

LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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LOOKING AHEAD

- Jan. 6 Wednesday PTA Board Meeting (7:00pm, Library)
- 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, Library)
- 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)
- Feb. 12 Friday 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

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.

STUDENT COUNCIL FOOD DRIVE UPDATE

This year's food drive benefiting the White Center Food Bank exceeded all expectations! We collected over 3400 items! "Thank you" to everyone who participated with a special "shout out" to Ms. Rollins' 3rd grade class – they donated 685 items themselves. Mr. Beal's 2nd grade classroom donated 497 items. Mrs. Bell's kindergarten classroom donated 297 items, after they sorted and alphabetized them. Did you know that "Z" is for Z-bar? Mr. Schroeder's class collected 230 items. The other classrooms collected the other half of the total. Well done! The Student Council also voted at the Thursday meeting to donate the money collected from the Craft Fair fees (\$45.00) to the White Center Food Bank as well. Again, thank you to all the students and their families who supported this activity...what a difference you made to such a great community organization.

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, at least one Kindergarten teacher, and several Spectrum teachers, 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.

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 tour 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.

IN PREPARATION FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

Postponement or cancellations of school due to snowy conditions will be announced on local radio and TV stations. Parents will receive the information more quickly from the media than by telephoning the school. There are only 3 lines into the school, and it is very difficult for us to assist students and deal with phone traffic when this occurs. Please listen to radio or TV, and leave the lines open so that we can reach you in an emergency. The Seattle School District also has a messaging system that will call your home with the latest information, so again it is imperative that phone lines are open. ***Please be sure your student dresses warmly in bad weather, and is prepared for whatever the conditions call for. If it is not raining, or blizzard-like conditions, we really try to get the kids out for some recess so it is imperative that they have what they need for their comfort.***

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 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.

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.*