


October 21, 2009


Juanita Elementary PTA Update


Additions to the next PTA Update on 11/4/2009 can be sent to Kathy Weatherford, at ourchalet@theweatherfords.net, or phoned in to me at (425) 823-9561. (Please just use the phone number to put something in the PTA Update coming in two weeks—it's my home number, not the school!)--Thanks!


Up-and-Coming Dates to Remember

Date	Time	Activity
All Wednesdays	2:00 pm	Early Dismissal
All Thursdays	am	School Banking
10/22/2009	6:30-8:30	2 nd Grade Book Bag Meeting in library
10/27/2009	6:00-7:30 pm	2 nd Grade Pumpkin Carving in the Commons
10/28/2009	9:00-11:45	K to the Farm
10/30/2009	2:30-3:15 pm	Fall Harvest Celebration
11/4/2009	am	School Picture Make-up
11/9/2009	6:00-8:00 pm	Skate King
11/10/2009	9:15-9:45 am	Veteran's Day Assembly
11/11/2009	NO SCHOOL	Veteran's Day
11/18/2009		Report Cards go home
11/16 – 11/20		Dance Week
11/20/2009	7:00-9:00	School Dance
11/20, 23, & 24	12:00 noon dismiss	Half-days: Parent Conferences
11/25	12:00 noon dismiss	Half-day dismissal
11/26, 11/27	NO SCHOOL	Thanksgiving Vacation

-  **Congratulations to Maddie Lum:** Madeline Lum was the winner of the 6th grade t-shirt design contest. Her school design will featured on this year's school t-shirts and sweatshirts and PTA school directory. Look for t-shirt order forms to come out in the next couple of weeks.









-  **Holiday Bazaar/Trunk Sale:** Thanks to all who helped to make the Holiday Bazaar and trunk sale a success. A big thank you to those 5th graders who brought cookies for the event and/or came to sell cookies.

-  **Operation Iraq (Spirit of Christmas):** Operation Iraq, The Spirit of Christmas is a volunteer, non-profit organization that is focused on sending a "touch of home" to our forces in Afghanistan and Iraq. They are hoping to send Christmas packages filled with toiletries, individual sized snacks such as gum, chocolate bars, trail mix, fruit snacks, and nuts, lip balm, eye drops, powdered juice mix, beef jerky, AA batteries, sport socks, CD's/DVD's and playing cards. If you would like to support Operation Iraq please bring your donated item (or items) to school by Tues. Nov. 10th. Items may be sent with your students labeled "Operation Iraq" or placed in the "Operation Iraq" box located outside the office. Thank you!

-  **The Harvest Festival is coming on 10/30! We will have the following schedule:**
 - 1:45 – 2:00 Change into costumes
 - 2:00- 2:15 Parade
 - 2:15 Parties afterward
 - 3:15 Clean up
 - 3:30 Dismissal

Please discuss the following rules with your children: (1) Costumes are optional; (2) Violent costumes will not be allowed. No blood, gore, real or pretend weapons; (3) Children can bring costumes and change into them before

the party, but not wear them all day...however, they have to change fast; and (4) at the party, fun activities are emphasized over scary. Alternative activities will be available in the library for those not participating.

-  **Juanita Schools Foundation partners with Juanita Elementary** to support programs and building needs. The Foundation also provides before and after school programs for students. Go to the Foundation page on the Juanita El website, <http://www.lwsd.org/school/Juanita/For-Parents/Pages/Juanita-Schools-Foundation.aspx> and find out more about the Foundation, its programs and how you can help.
-  **5th Grade Fundraiser for Outdoor Ed.:** The 5th grade classes are currently selling gift wrap and cookie dough. If you would like to make a purchase please contact a 5th grade student or Amy Lofquist at alofquist@msn.com. Money made on this fundraiser goes directly toward supporting 5th grade students for their Outdoor Education trip scheduled in December.
-  **Fun Lunch Fridays:** 5th graders have been selling licorice and beef jerky for \$.25 at both lunches. This Friday (Oct. 23rd) popcorn will be sold during both lunches. All proceeds will go toward 5th grade Outdoor Education. Have your student bring their quarters.
-  **Juanita High School Aquatic Center Presents the 4th Annual Pumpkin Patch in the Pool.** \$6.00 for Pumpkin and Open Swim October 25 2009 from 10a.m. to 1p.m.
-  **Daily after school childcare until 5:00 PM at Juanita Elementary!** The Juanita Schools Foundation is offering DAILY, DROP-IN CHILDCARE. The price is \$4 per half hour (Family and Free and Reduced rates as well). If you have questions, please call the school office.
-  **ATTENTION: SAFEWAY SHOPPERS** can give **Back to School** support for Juanita El through the Juanita Schools Foundation until October 10. **10%** of the purchase price can support the school of your choice when you use your registered Club Card. Look how easy it is!
*If you are already registered with eScrip, your contribution will be automatically donated.
*If you are **NOT registered** with eScrip, **(1)** simply give your school your Club Card number complete and return at once.
-  **Do you have a student with Special Needs? There is an LWS D PTA especially for families with Special Needs!** We meet monthly to explore topics that relate to us in particular. On Tuesday, October 27, 2009, from 7:00 - 8:30pm, Sally Hara, Registered Dietician, medical nutrition therapist and most importantly, mom of a child with special needs, will share the top foods and combinations to avoid and will share her strategies for meal times with children who struggle with feeding challenges, ritualistic feeding habits, problems with food textures, etc. Children with behavioral challenges, those on the autistic spectrum, with ADHD and typical children often have learning and health problems that can be affected by the foods they eat. Not all food affects every child the same. If you would like to be part of the Special Needs Group private email distribution list, please contact Chairperson Beth Angelo 4bangelo3@verizon.net
-  **The Quest Elementary Program for Highly Capable Students (Grades 1-6)** will be accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning November 2, 2009, until 4 p.m. on November 30, 2009. The Elementary Quest program offers two options for students who demonstrate superior ability, who exceed grade level standards in literacy and math, and who exhibit exceptional creativity in the classroom. Full time students are enrolled in an accelerated, self-contained classroom for the full day, five days a week. Enrichment Pull-Out students attend their home school four days a week and a pull-out enrichment classroom one day a week. More information can be found in the Quest Information packet that will be available at all elementary schools, on the Quest Web site (www.lwsd.org/quest), and at the Quest Office on the third floor of the Resource Center (425-702-3238; Quest@lwsd.org). All parents interested in the Quest Program are invited to attend one of the **Quest Elementary Information Night** sessions on Thursday, November 5 from 4:30-6 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. at Rose Hill Junior High School (13505 NE 74th St, Redmond, WA 98052). This program will explain more specifically what Quest offers to highly capable, academically gifted children. If you plan to bring your children to the information session, we would recommend that you attend the early meeting.