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LAFAYETTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL - HOME OF THE LEOPARDS



Dear Lafayette Families,

I hope this finds you and your families enjoying the season and looking forward to a nice, long winter break. The holidays are upon us in full-swing!

I recently saw a bumper sticker that said, "Get Involved! The world is run by people who show up!" I wish I knew where it came from, I'd love to post one at my desk to keep me inspired. Not that I need much inspiration beyond what I see happening at our school everyday with such a deeply committed parent-volunteer base, but it's sure a nice statement!

It's been a busy fall in our PTA with plenty of opportunities to "show up!" and there's more where that came from. By now, you've learned about the difficult choices the Seattle Public School District will have to make around capacity to take effect as soon as next year. We have a lot at stake in this decision as our school is already over-capacity with more kids on the way. Even though most of the scenarios on the table will be difficult pills for us to swallow in the short-term, we will have the best chances of influence if we can be clear and consistent in our discussions with the district. Hopefully you had a chance to complete our survey and taken a few minutes to familiarize yourself with the situation. It's the intention of our PTA to stay involved in this issue as it moves from short to intermediate and even into longer term decisions. We hope you will join us!

We are fortunate to have Becky Carlson dedicating such a tremendous amount of effort to the district's FACMAC representing West Seattle as decisions are made. We recently learned that our Spectrum Chair, Josh Whited, has been selected to participate in the District's Advanced Learning Committee as well - look for more information in this issue of the Paw Print Press.

Another place to stay involved is in Washington state politics. If you came to our November PTA Meeting, you heard Lisa Schubert, our PTA Legislative Chair, talk about the dire state of Washington's state budget and what kinds of drastic cuts are being considered for public education. Lisa shared the contact information with us for our 34th District Legislators, who are absolutely sympathetic to the issue but are faced with tough decisions. Please, take some time to contact them and let them know how you feel about the situation.

Be sure to "Show up!" for our the Raisin' O' the Green Auction on Saturday, March 17th. Get your babysitters lined up now! Upon returning to school in January, procurement will get underway. Perhaps you or a family member have something or a service you could donate that someone would like to bid on! Take a look at the online catalog on mylafayette.org to get some ideas of what folks donated last year.

It can be as creative as your own homemade deep-dish pizza or as generous as extra tickets to sporting events. All profits will go to our PTA Budget and will make a tremendous difference in the quality of our school.

Also, look for information soon on a fun family event on January 19th that Laurie Belfor has coordinated with the Hope Heart Institute. It will be a fun night full of healthy activities centered around physical fitness and good nutrition - something we'll probably all be needing after the holidays!

As I near the end of 2011 as your "new" PTA President, I want to say that I continue to be blown away by the dedication and talent of the parents at our school. We are capable of such amazing things to help Lafayette be the great school that it is. Thanks to all of you for your support of our PTA and for your support of our kids!

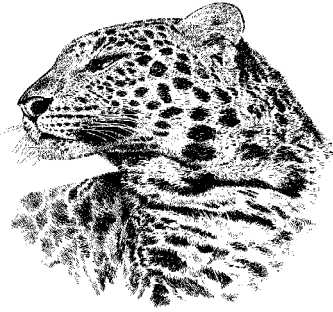
Happy Holidays!

Annie Higgins
PTA President 2011-2012



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Dear Lafayette Families,

It is hard to believe that we are already a third of the way through the school year. It has been an invigorating experience and we have enjoyed getting to know the teachers, students, and families more deeply. Collaboration is the key to a successful school partnership. We have been working within the building to foster collaboration through our work with the BLT to revise our school wide goals for math and reading and to also conduct goal setting conferences and observations of all teachers. We are fortunate to have joined such an amazing group of educators and are looking forward to working to build our expertise even more.

Through our monthly coffee meet and greets, we have heard many parents asking questions about Readers and Writers Workshop. This is a method of teaching reading and writing that differentiates the instruction of the individual students based on their individual needs, while also pushing them towards grade level standards and beyond. We want to create a love of reading and writing within all of our students and for them to really see themselves as authors and readers.

We want them to write and read in a variety of genres and to think deeply about what the author's purpose of writing was, as well as to make connections to their own lives. Even though they are in Elementary school, we know that our students have a voice that needs to be heard. Within the Workshop framework each session starts with a whole class mini-lesson in which the teacher models a strategy of reading or writing for the class to try that day during "Independent Work Time". When students go to practice, the teacher will then pull up next to a student to work on individual skills or gather a small group who may need help on a similar skill. The teacher will then pull the students back together to share student work. Within the Readers Workshop, the key component is assessment of students into "Just Right" books. These are books we know that students can read independently to work on skills and strategies at their own level. During "Independent Reading", the teacher will then pull groups of students and work on skills one or two levels above their Independent reading level in order to build the students skill and understanding in reading. Regardless of whether a student is at, above, or below grade level, our goal is for at least one year's growth for all students. While we know this may be a new concept for many families, we want you to know that we support not only the teaching of students but also adults. Look for information about some "Parent Classes" using the workshop framework in January and February where you will be able to go more in depth into how your child may be learning at school.

Lastly, we want to thank you for your patience and feedback with the pick-up and drop-off policy. Please know that we listened to each side very carefully before coming to a decision as a community. We hope that we can move forward together in the best interest of our students.

If you have any questions, comments, or feedback, do not hesitate to call or come by. Please know our doors and the doors to your child's classrooms are always open and that together we can ensure your child's experience at school is a happy one.

Sincerely,

Jo Lute- Ervin
Principal

Karmen Nordhougen
VicePrincipal

Visit our school website at www.mylafayette.org

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LAFAYETTE FOOD DRIVE

The 2011/2012 Student Council has voted to conduct a food drive December 5th through 15th, to benefit the White Center Food Bank. This is the fourth year we will be collecting food donations for the food bank and we are excited to continue this great community service project. We will not be holding a classroom competition this year, but will be encouraging our students to beat last year's donation of 4,248 pounds of food! A wish list from the WCFB is posted in the showcase in the front hallway, as well as in each classroom.

YEARBOOK ART CONTEST

Lafayette students are invited to enter this year's contest to design the cover of the Yearbook. We want your artwork to include your version of a Lafayette leopard or leopards. Be really bold about your leopard(s). You will vote for your favorite from the top 3 finalists. Winner gets a T-shirt with their design on it!!

Theme: LEOPARDS, LEOPARDS, LEOPARDS
Draw your most colorful, brightest Lafayette leopard(s)! Be creative, wild, different!

Materials: Use a plain white 8 ½" x 11" paper
Use markers, oil pastels (preferably not pencil or crayons). *Write your name and class room # on the back.*

Due Date: Turn in your design by Friday, December 9, end of school day. You may give it to your teacher or bring it to the Main Office and put in the "Yearbook Committee" mail slot.

Questions: Emily Swanson at emilyds@comcast.net or 206-910-8292"

SCIENCE CLUB SESSION 2 - BRIDGES

This coming session is all about bridges. How they work, how they have changed over time and most importantly how they are built. This session is very hands on and will require patience and attention to detail. We will be building 4 to 5 different bridges and testing them to see how much weight they can hold. We meet once a week after school at 3:40 in room 21. See the registration form for all the specifics. Please contact Mr. Schroeder at gschroeder@seattleschools.org with questions.

NEWS FROM MS. BELFOR

Seattle Public Schools Awarded The PEP Grant!

Seattle Public Schools (SPS) will implement "GET FIT, GET SMART!" The project is to support the transformation of the SPS PE program ensuring all students develop basic skills and knowledge needed to value health, nutrition and fitness, and develop an understanding of the social and emotional benefits of living an active life. SPS is the largest district in the state of Washington, serving 47,000 students in 88 schools. This grant will allow SPS to reach its goals for students in mastering state standards and providing a coordinated effort in the systemic improvement of our children's health.

The funding will pay for staff development opportunities, technology and manipulative equipment. The total amount with our SPS "QUALITY PHYSICAL EDUCATION" matching award totals \$2.7 million dollars over the next three years.

Thank you Lori Dunn for a grant well written and focusing on our children's health !

Step Up To Fitness And Join The 50 Mile Club !

Many Lafayette classrooms have already joined the 50 mile club. Classes walk or run laps and then record their classroom laps. At the end of the school year, we recognize these students and classes at the Award Assembly.

If your child wants to participate on their own they can get a form (next to gym door) and record their laps. They must turn in their completed laps at the end of each week.

Jumping at Seattle Center's Winter Fest

On Sunday, December 4th a selected group from our after school jump rope club will perform at 2:50pm on the Seattle Center Stage. Come join the fun and support "The Popcorns"!

SAVE THE DATE: JANUARY 19, 2012

Mark your calendars for Lafayette's first ever Family Health Night - details to come.

SPIRIT DAY

Our first Spirit Day of the year will be **Friday, December 16th**. For the first time ever we will be having an "Inside-Out" day. This means we wear our pants, shirts, sweaters, sweatshirts, dresses, socks and even hats "inside-out". This does not mean that we wear our underwear on the outside of our clothes. As funny as that may look, it is not appropriate for school.

ADVOCATE

SPECTRUM NEWS

Lafayette's PTA Spectrum Representative, Josh Whited, was selected to serve on the Seattle Public Schools Advanced Learning Task Force. The task force's primary purpose is to advise district staff as it develops facility recommendations that will support the delivery of services to advanced learners throughout the district. The recommendations will be used by the Seattle Public Schools Facilities and Capacity Management Advisory Committee, Superintendent and School Board. The task force's work will include a review of Accelerated Progress Program (APP) and Spectrum enrollment patterns, key program elements, family interests, costs and decision-making factors regarding student enrollment in APP and Spectrum programs. The task force held its first meeting on November 21, 2011 and will be meeting monthly until at least June.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A Crisis

To meet a budget shortfall, the governor is calling the legislature into a special session on November 28th to cut another \$2 billion from the state budget or pass new revenue proposals.

Since 2008, Washington State lawmakers have cut billions in state spending, including retroactive cuts to classrooms last year. Schools have lost more than \$1 billion dollars in funds that paid for classroom teachers and programs that kept children on track academically. Since 2009, schools have absorbed hundreds of millions of dollars in cuts to pay, professional development, math, science and literacy programs.

What might be cut when the legislature convenes in a special session beginning on November 28?

- Full day kindergarten
- Transportation (state funding for busing)

- A week of instruction

Legislators will also consider increasing class sizes, even though Washington's public K - 12 system currently has the 4th highest student to teacher ratio in the nation.

What can you do?

Our legislative delegation is very supportive of education. But they need proof (!) that their constituents prioritize education and will support new revenue (either through closing tax loopholes or raising taxes) to amply fund our children's education.

Call or email them to say:

- 1) You will not accept more cuts to basic education.
- 2) You will support new revenue to support basic education.

Contact information:

Senator Sharon Nelson: (360) 786-7667 or sharon.nelson@leg.wa.gov

Representative Eileen Cody: (206) 923-5463 or (360) 786-7978
eileen.cody@leg.wa.gov

Representative Joe Fitzgibbon: or (206) 923-5475 or (360) 786-7952
joe.fitzgibbon@leg.wa.gov

The Details

The Washington State PTA is calling for a balanced approach - this means that while we understand more cuts are necessary, we will consider all revenue options as necessary to meet children's needs. Legally, the state must prioritize basic education, but children's health, safety and welfare needs must also be met and WSPTA will be an engaged partner in making that happen.

Top Priority: The Program of Basic Education: Amply funding education for all children is the state's PARAMOUNT duty. Neither fiscal crisis nor financial burden relieves the state of its legal duty to fund its Program of Basic Education.

Cuts to the Program of Basic Education that are under consideration-- transportation, all-day kindergarten, class sizes and a week of students' instructional time.

Cuts to levy equalization to property-poor districts have also been proposed. Levy equalization (LEA) is tax relief for property-poor districts. Along with local levies, it funds core

services, including the instructional time students need to prepare for college or career. LEA helps the state meet its legal obligation to "amply" fund education. Washington state PTA prioritizes it, but not at the expense of providing for the state's Program of Basic Education. Relying on levies and LEA to pay for basic education is inequitable, unstable and legally questionable. Putting money into the Program of Basic Education is the way forward.

Districts should not rely on levies or LEA to cover core, essential costs. This practice is unstable and inequitable and in the past has been ruled illegal. Going forward, state funds should be rolled into the Program of Basic Education to ensure stable and equitable funding so that EVERY child has access to an education that prepares them for college or career. Example: Basic education funds should pay for 6 hours of instructional time, not five. Basic education should cover 9 out of 10 teachers, not 3 out of 4.

Levies and LEA should be about 10 percent of a district's budget and truly cover "enhancements." Instead, levies now fund 40 percent or more of some school district budgets. If they fail, kids are in a whole lot of trouble. Basic education funding reform of 2009 was about rethinking the way we paid for K-12 education in this state. Not just the what, but also the funding mechanisms. Part of WSPTA's No. 1 priority is to implement education funding reform (HB 2261) and leave the old way of funding behind. Continued over-reliance on levies and LEA is the old way of funding. The state needs to put more money into the Program of Basic Education and rethink property taxes, levies and LEA. (There are several ideas about this and it is on the state's legislative agenda.)

Revenue:

Washington State PTA supports tax policies that are fair and equitable and that provide stable, adequate revenues for public education and programs that benefit youth.

PARTICIPATE

Volunteer opportunities come in all shapes and sizes to fit your availability and interests. Following is a list of open positions. Please consider giving of your time and talents.

PASSPORT CHECK VOLUNTEERS

Testing is a fun way to meet Lafayette students, parents and teachers. We are close to 300 students passing level one or higher! December study maps will be sent home with your child this week. Please look for this map to help your child study at home for the December 14th check.

We still need more volunteers to make the December check run smoothly. Please email Julie pietsch to volunteer at jhpietsch@yahoo.com.

CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED

As a result of the loss of our volunteer crossing guard, it is going to be up to us to get all of the children coming from 44th/45th and Lander safely across these congested, high traffic areas in the mornings at least for the short term. We are looking for parents willing to volunteer as crossing guards from 9:10 to 9:30 every morning for a week at a time in those two areas. Vests and flags are available in the school. Please contact Jennifer Herrin at jenniferherrin@comcast.net or 932-1473.



THE YEARBOOK COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR YOU

The Yearbook is a super fun project. Be a part of it!! THREE positions are available:

GRAPHIC DESIGNER

Do you like to scrapbook? Are you creative and have excellent attention to details? Are you comfortable working on the computer?

No prior experience as a Graphic Designer is necessary. You just need to be comfortable using a computer and interested in learning new software. We will train you on the Yearbook software.

You will work closely with the Yearbook Chairperson to come up with a theme and

layout. Then it will be your responsibility to layout the Yearbook using our publisher's Yearbook software.

Take on this position this year, with the current position-holder at your side to guide you. Most of YOUR work happens in March/April.

1ST GRADE COLLAGE

Throughout this year, take/obtain 2 photos of each child in your grade (4 classrooms). Cut and paste these photos into a collage for your grade. You can get other 1st grade parents to help take photos.

LAFAYETTE EVENTS & CLUBS PHOTOGRAPHER

Take photos of each school club in action (i.e. Chess, Chinese, Robotics, Movement, Popcorns). Take photos of school events (i.e. The Play, Spirit Days).

Please email Rosina Geary to volunteer for any of these positions at rosina_geary@comcast.net

FUNDRAISING FOR LAFAYETTE 2011-2012

Donations For This Year's Lafayette PTA Auction



The PTA auction, our final big fundraiser of the year, is coming up in March. Directing auction donors to the online donation form just got easier! Now you can send them to the Lafayette Elementary home page, www.mylafayette.org, which features a link to the donation form. (It's important to have a donor form filled out for each item, in order to include the item and the donor in the auction catalog.)

We're counting on our Lafayette families to help find items for the auction. We're looking for items and gift certificates from restaurants, salons, retail stores, artists, professionals, and other friends of Lafayette. If you'd like to help with procurement, please contact procurement chair Kiersea Reynolds at kiersealee@gmail.com. Want some ideas for auction items? There's a copy of last year's auction catalog in the main office along with paper donation forms. Find last year's auction catalog online at http://auction.cosmodavis.com/2010_example.aspx. If you have questions, or wish to volunteer to help with the auction, contact Laurie Utterback at luckie@biancadavis.com.



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 Earn money for our school with the Safeway eScrip program. Register your Club Card to benefit Lafayette Elementary PTA—ID #8563870 and we earn a percentage of your qualifying purchases! Have family and friends sign up their cards as well and we'll be on our way to raise thousands of dollars this year!

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PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Date/Time: November 17, 2011, 7pm

Location: Lafayette Elementary Library
Proper notice was given to all members.

Annie Higgins called the meeting to order at 7:04pm. A quorum was present.

Report Cards:

Karmen Nordhaugen and David Zwiren presented information regarding the new report card. A letter to parents has been sent over email from the district. Behaviors that promote learning, academic performance, and learning progress are the benchmarks used. A parent survey will be administered after report cards are sent out to gather feedback on formatting and standards used.

- Behaviors that promote learning: indicators are S, D, E (strong, developing, and emerging)
- Academic performance uses a scale of 4 to 1 with 4 being highest and 1 being lowest.
- Learning progress: indicated by +, -, and a checkmark.
- Grades for technology or library won't be shown on this report card since those standards are still being developed.
- Instrumental music will not be reported until the second quarter/semester.

Legislative Update:

Lisa Schubert presented the current budget situation and the proposed ideas that the legislature is considering cutting. She encouraged parents to call or email our district legislators. Helpful things to tell them are that we will support new revenue (new taxes) and that there should be no more cuts to K-12.

The following is the position of the Washington State PTA:

- School districts should not have to rely on levies to provide basic education
- Their top priority is to amply fund education for all children. It is the state's paramount duty.

Drop off/Pick up Changes:

Annie, Karmen, and Jo Lute-Ervin gave an overview of the changes that will take effect on Monday, November 28, 2011 when we return from Thanksgiving break. An email and letter was sent home describing the new procedures. It also posted on the school website. In general, the staff decided to return to last year's procedures with increased supervision in the front courtyard/lobby area and on the playground.

- Three options were presented by the BLT (Building Learning Team) to the staff with the goal of gaining consensus on one procedure. 80% consensus was reached by staff members.
- Rainy day procedures remain the same as they have been this fall. Students should only enter through the cafeteria doors to wait in either the cafeteria or gym on rainy days.

President's Report:

Annie told everyone that she and Vikas are working on a comment section on the Lafayette website that will allow parents to give feedback to the PTA.

Principal's Report:

Jo said that she and Karmen have completed all of their staff observations and goal setting that were due to be completed by November 18, 2011.

The 2011-12 Lafayette School Report was handed out which covers topics such as student achievement, attendance, accountability and school performance, school climate, proficiency on state tests, demographics, school goals and mission statement, and the annual school budget.

January 24, 2012 is going to be a district half day Furlough Day. School will be dismissed 3 hours early that day. This is not yet on the school calendar.

There is no school for the entire week of Thanksgiving, November 21-25, 2011. School will resume on Monday, November 28, 2011.

Open enrollment will start Feb

27, 2011 and go through March 9, 2011.

The district says that families will know student placements 6 weeks earlier this year. Student assignments will be available online by April 16, 2012.

Secretary's Report:

Tami Clark stated that the minutes from the general PTA meeting were on tables and needed to be approved. She also told the group that PTA membership cards were sent home in student's backpacks this week while encouraging more parents to join the PTA.

Motion: Noel Foulk moved to approve last month's meeting minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report:

Chris Weinmann reported that he is still recording walkathon income.

Fundraising Report:

Kristi Brown explained that the walkathon raised a large amount of funds. We exceeded our goal. Kristi will not be chairing the walkathon next year so a replacement is needed to work with Pauline Floyd.

Holly Grambichler discussed the Safeway scrip program and explained how to register club cards. Bartells, PCC, box tops, Metropolitan Market receipts, and the Smith Brother's promotion are additional programs that help fund Lafayette. An email blast will be sent out regarding all of Lafayette's scrip type programs.

Laurie Utterback presented auction information. The auction will be held on March 17, 2012. All chairs are in place except for the finance chair. Some procured walkathon items will be up for bidding at the auction. Parents are encouraged to step forward to help with procurement by donating something personally. There is a link on the Lafayette home page for online donations for businesses or individuals to use. Also, there are paper forms in the office. All proceeds will go into the PTA general budget.

PTA GENERAL MEETING MINUTES Cont'd

Annie gave a huge thank you to Kristi Brown and Pauline Floyd for doing a fantastic job chairing the walkathon. She also gave a thank you to Laurie for heading up the auction.

Reflections:

Hope Broucek described the reflections program and encouraged Lafayette students to participate. All entries are due on Tuesday, November 29, 2011.

Family Health Night:

Annie and Hope stated that Family Health Night will be held on January 19, 2011. It will take place in the cafeteria and gym with stations geared toward exercise and nutrition. The evening will be split into two time frames. One for K-2 students and the other for grades 3-5. We will need at least 5 parents or high school students to help Ms. Belfor that evening at the event. Volunteer Coordinator Report:

Katie Meyer listed off which volunteer positions are currently needed: health screening, walkathon thank you packets (1 hour commitment), passport examiners for December 14, 2011, volunteer crossing guards at 45th and Lander, and yearbook volunteers.

Facilities and Capacity Management Advisory Committee (FACMAC) Report:

Becky Carlson reported that this committee is represented by 2-3 parents per geographic area, the President of the Seattle Council of the PTSA, parents with special knowledge, facilities and enrollment district staff, and a city of Seattle representative. They are all working hard to come up with the best solutions for the current capacity crisis in our elementary schools. A newly hired demographer is working with the committee and is using additional characteristics to predict population growth than was used in the former process.

For the West Seattle Madison reference area, there are six proposals currently on the table to address the short term capacity issue:

- 1) Move Madison service area 5th graders and put them into Madison Middle School
- 2) Create an early education program where Kindergartners are housed separately, potentially at Boren School and eventually Fairmount Park.
- 3) Create K-5 option schools. Stem school (math and science) for Madison, language immersion for Denny. Both would be housed in Boren together and then eventually in Fairmount Park.

- 4) Open Fairmount Park as a neighborhood school. This would mean redrawing boundaries.
- 5) Use more portables as each elementary school.
- 6) Relocate Spectrum at Lafayette and Arbor Heights to Boren School.

A community engagement meeting will be held on Monday, November 28, 2011 from 6-7:30pm at Denny Middle School. These proposals will be presented and there should be time for community feedback. The target deadline is mid-December (in one month) to make the short term plan decision. The decision will become effective immediately so that the plan will be in place by fall 2012.

Much discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of these options. Discussion also ensued about Lafayette developing a committee to advocate for the solutions that we support or discourage.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm. The next general meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2012. There will be no meeting in December.



WINTER WEATHER REMINDER



Find Out If School Is Delayed Or Cancelled

When we are expecting snow or inclement weather, a Seattle Public Schools central office team continually monitors conditions across the district. That includes having staff drive some of the streets that are typically more treacherous in snow and ice.

After consulting with other agencies, a decision is made about whether to delay school by two hours or if a closure is necessary. That decision is typically made by 5:30 a.m.

You can learn if there is a school delay or closure through:

- Local TV and radio stations

- The District website at www.seattleschools.org
- An automated phone call sent to you
- The Public Schools Emergency Communications System at www.SchoolReport.org

Staff and families will receive one of the following four messages:

1. Seattle Public Schools: Schools open on time – buses operating on snow routes. No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start. No A.M. or P.M. Kindergarten.
2. Seattle Public Schools: Two hours late – buses operating on snow routes. No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start. No A.M. or P.M. Kindergarten.

3. Seattle Public Schools: Two hours late – buses operating on regular routes. No door-to-door service. No Preschool or Head Start. No A.M. or P.M. Kindergarten.
4. Seattle Public Schools: Schools closed.

Transportation: “Snow route” means that buses only run on roads that are maintained by the City that receive snow removal. Students who ride buses will receive notice of snow routes in the U.S. mail the week of Nov. 21.

Please note: During winter weather conditions, safety is our top priority. Our buses may run up to an hour late in the afternoon during slick weather conditions. Please make sure your students are dressed warmly.

LAFAYETTE APPRECIATION

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Tilikum Place Café
Tottini
U-Frame-It
Verne Valentine-Farmer's Insurance
Wallflower Custom Framing
WEdesign, Inc.
West Coast Entertainment
West Seattle Blog
West Seattle Bowl
West Seattle Christian Preschool
West Seattle Nursery
West Seattle Optix
West Seattle Realty
West Seattle Runner
West Seattle Speech and Language Services
West Side Gymnastics Academy
Westside Dermatology, PLLC
White Space Healthcare Marketing
Windermere Foundation
Windermere Real Estate West Seattle
Wiseman's Appliance
Yankee Construction Co.
Yellow Mountain Stoneworks
Zatz A Better Bagel

WHAT'S HAPPENING

LAFAYETTE ANNUAL CRAFT FAIR

Friday, December 2nd from 6-8:30pm in the Lafayette Cafeteria. Come support your fellow Leopards and get some holiday shopping done too!



JAVA WITH JO/KOFFEE WITH KARMEN WILL BE BACK IN JANUARY

Join Jo and Karmen in the cafeteria for an informal chat on Wednesday, January 11th from 9:45 - 10:15. Hope to see you there!

FURLOUGH DAY - EARLY DISMISSAL

School will be dismissed three hours early at all Seattle Public Schools on Tuesday, January 24th because teachers and other staff represented by the Seattle Education Association (SEA) will be taking a half-day of furlough time.

This loss of instructional time is a result of a difficult budget situation at Seattle Public Schools. Both the District and the SEA, the teachers' union, agree that furlough days are the best way to minimize the impact to our students and prioritize classroom funding.

Students who receive bus transportation will receive rides home on January 24th three hours early.

Please note: The January 24th date is not on the District wall calendar. We are notifying families now to ensure you have time to plan.

Additional furlough days will be held when school is not in session and will not directly impact school days for students and families.

DECEMBER

- 1st-7th - Book Fair
- 2nd Friday - Craft Fair (6:00 to 8:30pm, Cafeteria)
- 4th Sunday - Popcorns Performance (2:50pm, Seattle Center Stage @ Winter Fest)
- 5th-15th - Food Drive
- 5th-Jan 14th - Winter MAP Testing
- 8th Thursday - Student Council Meeting (12:20pm, Library)
- 9th Friday - Deadline for Yearbook Art Contest
- 14th Wednesday - Lunchtime Concert (12-12:45pm, Instrumental Music)
- Passport Check Day
- 16th Friday - Inside Out Spirit Day
- 1-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL (2:35pm)
- 19th-Jan 2 - NO SCHOOL (Winter Break)

JANUARY

- 3rd Tuesday - Return to school
- 4th Wednesday - PTA Board Meeting (7-8pm, Library)
- 12th Thursday - PTA General Meeting (7-8pm, Library)
- 16th - NO SCHOOL (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- 19th Thursday - Family Health Night (tba, Gym)
- 24th Tuesday - 3-HOUR EARLY DISMISSAL (12:35pm, Furlough Day)
- 27th Friday - NO SCHOOL (Day Between Semesters)



Our winter weather is unpredictable and ever-changing. Please make sure to send appropriate hats, coats, boots and gloves to school with your child.

PTA MEETING SCHEDULE 2011-2012

	Board Meeting	General Meeting
December	no meeting	no meeting
January	4th	12th
February	1st	9th
March	7th	15th
April	4th	12th
May	3rd	10th

Mr. Schroeder's Science Club

Session 2: Bridges

This session is all about bridges. How they work, how they have changed over time and most importantly how they are built. This session is very hands on and will require patience and attention to detail. We meet once a week after school at 3:40 in room 21. This session has ten classes. Now for the particulars:

When: Tuesdays 3:40-4:40 (Jan. 10, 17,24, 31 Feb 7, 14, 28 March 6, 13,20)
Thursdays 3:40-4:40 (Jan 12, 19, 26, Feb 2, 9, 16 March 1, 8, 15, 22)

Where: Room 21

Who: This club is open to students in grades 3- 5, with a maximum of 15 students in each session.

Cost: \$150 for session 2 (10 classes). This includes all materials. All students will build and keep a balsawood bridge. Payment is due before the first session. Checks payable to Lafayette PTA.

What: This is a hands-on science club. This second session (January –March) is on bridges. We will learn about, build and test four to five different kinds of bridges.

Science club

Students Name _____ Grade level _____

Parent signature _____

Email _____

phone number _____

How my kid will get home _____

MENU

2011 DECEMBER

Winter Break begins December 16 at the end of the school day with a 1 hour early release. Classes resume on TUESDAY, January 3, 2012



MONDAY 5

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Pancake & Turkey Sausage on Stick
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Chicken Drummies
B) Chili & Cheese Wrap
SIDES
Peas & Carrots
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Fresh Carrots
Cauliflower
Crisp Apple
Cheez it Crackers

MONDAY 12

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
French Toast Sticks
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Oven Baked Chicken
B) Breaded Fish Sandwich ^{w/}100% Cheese on 100% Whole Wheat Bun
SIDES
Sweet Potato Oven Fries
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Baby Carrots
Broccoli, Chilled Pears
Crisp Apple

TUESDAY 6

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Whole Grain Bagel-ful
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Hamburger ^{w/}100% Cheese on 100% Whole Wheat Bun
B) Cheese Quesadilla
SIDES
Seasoned Oven Potatoes
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Fresh Carrots
Creamy Coleslaw
Juicy Orange Wedges

TUESDAY 13

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Egg & Tky Sausage Biscuit
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Chicken Nuggets
B) Whole Grain Cheese Pizza
SIDES
Hot Corn Niblets
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Baby Carrots
Cucumber Coins
Juicy Orange Wedges
Pudding Cup

WEDNESDAY 7

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Homemade Banana Bread
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Teriyaki Chicken
B) Turkey Egg Roll
SIDES
Vegetable Fried Rice ^{w/}Egg
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Fresh Carrots
Sugar Snap Peas
Seasoned Fruit
Raisin Snack Box

WEDNESDAY 14

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Cheese Omelet
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Hot Turkey Ham and Cheese Melt on 100% Whole Wheat Bun
B) Bean and Cheese Burrito
SIDES
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Baby Carrots
Jicama, Chilled Applesauce,
Seasonal Fresh Fruit
Chocolate Chip Elf Grahams

THURSDAY 1

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Whole Grain Cinnamon Roll
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Chicken & Butternut Squash Curry ^{w/}Couscous
B) Toasted Cheese Sandwich on 100% Whole Wheat Bread
SIDES
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Fresh Carrots
Fresh Tomatoes
Chilled Applesauce
Seedless Grapes

THURSDAY 8

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Mini Pancakes ^{w/}Scrambled Eggs
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Breaded Chicken Burger on 100% Whole Wheat Bread
B) Mozzarella Cheese Breadsticks ^{w/}Marinara Dipping Sauce
SIDES
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Fresh Carrots
Bell Pepper Strips
Chilled Peaches, Seedless Grapes

THURSDAY 15

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Belgian Waffles ^{w/}Tky Sausage
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Penne Pasta ^{w/}Meat Sauce
B) Italian Hot Pocket
SIDES
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Baby Carrots
Bell Pepper Strips
Kiwi Fruit
Homemade Herb Focaccia Bread

FRIDAY 2

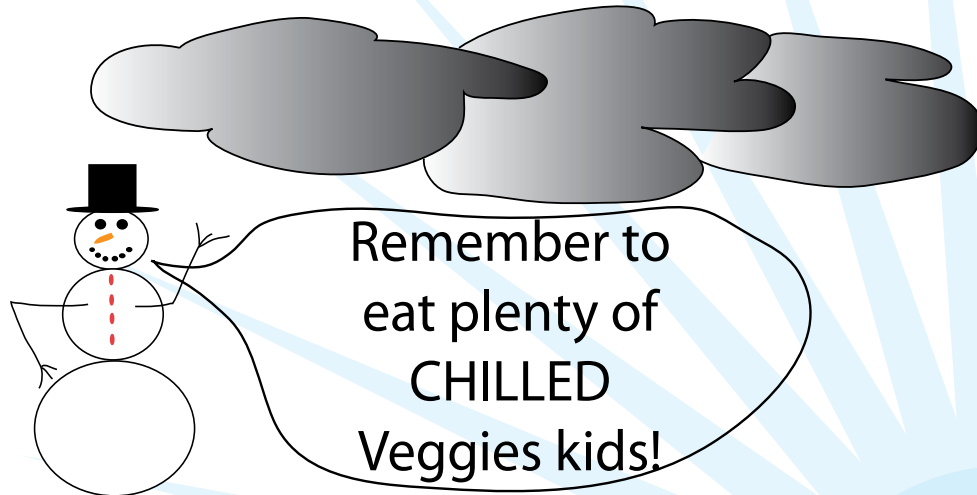
BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Vanilla Yogurt Parfait
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Belgian Waffles ^{w/}Turkey Sausage
B) Egg and Cheese Muffin
SIDES
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Fresh Carrots
Cucumber Coins
Chilled Strawberries
Fresh Pear

FRIDAY 9

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Egg & Turkey Sausage Frittata
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Oven Roasted Turkey Gravy ^{w/}Mashed Potatoes
B) Whole Wheat Bagel Munchable ^{w/}Cream Cheese, Cheddar Cheese & Sunflower Seeds
SIDES
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach,
Cucumber Coins, Chilled Pears,
Fresh Satsuma, Harvest Bar

FRIDAY 16

BREAKFAST ENTRÉE
Homemade Blueberry Muffin
LUNCH ENTRÉE CHOICES
A) Chicken Hot Dog on 100% Whole Wheat Bun
B) School Choice
SIDES
Seasoned Over Potatoes
Garden Salad ^{w/}Fresh Spinach
Assorted Fresh Fruit & Vegetables
Chilled Peaches
Assorted Crackers or Grahams



KEY

- rBST hormone free 1% white milk and non-fat chocolate milk available with meals.
- Vegetarian
- Local/Washington
- Soy is a common ingredient in foods served.



Daily at Breakfast

A nutritious breakfast is served each day at your child's school. In addition to the primary entrée mentioned on the menu, students may also select from a variety of cold cereals, 100% whole wheat toast, fresh and canned fruits, 100% fruit juice, and milk. Selections may vary depending on the day of the week.

Additional Lunch Choices

Peanut Butter or Sunbutter & Jelly Sandwich
or
Organic Yogurt & Muffin

PRICES

Milk.....	\$.50		
BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
Elementary School.....	\$1.75	Elementary School.....	\$2.75
Middle/High School.....	\$2.00	Middle/High School.....	\$3.00
Reduced.....	No Charge	Reduced.....	No Charge
Adult.....	\$2.75	Adult.....	\$4.00