

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Carl Sandburg and DCS Families,

We all look forward to seeing you this Thursday, September 17th at our annual Curriculum Night. This year we are trying something new. At 6:50 P.M., after the primary and before the intermediate sessions, we'd like to invite you to join us in the gym for a short presentation from me and the PTSA Co-Presidents, Marlene Vacknitz and Tricia Davis. I will introduce our wonderful teachers and share a bit about the work we are doing to help ensure that all children are successful. Marlene and Tricia will share about the great work our PTSA does on behalf of all students. Don't miss this great event and opportunity to focus on the important partnership between staff and parents!

It has been a wonderful first two weeks of school. I am reminded of the many things I love about our special community. We have great students who work hard to learn and grow, to treat each other with kindness, and to act with character. Our wonderful teachers are committed to learning and to reaching out to students each day to strengthen their minds, bodies, and attitudes. I can't think of any greater gift we, as a school and community, can give our students than the tools they will need to fulfill their hopes and dreams. Each day that our parents and staff work together to give that gift to our kids brings us closer to reaching our goal of academic success, responsible citizenship, and a love of learning.

See you on Thursday,

Mark Blomquist

UPCOMING EVENTS

Curriculum Night

Sept. 17th
(see lower left corner for schedule)

District Special Needs Meeting

Sept. 22nd at District Office

Picture Day

Sept. 23rd (K-3rd grade)
and
Sept. 30th
(4th-6th grade and DCS)

Ice Cream Social

Sept. 24th • 6 to 8pm

Family Math Night

Oct. 7th

Parent Ed Workshop

Oct. 7th
"Getting to Calm"
7:00 pm • Redmond High School

Fun Run

Oct. 9th

Curriculum Night Schedule

Thursday, Sept. 17th

6:00 PM - 1st - 3rd grades Meet in classrooms

6:50 PM - Principal's and PTSA's presentation to parents in Carl Sandburg gym.

7:15 PM - 4th - 6th grades Meet in classrooms

8:00 PM - Outdoor Ed presentation to 6th grade parents



Curriculum Night Thursday Sept. 17th! *(Please see page one for schedule.)*

While you are preparing to attend Curriculum Night this Thursday the 17th, listed here are some exciting volunteer opportunities available for sign up while you are in your student's classroom.

- 1. PTSA Room Rep/Volunteer Liaison** - Receive e-mails from the PTSA when classroom volunteers are needed for school wide programs. Forward those e-mails to family members of the classroom to get the word out. Encouraged (not required) to attend the PTSA general meetings (only 4 this year) to relay, via e-mail, any important PTSA information back to the classroom.
- 2. PTSA Room Parent** - Work with the teacher to plan Classroom events and parties. Recruit volunteer help from the other parents to help with parties, as well as collect funds to facilitate the parties. In charge of planning the Teacher Appreciation in May, and any end of year celebrations.
- 3. Classroom help** - Each teacher has a different set of duties that they will ask for parent volunteers to help with. *Please consider these important positions that help make the classrooms run smoothly and efficiently.*

Picture Day: September 23rd (K-3rd) and September 30th (4th-6th;DCS)

It's that time of year again where we will take student individual photos at school! Kindergarten through 3rd grade will take pictures on Wednesday, September 23rd. 4th-6th grade and all DCS will take their pictures on Wednesday, September 30th. Flyers will be coming home in the next few weeks. You can also order online at mylifetouch.com. Pictures will be taken during school hours.

Ice Cream Social: Our Annual back to school Ice Cream Social will be held on Thursday, Sept. 24th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Your Sandburg/DCS staff will be serving yummy ice cream (dairy free/ sugar free options, as well.) This is a great opportunity to get to know other Sandburg families and catch up with old friends. **See you there!**

Bring a canned food to the Ice Cream Social!

Since September is Hunger Action Month, we will be having a canned food drive during the Ice Cream Social to help stock Hopelink's new Kirkland food bank. Items that are in demand are: grocery store gift cards, tuna or other canned meats, peanut butter, pasta, rice, cereal, soup, canned fruit or tomato products, vegetable oil, onions/potatoes. (Please check all expiration dates to make sure items are current!)

A \$3.00 donation (per family) is suggested for Ice Cream Social (plus your canned food item!)

Chess Club Fall Session Starts Wednesday October 7th! Fun and educational! Taught by ChessStar owner and International Women's Grandmaster Elena Donaldson. Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:10 p.m. October 7th to December 16th (9 classes). Session fee \$78. Optional T-shirt (new design!) \$9. Registration forms in the Information Station next to Main Office. All levels (including no experience) welcome! --Questions? Please contact Stephanie Develle: 425-814-9873, stephanie.develle@gmail.com, Soha Dastbaz: 206-372-2793, soha_dastbaz@hotmail.com, or Elena Donaldson: 206-387-1251, chess64@comcast.net.

Mrs. Bauer has retired! Any students or parents who would like to write a note or make a card for Margaret Bauer please give to Mrs. Caddock (our librarian) BCaddock@lwsd.org.

Community Bulletin Board: Outside companies, such as Boys & Girls Club, Camp Fire, etc, are now posting their flyer (approved by LWS D) to the LWS D website and designating what schools they want to see the flyer. This link is on the LWS D.org site and our school website for parents to access. There is the link to check it out:

<http://www.lwsd.org/SCHOOL/SANDBURG/FOR-PARENTS/BULLETIN-BOARD/Pages/default.aspx>

Reflections Art Contest: Reflections Program theme, "Beauty is...". All entries must be received by Oct. 28, Wednesday. This is a nationally sponsored PTSA contest, but it is also a simple opportunity to test your child's creative side. There are 6 categories including visual arts, literature, photography, musical composition, dance choreography or film production to choose from. I will have entry forms and guidelines available during Curriculum night this week as well as outside the main office in the Information Station. Completed artwork can be given to me directly, or dropped off at the main office of Sandburg. For more information, contact...

Becca Bassingthwaighte: bbassackwards@yahoo.com, or (206) 250-3420.

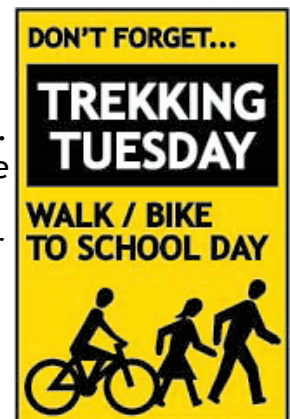
About Reflections: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/about_reflections

Entry Forms: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/student_entry_form

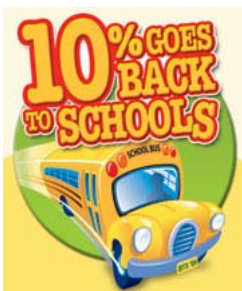
Guidelines: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/general_student_rules

Please help spread the word about the Reflections Art Contest - We all want our children to have an opportunity to express themselves. We need volunteers to inform students about the contest as well as to promote an opportunity to create their artwork. All Reflections art work is to be non-guided; entries should be the work of the child, not a suggestion by their parent or class assignment. Art Docents and volunteer parents could be invaluable by arranging a time with teachers for students to create without influence. Contact Becca Bassingthwaighte: bbassackwards@yahoo.com or by phone: (206) 250-3420.

Trekking Tuesdays...is a fun way to encourage families to walk or bike to school! Be sure to keep it safe by ensuring students are accompanied by an adult (walking flags/signs will be available for check out soon). See safety tips at <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/LocalPrograms/SafeRoutes/Families.htm>. Although Tuesday is the official walk/bike to/from school day, you can make it any day that works for you! Studies show that physical activity increases oxygen to the brain, which improves learning and concentration! Walking or riding will reduce traffic/pollution, improve safety, increase exercise and build community. Safety patrol is available at the crosswalk near Finn Hill Jr. High at 84th and 132nd and at the five way stop crosswalks at 84th and 124th until 8:50am. Talk to your neighbors and friends about taking turns walking the kids to school. Check out this link about a walking school bus <http://www.walkingschoolbus.org> . If there are safety or traffic concerns, let us know and we will work to make our community more "walkable"! We are seeking volunteers to act as extra crossing guards or to be involved in our Trekking Tuesdays program email... chantalkoch@yahoo.com.



Do you shop at Safeway? Safeway's 10% GOES BACK TO SCHOOL program is going on right now. If you purchased any of the more than 2,000 items marked with a school bus logo from August 12 to September 15, 2009 our school will receive 10% of the purchase price. ***If you choose not to register with eScrip or haven't registered yet***, look for a redemption code that should print on the bottom of your Safeway receipt. From **September 18th to October 9th**, any Safeway receipts with these codes can be turned into the school office and our PTSA will redeem them for the cash value. To register online (FREE) with eScrip. <http://www.backtoschools.escrip.com/index.html> - *Contributions from already registered members will automatically go to their registered school.* Thanks for keeping an eye out for this promotion.



LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed in the school library to shelve books and help students check out.

Available shifts:

Morning help:

Wednesday 9:05-12:25 (can be divided into several smaller shifts)

Thursday 11:55-12:25

Friday 11:20-12:25

Afternoon help:

Monday, Tuesday and

Thursday 2:20-3:30

Friday 2:30-2:20

PARENT EDUCATION WORKSHOP

Getting to Calm

October, 7th

7 pm

Redmond High.

The district is hosting a parent ED night. The speaker is Dr. Laura Kastner. Her topic is "Getting to Calm". Dr. Kastner will be helping parents learn about dealing with teenagers. She co-authored the book, *Getting to Calm*, and her target audience is parents of children 10 and up.

BOX TOPS

Box Tops will be collected all year.

Each month, the class with the most box tops turned in will receive a popsicle party!



HAVE YOU TURNED IN YOUR PTSA MEMBERSHIP FORM?

Just by becoming a Carl Sandburg PTSA member will benefit your child's school in many ways! For additional forms go to:

<http://www.lwsd.org/school/Sandburg/PTSA/Documents/membership%202009.pdf>

Currently we have 251 members for the 2009/2010 school year. Please support the PTSA by becoming a member. Are you obligated to volunteer if you become a PTSA member - Absolutely not! Volunteering is voluntary!

NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

The Green Team has designated the week of September 21 as 'Recycling Re-Awareness Week' at our school. Volunteers will visit classrooms during lunch time to give students and teachers a refresher on the do's and don'ts of recycling. If any parents would like to volunteer to give this short presentation in their own child(ren)'s classroom please contact Susan at (vosslerm1comcast.net) or Christi (christi.damico@comcast.net)

A Friendly Tip From the Green Team

According to the EPA 75% of trash can be recycled.....but only 25% actually is.

Recycling is a winner: it diverts material from landfills, saves natural resources and saves energy.

Want to host a "green" party with a group of friends or neighbors? Invite a Master Recycler/Composter to your party to learn about waste reduction and composting.

Contact the King County MRC volunteer coordinator:
206-449-1108 or vc@mrcvolunteer.org.