


November 4, 2009


Juanita Elementary PTA Update


Additions to the next PTA Update on 11/18/2009 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
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
11/16 – 11/20		Dance Week
11/18/2009		Report Cards go home
11/19/2009	7:00 pm	PTA Meeting
11/20/2009		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

 **DONATIONS REQUESTED:** Julie Bebee (all-day Kindergarten teacher) is collecting travel-size toiletry items (shampoos, etc), and unused Halloween candy (as long as it is wrapped). Some of the items will be used to stuff holiday containers for U.S. troops deployed, and on an ongoing basis, toiletries are provided to homeless children. In addition, the LWYSA collects gently used and clean soccer shoes and balls. These items are provided to children in need of scholarships to play soccer. Mrs. Bebee is happy to deliver to the soccer office for you. All items can be dropped off in room 138.

 **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, 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 student labeled "Operation Iraq" or placed in the "Operation Iraq" box located in the office. Thank you!


 **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.

 **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.

 **Special Needs Parent & Educator Panel:** Do you ever have questions regarding IEP process/compliance, like....

- What accommodations and goals should I request for my child?
- Why didn't the school let me know about these options sooner?
- Why do I have to find things out so late?
- Why do other students get breaks and our child doesn't?
- When should I start preparing for transition to kindergarten, middle school, high school?

These and your individual questions will be answered by our unique panel discussion of “seasoned” special needs parents, teachers and staff of LWSD Special Education. This meeting is dedicated to sharing resources on how to navigate the many channels of communication between parents and staff with the goal of ensuring your student is receiving a fair and appropriate education at LWSD. This will open the door to new understandings and improve your stress. Learn from those who've been through many issues and reached positive resolution. If there is a topic you'd like covered during this panel, please send your comments to Lys at fabulys@msn.com **Don't miss this engaging interactive discussion!**