parents who so generously give of their time to make Lafayette such an incredible school.

PASSPORT CLUB

Passport Club check day is **Friday, January 22nd**, new maps have been distributed! Check out our display space in the main hall. Extra monthly maps can be found in the display. Re-check day will be **Wednesday, January 27th**, also at lunchtime.

January countries:

Level One: Mozambique, China, Venezuela, New Zealand, and Pakistan

Level Two: Info from Level 1, and Myanmar, United Kingdom, Nicaragua, Israel, and Uganda

Level Three: Info from Level 1, 2 and Bahrain, Cyprus, Antigua & Barbuda, Burkina Faso, and El Salvador

Level Four: Info from Levels 1, 2, 3 and Estonia, Kuwait, Monaco, South Korea Sao Tome & Principe, Congo, Lithuania, Paraguay, Tonga and Zimbabwe

Level Five: Info from Levels 1, 2, 3, 4 and Maputo (Mozambique), Islamabad (Pakistan), Wellington (New Zealand), Beijing (China), and Caracas (Venezuela)

Volunteers will be needed for Passport Check Day Friday, January 22nd during lunchtime (11:45-1:00) And re-check day Wednesday, January 27th. 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.

DVD'S STILL AVAILABLE

DVD's of last years' performance of "Annie" are still available at \$10.00 each. If interested, see Ms. Scranton.

PASSABLE HALLWAYS REMINDER

In order to have our hallways passable for our 532 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.

REMINDER REGARDING MORNING ENTRY

During very rainy conditions, students may wait before school in the cafeteria. Entry to the cafeteria is on Lander St. *Please do not use the front entry on such days.*

PTA MEMBERSHIP CARDS

The PTA Membership Cards have arrived and will be sent home with your child today, Wednesday, January 13th. Please check your child's backpack for an envelope containing the card. If you find an error on your card or you didn't receive a membership card, please contact Maia Low (maia_low@hotmail.com) or Gina Formea (ginamoe@quidnunc.net). Anyone who would like to become a member of the PTA can still do so. All are welcome. Please contact Maia or Gina for membership information.