

I've got my tennis shoes all ready for the Jag A Thon on October 14.



## Cat Tracks- The Juanita Newsletter 10.6.11

On the web: Juanita Elementary School: <http://www.lwsd.org/juanita>

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### Month-Ahead Calendar of School and District Events

Day	Time	Activity
October 7	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>	LEAP Day for Teachers, no school for students
October 14	See Schedule below	Jag a Thon Fundraiser
October 18	9:00AM	Coffee Talk with Principal for 5 <sup>th</sup> & 6 <sup>th</sup> grade Parents about Reconfiguration
October 20	7:00PM	PTA meeting
October 21	AM	School Picture Day
October 25	9:10-11:40AM	Kindergarten Field Trip
October 27	9:15AM-1:30PM	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip
October 28		5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip
October 31	TBD	Harvest Parade and Parties

**Red Ribbon:** The Red Ribbon Event on Tuesday was a HUGE success! Students learned about the different careers in rescue and law enforcement, and pledged to lead a drug-free life. McGruff, the DEA Badge Man Mascot, Blitz from the Seahawks, and the Juanita High School Band and ASB added to the excitement! Police cars, fire trucks, aide cars, and swat vehicles filled our parking lot. As a surprise, the DEA helicopter flew in and landed on our playground! Students had the opportunity to climb in the fire trucks and police cars, sit on the police motorcycle, pet the police dogs, and get up close to the helicopter! Washington's Most Wanted may air a spotlight on our Red Ribbon event this Friday or Saturday at 10:30pm on Q13 Fox. The students will each be tying a red ribbon to the fence in front of our school as a visual representation of our pledge to be drug-free.

**Jag Braggs:** Each week we pull names from our Life Skills Box for students who have been recognized and received a Jag Brag Slip or a raffle ticket. These students have demonstrated positive behavior in areas such as: Perseverance, Positive Mental Attitude, Respect, Integrity & Responsibility, Compassion, Initiative and Cooperation. Congratulations to our winners in September: *A .A, B .T, B.E, E.C., J.F., A.S., H. A., A. O., S. N., C. A., and V. A.* Students' pictures are prominently displayed on board in the hallway next to our library and once a month there will also be a drawing for lunch with the principal.

**PTSA Jag A Thon is on October 14: *Run for Fun, Run for Fitness, Run for Funds*** (to support PTSA who in turn supports programs for Juanita Elementary Students).

**Schedule:**

10:00-10:30 Mrs. Bebee's All Day K and Dr. Desmond's AM K

11:40-12:25 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students

1:15-2:00 Dr. Desmond's PM K and 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> grade

Questions? Contact Stephanie Duniway: PTSA Fun Run Chair at [stephanie.duniway@frontier.com](mailto:stephanie.duniway@frontier.com)

**Coffee Talk with the Principals - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:** If you have any questions or concerns about your 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students transitioning to middle school, please come join us for an informal Coffee Talk with the Principals from Juanita Elementary and Finn Hill Junior High. This will be an opportunity for parents to ask questions about reconfiguration, the transition to middle school, and to give input about activities that will take place this year at Juanita Elementary.

**Quest Program:** In the school year 2012-2013 Elementary Quest will serve second through fifth grade students. Therefore, only students in grades 1-4 may apply for elementary Quest. Kindergarten students may no longer apply. The elementary program will accept applications Oct. 3 through Oct. 28, 4:00 p.m. Fill out application online at [www.lwsd.org/quest](http://www.lwsd.org/quest) and submit. Elementary Quest information night will be Thursday, Oct. 6, at 4:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. Meetings will be held at Rose Hill Junior High School: 13505 N.E. 75th St. Redmond, 98052. Attendance at information night is not required to apply.

Students who are in grades 5 or 6 will attend Middle School for the school year 2012-2013 and must apply to Middle School Quest. Middle School applications will be available from Oct. 24 until Nov. 18 at 4:00 p.m. Middle School Quest information night will be Tuesday, Oct. 25 at 7:00 p.m., at Kamiakin Junior High School, 14111 132nd N.E. Kirkland, 98034. Attendance at information night is not required to apply.

Application Screening Criteria: First and second grade students (applying for second and third grade Quest) must have report card mean scores of 3.5 in reading and math from last June. Third and fourth grade students (applying for fourth or fifth grade Quest) must have report card mean scores of 3.5 in reading and math from last June. They must also have Washington Measures of Student Progress (MSP) from the previous school year (last spring) scores in reading and math at level 4.

Fifth grade and sixth grade (applying for 6th or 7th Middle School Quest) must have report card mean scores of 3.5 in reading and math, and a score of 4 in Social Studies and Science from last June. They must also have MSP scores from the previous school year in reading, math, and for fifth grade, science at level 4. Go to [www.lwsd.org/quest](http://www.lwsd.org/quest) for more information or contact Dan Phelan, [dphelan@lwsd.org](mailto:dphelan@lwsd.org)

**Nutrition Policy:** In compliance with the LWSN Nutrition policy, please do not send your child to school with treats unless it is on one of the three designated days a year (dates provided by teacher). Your child will be honored in class on their birthday in a way that does not involve a food item. Please do NOT send any food items to be passed out at school for your child's birthday. You can send sweet treats on the 3 party days per year. Dates for these times will be provided by teachers and room mothers.

**Safeway Shoppers - eScrip sign ups and renewals:** For those of you who have gone to <http://www.escrip.com/> in the past and signed up with you Safeway card, you will need to renew your information for us to continue to get donations from Safeway. You have until November to do this. Haven't signed up? It's easy. You go to the site, type in Juanita Elementary as the school. Click on its name and follow the directions. You will need your Safeway card number to include them. There are

other opportunities that you can explore and sign up for as well. Funds donated to Juanita Schools Foundation support Juanita Elementary programs and activities. Last year funds were used for tech support, science materials, Watch Dogs program, lunch room recycling just to name a few. Your participation is much appreciated. And remember, this is at NO COST TO YOU. Safeway makes a donation based on the amount signed up customers spend. Current eScrip partners - Please go to this site <http://www.screencast.com/t/MDI5MWQwNz> to view a short video explaining why it is important to renew annually your Safeway card. DEADLINE to renew is Nov 1.

**Bartell Shoppers:** Juanita Schools Foundation has a new eScrip opportunity for Bartell Shoppers! Bartell Drugs is partnering with eScrip to provide donations to local schools. Just like with Safeway, the donation comes from the company and does not cost the customer anything. All you need to do is sign up for their new "B" Caring Card. For more details just go to this website: <http://escrip.com/merchants/identity/bcaringcard/index.jsp>

**Banking at School is back!** The "Save at School" program offered by Washington Federal Savings is back! Our first day of banking will be Thursday, September 29, 2011 and continue throughout the school year on Thursday mornings. If your child is interested in participating in the program, have them come down to banking during their banking time to pick up an application. Fill it out and have your child bring it to the next Save at School Thursday along with their initial deposit of \$5 (after that there is NO minimum deposit requirements and the bank will match the first \$5!) Students will earn prizes that will be awarded monthly. If your student banked last year, they are still enrolled in the program and can begin banking with any deposit amount. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help with Save at School Program, please contact Amy Lofquist at [alofquist@msn.com](mailto:alofquist@msn.com) or 425-814-2228

**Attendance and Tardy Policy 2011-2012 School Year:** Attendance and tardies have a significant impact on your child's education. We want every child to have access to the same amount of content and skills. Please schedule your doctor appointments and vacations during non school hours. School starts at 9:00. If the student is not in class at 9:00, he/she is considered tardy. **Parents will be required to escort their child in the building and sign them in at the SAC (Student Absentee Check) table, or the office after 9:15.** Thank you for your cooperation.

**After School Supervision:** There is no supervision on the playground after school. No students should be on the playfield after school unless they are being supervised by their parent. At 4:00 p.m. the school grounds are open to community use through Kirkland Parks & Recreation.

**Lunch Accounts:** Be sure to check your child's lunch account balance on the portal at [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org) to make sure there are sufficient funds available for their lunches. Lunches are \$2.50 this year.

**Cat Tracks:** Cat Tracks will now be sent out from the school every other Friday and will continue to include PTSA information. In addition, the PTSA is exploring new ways to enhance communication. We will notify you of the exciting new developments in PTSA communication.