

Kamiakin



Newsletter

Winter
2010-2011

*I always prefer to believe the best of everybody,
it saves so much trouble.*

Rudyard Kipling

main phone number (425) 936-2400,
attendance line (425) 936-2401 and the kitchen (425) 936-2604.

Principal's Message:

Best Wishes for the Holidays!

I hope the time you spend with your family and friends is enjoyable and enriching. Take pleasure in the moments together, they fly by so fast!

Thank you for your help with our "Achievement Guides"! I hope this task gave you the same opportunity it provided our staff, to sit down and have meaningful conversations with your students about their past success or needs, and where they hope to go in the future. We will follow up after each grading period, taking a day to inform students of their grades and progress.

I am very thankful for those staff and community members that have offered to help our students whenever possible. Bridget Brown and Heather Hakes can be found every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:00pm – 4:00pm in our library helping students with their homework. Thanks also to several energetic and helpful dads that have volunteered before and after school to help our students with Math. We're always looking for more volunteers that can help our students, stop by or contact us, and we'll show you how. In that same vein, should your student need help, please encourage them to talk with their teachers, and take advantage of this opportunity.

Final CAPstone proposals were due **December 13th**. Our committee will gather to read and review the proposals, then get those back to students prior to the break so that they may begin logging hours as soon as possible. January, February, March and April are the months that students put in the 15 hours and accomplish many of the tasks outlined for CAPstone. Take lots of pictures!

6th grade Parent/Student Curriculum night will be held on **Tuesday, January 11th**! The evening starts early at **6:30pm** in the gym with an introduction to future 7th grade parents and students. We will have staff on hand to answer questions and provide a backdrop to what they can expect for the upcoming school year. We then transition to the cafeteria where all staff is available, and parents of current 7th and 8th graders are welcome to join us until **8:00pm**. Please note this on your calendar and plan to attend.

January 21st is the last day of 1st semester. Semester grades are the grades reflected on official student transcripts, so help remind your student that these are important. Stay tuned for another principal's tea and keep our website address:

<http://www.lwsd.org/school/kajh/Pages/default.aspx>

as one of your favorites for updates, schedules, and important information.

Joe Joss, jjoss@lwsd.org

Cougar Calendar

January

3rd Return from winter break
17th No School; MLK Day
21st Last day of semester
27th -29th Seussical Musical: 7pm
28th Grades due

February

8th PTSA Board Meeting
17th & 18th No School; Mid-winter Break
19th Allstate Band Performance: Bellevue
21st No School; Presidents day

March

18th No School: LEAP (teacher work day)
19th PTSA Newsletter Submissions Due
28th -31st No School: Spring Break

How Can I Help Kamiakin Students?

If you were wondering how you can help Kamiakin students, we have an answer for you! You can donate money in Kamiakin Junior High's name to InvestEd. What is InvestEd, you ask? They are a 501 (c)(3) organization formally known as the Saul and Dayee G. Haas Foundation. Their mission is to provide immediate help for students in need, thus helping students stay in school, return to school and get involved in their learning community. Last year over 16,000 secondary-school students were assisted; a record number for the foundation. We can use InvestEd funds to help students with both academic needs and some non-academic needs. So far this year we have helped **60 Kamiakin students** through InvestEd!

Please visit their website at

<http://www.invested.org/whoweare.aspx> to get more information. If you choose to donate to InvestEd, they will match donations, up to half of what they allocate for our school. If your employer has corporate matching funds, that will help double the donation.

☺ Thank you for your consideration and help!!!



Staff Appreciation

Wednesday October 6th we hosted a "SOUP"er lunch for our super staff at KaJH.

Thanks to our volunteers who provided the Taco Soup & Hungarian Mushroom Soup with all the trimmings. Cassandra Sage, Deanna Crowe, Tammy Wollmuth, Stephanie Taylor, Kaern Knerr, Sandra Dixon, Caroline Roetcisoender, Joli Hansson, Christina Chaney, Michelle Peterson, Angela Ruggeri, Michelle Espinoza, Julia Perrier, Nancy Miller, and Ellen Beeman.

Wednesday November 3rd the staff enjoyed a fabulous "Pumpkin Extravaganza" Thank you to the volunteers who provided the treats. Deanna Crowe, Lolita Cederblom, Amber Peterson, Michelle Espinoza, Karen Larson, Tammy Wollmuth, Angie Duke, Loretta Fast, Cassandra Sage, Susan Baird-Joshi, Nancy Miller, Tammy Rae, Julia Perrier, and Caroline Roetcisoender.

December 1st, 2nd, 3rd - we hosted a gift wrapping event for the staff. They enjoyed the opportunity to have someone else *tie up* their loose ends. Thank you to our volunteers Cassandra Sage, Lolita Cederblom, Nancie Sage, Debbie Nelson, and Karen Larson.

Friday December 17th is our next event, the staff will enjoy Holiday Cookie's. If you would like to assist with staff appreciation events please let any one of us know.

Thanks!

The staff appreciation committee

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SAMBRANO'S SHINING STARS



Each semester I have certain students who enter my class and just seem to brighten all that is around them. They may not always be the fastest, strongest, or the best athlete. However they are students I look forward to seeing each day. They arrive to class with a positive attitude and a willingness to always give their best effort. They are kind, courteous, respectful, and compassionate. They are outstanding students and a pleasure to have in class. I would like to recognize these "Shining Stars" and let them know how much I appreciate what they bring to my class and Kamiakin Junior High.

"Shining Stars" for Oct. 2010

EMILIE DIXON	SEBASTIEN SEVIGNY
CAITLIN BUCKLEY	DANIELLE KLUNDT
KENNEDY BYRNE	JOEL FROSTAD
AUDREY FANNIN	NICOLE GUEMPEL
EMRAH CIZMIC	ERIC ESPENOZA
EMMA LINDBER	MINH-AHN NGUYEN

"Shining Stars" for Nov. 2010

MIRANDA PEHRSON	MADDI SJOLUND
BEATRIZ SOUSA	NATALIE KALDA
ANDREW PETERSON	STEVEN HART
BRIDGET DAHLMNA-OETH	
ERIN DAHLMAN-OETH	

"Shining Stars" for Dec. 2010

ERIC ESPENOZA	EMMA LINDBERG
MINH-AHN NGUYEN	SARAH DUNSMORE
IZZY JO	CARLY TAYLOR
KATIE OLSEN	KIERAN WILLIAMS
ALEXANDRA TANSENGCO	

Miss Brown's Family and Consumer Science Students of the Quarter:

Foods and Sewing 7th Grade:

Mollza Idrizi
Andrew Allen

Consumer Life Skills 8th/9th grade:

Zach Eggers

These students were voted by their classmates as strong leaders in each class period. Way to go!

He's a Winner!

Not only is Mr. Joss the principal of the "best jr. high in the universe", he's a winner! He was awarded a grant from LWSF to support Kamiakin's after school homework club and to buy high-interest leveled readers.



To learn more about the Lake Washington School's Foundation (LWSF), how they support Lake Washington Schools, or how to support the LWSF see the attached flier or go to their web-site:

www.lwsf.org

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Lake Washington Schools Foundation News, Fall 2010

Back to School Donations. Thanks to you, our **generous** school community, \$12,000 was donated in response to our request for support. Your dollars help to support important programs in our schools...just read below!

Fall 2010 Classroom Grants. The Lake Washington Schools Foundation is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2010 Classroom & School Grants. Over \$40,000 was awarded to 30 different schools in the District. This year, the Foundation is transitioning to a new Spring Grant program, replacing the Fall Grant Program. In transitioning to a 2011 Spring Grant program, Fall Classroom and School Grants were limited this year to one per school, focused on extended learning and capped at \$1,500. Not all schools submitted grants.

In the spring of 2011, LWSF will fund classroom and school grants with an emphasis on helping each school reach the goals they set for their Continuous Improvement Plan. Grants awarded this spring will initiate our new grant cycle schedule.

The 30 Fall 2010 extended learning classroom grants that were awarded include thirteen literacy grants, nine math, five science grants, and three combined literacy, math, and/or science. Elementary school grants ranged from the purchase of books appropriate for all levels of readers to before-school tutoring program for ELL students needing extra help with English. Other grants focused on science enrichment for 1st graders and after-school book and math clubs. High School grants include a peer mentoring program at Lake Washington High School, the study of comparative government at International Community School, a Model United Nations program at Juanita High School, and Robotics at Redmond High School. For a complete list of grants awarded, see www.lwsf.org/grants. In general, the grants enhance learning, extend the learning day through before and after-school programs, develop tutoring, mentoring, or homework programs, and allow teachers to tailor their instruction to the specific needs of students (assessment and alternative teaching tools). Congratulations to grant recipients.

Building a Math Culture, *Explorations in Math*. This year, six schools in the Lake Washington High School learning community teamed up and applied for a successful program called *Explorations in Math (EIM)*; AG Bell, Franklin, Lakeview, Rose Hill, Twain, and Peter Kirk Elementary schools each received a \$1500 grant to improve the math culture in their schools. EIM is a proven program that supplements the District curriculum. The goal is to help develop a math culture in primary schools to prepare confident and competent math thinkers through the after school math clubs and activities, family math nights, and other school-wide math activities, see <http://explorationsinmath.org>. Last year, three EIM grants were awarded and proved so successful that six schools received funding this year.

Access Fund Grants. This is the Foundation's 4th year distributing the Access Fund for secondary students with financial needs. \$10,500 was allocated to ten secondary schools for individual student needs including class fees, supplies related to specific classes, test fees, school activity cards and fees, field trips & musical instruments. The funding helps to keep the student in school, to get the student more involved in school activities, or simply removes a roadblock to their success.

Thanks to volunteer Joanne Hall for all of her work on the Access Fund determining school needs and working with our partner, InvestEd on this grant program.

Volunteers Needed. The Lake Washington Schools Foundation always welcomes volunteers. Volunteers are needed to mentor students through LINKS. The Marketing and Communications Committee needs volunteers with marketing, graphics/design, and writing or reporting experience. The Programs Committee is also looking for members who want to be involved with programs such as classroom grants, the Access Fund, and LINKS. In addition, we are still looking for school Ambassadors at a few schools to help connect LWSF to each school and volunteers for our Spring Luncheon on April 20. Please sign up at www.lwsf.org/volunteers.

Mailing List. If you would like to receive regular electronic updates from the Lake Washington Schools Foundation, please sign up at www.lwsf.org—find us on Facebook, too.

For more information contact Executive Director, Doug Seto, at dseto@lwsf.org or 425-936-1414

THE SAMMAMISH PLATEAU PARENT NETWORKING GROUP

Every family has its problems...some are worse than others, and yet no family is completely problem-free. But do you ever wonder if you are the only family dealing with a particularly challenging teen? Do you wonder if the problems you are facing with your child are affecting the rest of your family? Or if problems between you and your spouse are having an impact on your kids? Do you ever feel that yours is the only family going through these difficulties? Would you like to know that there are others who are facing similar issues who are looking for answers just like you are? Better yet, would you like to explore solutions and find a way to create a healthy and whole family?

That is exactly what you can do at our upcoming Sammamish Plateau Parent Networking Meetings! **Family Coach and expert facilitator, Bill Dean**, has joined our ranks to tailor each of our meetings to address the needs of those who attend. Rather than tackling one specific topic each month, we have decided to take a different approach this year. **Bill has an incredible history of working with kids and families, as well as facilitating some powerful workshops with the purpose of creating wellness for kids in the family context. Bill has worked with literally thousands of families, as well as developing and running a therapeutic boarding school for boys in Colorado for five years, called "Eagle's Nest School for Boys"**. Bill's primary agenda is to find out what our individual concerns and fears are within our own families, and then work towards finding answers. If you come to a meeting, your concerns will be addressed! Each meeting will be adapted to take on the particular needs of those attending that particular meeting--in other words, Bill is offering a **personalized** workshop for parents every month! It is open to anyone who wants to join us...and it's **free!!**

And to make our meetings accessible to as many people as possible, we are offering both a daytime and an evening option each month. We realize that everyone's schedules are busy and that one time doesn't "fit all", so we are trying to accommodate the maximum number of people by offering two alternatives each month.

Of course, if you have a specific topic of interest, like those we have addressed in the past (substance use/abuse, mood disorders, self-harm, eating disorders, internet fears, etc.), bring your questions with you--we will make sure your questions are heard and answered to the best of our ability. And if we cannot answer them, we will offer you resources that can point you in the right direction!

That is what our Parent Networking Group is all about--helping parents find and implement solutions and strategies for equipping their kids to become successful and responsible adults in what can be a scary and challenging world that is vastly different from the one we grew up in...We are about creating whole and healthy kids and families, so please join us!

**Our next meetings will be held at
the Sammamish Public Library next to Sammamish City Hall on**

**Monday, December 13th
11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

AND

**in the home of Brian and Valerie Weigelt at
425 East Lake Sammamish Pky. on**

**Monday, December 13th
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

*****For more information contact Cherry O'Neill at 206-550-3809 or at dwo-mci@msn.com.**

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AT&T DONATES \$10,000 TO EXPAND LAKE WASHINGTON SCHOOLS MENTORING PROGRAM

Redmond, Wash., November 1, 2010 – AT&T* announced a \$10,000 contribution to the Lake Washington Schools Foundation to support expansion of its LINKS Mentoring Program with a pilot program for junior high and high school students.

LINKS (Looking Into the Needs of Kids and Schools) utilizes volunteers who work one-on-one primarily with elementary students not performing at grade level. LINKS volunteers help with academic tutoring as well as meet with students weekly to help increase their confidence in developing relationships with others.

“The program is designed to help academically at-risk students who need extra academic tutoring or mentoring from a caring adult,” said Doug Seto, executive director of the Lake Washington Schools Foundation. “This donation will help the District expand LINKS and provide academic assistance to improve the students’ chances for on-time high school graduation and success in college and the workforce.”

“When a student succeeds, we all benefit. By working together, we can build a better community,” said Redmond Mayor John Marchione. The City of Redmond has also provided funding to LINKS through its Human Service grants.

“We are proud to support the great work being done by Lake Washington Schools,” said Dan Youmans, president of AT&T Washington. “This complements our ongoing efforts to stem the high school dropout rate and prepare our youth for college or the workforce.”

“By helping us extend the LINKS program into upper grade levels, AT&T is making a difference for students at a critical time,” noted Dr. Chip Kimball, superintendent. “Students who connect to an adult who cares about their academic performance have a much better chance at succeeding.”



In 2008 the company launched AT&T Aspire, a \$100 million nationwide program aimed at improving student success and workforce readiness. It includes grants, research and job shadowing programs.



Presenting the \$10,000 check: From left: Doug Seto, Executive Director Lake Washington Schools Foundation; Nanci Wehr, LINKS Program Coordinator; John Marchione, Redmond Mayor; Dan Youmans, President External Affairs, AT&T Washington/Hawaii; Chip Kimball, Superintendent Lake Washington School District; Claire Beigle, Trustee, Lake Washington Schools Foundation & LINKS Liaison

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About Philanthropy at AT&T

AT&T Inc. (NYSE:T) is committed to advancing education, strengthening communities and improving lives. Through its philanthropic initiatives and partnerships, AT&T has a long history of supporting projects that create learning opportunities; promote academic and economic achievement; and address community needs. In 2009, more than \$155 million was contributed through corporate-, employee- and AT&T Foundation-giving programs.

About AT&T

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Eastside Ski and Ride

(formally known as Lake Washington Snowsports Council)

Dedicated to introducing students
to the thrill of snowsports since 1966

Registration for 2011 is Now Open online! Go to go to www.eastsideskiandride.org and look for us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/eastsideskiandride

Info Nights coming soon at your local junior high or high schools.

The first will be held at Lake Washington High School, Monday Evening, November 8th from 7-8:30pm

From our new home base at Summit Central, in addition to access and lessons in the Summit's world-class terrain parks, this season brings the much anticipated re-opening of Summit East/Hyak! Summit East will offer two new lifts and acres of new and varied terrain for all ability levels!

2011 Ski & Snowboard Program Highlights

No Price Increase!

- Coach bus transportation to Summit Central at Snoqualmie Summit
- Open to all students grades 4 through 12
- Lessons for all ability levels - see [Program Options](#)
- Professional instruction by the Summit Learning Center at Summit-Central
- Discounts on season passes; or conveniently purchase day tickets on the bus each week - day tickets **October 25th-27th, 2010**



Eastside Ski & Ride was founded by Lake Washington Snowsports Council. Since 1966 we have enjoyed introducing thousands of kids to skiing and snowboarding , in a safe and supportive environment. We are a not-for-profit organization staffed entirely by committed volunteers.



for more specific questions...email register2ride@yahoo.com

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