

THE INFORMER

CARL SANDBURG/DCS
ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 8, 2009

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to a new school year at Carl Sandburg and Discovery Community School! We are excited to see the hallways, classrooms, and playground once again buzzing with the energy and enthusiasm of almost 600 students. As students fill their backpacks with lunch, books, and a dozen glue sticks, they also bring along their hopes and dreams for a new school year. For many that means seeing friends again, finally earning the Presidential Fitness Award, serving on patrol, reading, writing, solving problems, and growing. This year, we're encouraging students to "Dream Big," set their sights high, and work hard to exceed their potential.

Together, parents, staff, and students work to help the students fulfill their dreams. Our community supports an amazing variety of enrichment activities, from chess and cheer, to Family Math Night and yearbook. As the new school year begins, I hope you will take the opportunity to partner with us in our mission to ensure success for all students, and to create a school where all students see their limitless potential.

I am also excited for you to join us on September 17th for our annual Curriculum Night, where you will hear from your child's teacher about the instructional program, practices, and philosophies at Carl Sandburg and DCS, and how you can partner with us in your children's education. Parent involvement in your children's education is one of the strongest ways to influence student success, and Curriculum Night is an excellent opportunity to learn first hand about ways to do that.

It is with great excitement that I introduce our newest staff members. Our new counselor comes to us from Finn Hill Jr. High, Soo Chin. New in sixth grade is Robin MacDonald, who joins us from Peter Kirk Elementary. Paul Lange joins us as an Instructional Assistant, working in classrooms, on the playground, and in the computer lab.

Finally, thank you for making a difference in the lives of our students and for joining us in our journey to Dream Big!

Mark Blomquist

UPCOMING EVENTS

Curriculum Night

Sept. 17th
6 to 8:30pm

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

Fun Run

Oct. 9th



Wednesday Reminder:

Wednesdays are early release days. Students are dismissed at 2:00pm.

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. Only \$3.00 donation per family! See you there!

Lost and Found

Please put your child's name on their coats. Items will be returned to students.

Reflections Art Contest: Encourage your child to create an original work of art based on the Reflections Program theme, "Beauty is...". Reflections is a nationally PTA-sponsored program that has encouraged students for over 30 years to create works of art. This program allows students the opportunity to express themselves creatively and receive positive recognition for their artistic effort at local, council, state and national levels. And there's many way to do just that! They can submit works of art through visual arts, literature, photography, musical composition, dance choreography or film production. Give your child a chance to express themselves. The deadline for entries will be Wednesday October 28th, 2009. Entry forms will be available at the Information Station located next to the front office.

Community Bulletin Board: Outside companies are now posting their flyer (approved by LWSD) to the LWSD website and designating what schools they want to see the flyer. This link is on the LWSD.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>

Welcome to our new staff members: Soo Chin (counselor), Paul Lange (I/A Tech) and Robin MacDonald (6th grade teacher)

Have you turned in your PTSA membership form? <http://www.lwsd.org/school/Sandburg/PTSA/Documents/membership%202009.pdf>. Currently we have 202 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!

Want to contact the PTSA with your ideas or thoughts? - sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com

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.

**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 Laura Kastner Her topic is Getting to Calm she will be helping parents learn about dealing with teenagers. She has a book called *Getting to Calm* 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!

Do you shop at Safeway? Safeway's 10% GOES BACK TO SCHOOL program is going on from August 12 to September 15, 2009. If you purchase any of the more than 2,000 items marked with a school bus logo during this time frame our school can receive 10% of the purchase price. Look for a redemption code that should print on the bottom of your receipt from September 18th to October 9th. Any Safeway receipts with these codes can be turned into the school office so our PTSA can redeem them for the cash value. Thanks for keeping an eye out for this promotion.

**EXAMPLE OF WHAT TO LOOK FOR
AT THE BOTTOM OF THE RECEIPT**



10% Back-To-Schools

Thanks for your continued support of the 10% Back-To-Schools program.

Bring in this reward receipt to your local school, or process your donation at www.backtoschools.escrip.com
ENTER THIS NUMBER 0000000250035869843
Must redeem by 10/13/2009.

School Calendar:

The LWSO school calendar that is normally mailed in August will not be printed and mailed to you this year, due to budget cuts. If you would like to print a copy for your reference - Copy and paste this link in your web browser: <http://www.lwsd.org/SiteCollectionDocuments/Global/2009-2010-Page-Per-Month-Calendar-Color.pdf>

Please send ad submissions for the informer to v.asaro@verizon.net.
All submissions must be received by noon on Mondays to run in the next issue.