

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
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LOOKING AHEAD

Jan.	22	Friday	Passport Check Day (Lunchtime)
Jan.	27	Wednesday	Passport Re-Check Day (Lunchtime)
Jan.	28	Thursday	Field Trip (5 th grades to Camp Long for tree planting, 9:30-1:00pm)
Jan.	29	Friday	NO SCHOOL (Day Between Semesters)
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	Student Council Meeting (12:05, Library) Play Performance (WSHS, 7:00pm)
Feb.	11	Thursday	Play Performance for Lafayette students only (WSHS, 1:15pm, Grades 1-5 only)
Feb.	12	Friday	Spirit Day (“ Wear Red 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; K-2 9:20a.m; 3-5 10:00a.m.) 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.

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 534 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.***

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Playground Committee started the year off with a generous donation of \$10,000.00 to the PTA earmarked for the playground from a Lafayette family. Whoever you are, thank you so very much! Several fundraising events will be announced specifically for the playground improvement project in the coming year. One will be a Ski and Sports Equipment Swap in April. Save your items for sale or donation for that event. More details will be coming on that event soon.

There are still many ways to be involved in any capacity in fundraising, community outreach, design or grant writing. Our next community outreach and design meeting will be on ***Saturday, January 23rd at 10:00a.m. on the playground***, to meet with the architect. We will be discussing design expectations for the new toy and surrounding areas. There is a grant writing workshop on ***Thursday, January 21st at 6:00-7:30pm at the Youngstown Cultural Arts Center***. Feel free to attend any of our meetings. For more information, or to get involved, please contact Janine Bostock at Janine@avadesignbuild.com or (206) 323-6619.

CHINESE CLASS OPENING

If you have a K-2nd grader who is interested in learning Mandarin Chinese, we have openings in the Tuesday afternoon class. If interested, contact Rosalie Miller at rrmiller@oz.net or Brenda Bachman at Brenda.M.Bachman@usace.army.mil. Class runs from 3:30-4:30 through the last week of May, 2010 and is taught by our returning teacher, Chia Chia Wang.

