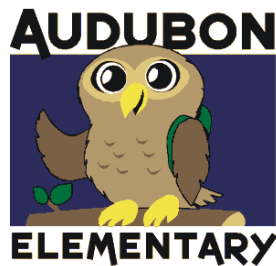


The Owl's Nest



December 2, 2011

FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Dear Families,

Lake Washington School District has a tradition of celebrating each of the schools in our district at a school board meeting each month. On January 9th, Audubon will be the featured school. I will prepare a short presentation about the excellent achievement of our students and the diverse culture of our school. You are all welcome and invited to attend this presentation – in fact, I hope to see lots of you there to demonstrate your support and our strong school pride as I introduce and present Audubon to the School Board and the community. You will not need to stay for the whole board meeting. Audubon will be presented at the beginning and will last for no more than fifteen minutes. One week before this event, our PTSA will help to decorate the board room with art work created by our students. The art work will be displayed for the month of January.

I hope to see many of you on Monday, January 9th at the School Board Meeting!

Karen Dickens

Don't forget these important dates!

12/8/11	Choir Concert and Reflections Ceremony, 2:15-2:45 pm
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12/19-1/2/12	No School – Winter Break
1/3/12	First day back to school after break
1/9/12	Audubon LWSD School Board Presentation
1/16/12	No School – Observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday
1/20/12	MLK, Jr. Celebration Assembly, 8:45 am

IMPORTANT: After School Transportation Reminders:

As you can imagine, with 568 children in our school, keeping track of each one can be challenging; however it is critical for keeping our children safe. This is a priority for us, and our teaching and office staff do an amazing job of managing systems just for this purpose. In order for any system to work, though, we need the cooperation of everyone involved. Here are some important reminders about policies that *must* be followed so that we can achieve our goal of keeping *every* student safe at Audubon:

- If there is a change in your child's usual dismissal routine, an email to the teacher is not sufficient to make this change. The teacher may not read it in time to notify the child or there might be a substitute who will not receive the message. Please send a note to school with the child to give to the teacher, or notify the office with a phone call so the office can notify the teacher directly. This is especially important for students who normally ride the bus. ***Without a note or call from you, the office/teacher will not allow a change to a child's dismissal routine.***
- Any student who wants to go home with another student on the bus must come to school with a note. The note is sent to the office and exchanged for a bus pass. This lets the driver know that additional students will be riding the bus or that students who normally

ride the bus might be getting off at a different stop. ***Without a bus pass, the driver will not allow a change of stop or bus for any student.***

- If your child will be absent from school for any reason (including an extended trip), please let the office know about the absence. An email to the teacher does not let the safe arrival callers know about the absence; it only informs the teacher. You can email your child's absence to kweiss@lwsd.org or call 425.936.2500 and leave a message.
- If your child takes Extended Classes after school, please remind your child on the morning of the day of the class about where he/she should report after school instead of going home. If you have a young child who still might not remember, please also tape a note to the outside of his/her backpack as an additional reminder at dismissal time.

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Do you have what it takes to take a dip in the frigid waters of Washington? Here's your chance to 'bear' it all for Special Olympics Washington.

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**Sunday, January 1, 2012
Idylwood Park - Redmond**

**Saturday, January 14, 2012
Sarg Hubbard Park - Yakima**

**Saturday, January 21, 2012
Columbia Park - Kennewick**

**Saturday, February 11, 2012
South Lake Union - Seattle
(new Seattle location this year)**

**Saturday, February 25, 2012
Medical Lake Waterfront Park - Medical Lake**

**Saturday, March 3, 2012
Walla Walla Point Park - Wenatchee**

Register online, create a team, raise money and earn incentive prizes.

Anyone who raises \$1,000 or more will receive an entry for a chance to win two round-trip tickets on Alaska Airlines!

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