

SUGAR COURIER

Kamiakin Junior High PTSA 14111 132nd Avenue NE Kirkland, WA 98034 DECEMBER 2009
School office 425-823-6750 School website: <http://schools.lwsd.org/KaJH/>

Co-Presidents Message,

The holidays are here! Between poinsettia deliveries, kickoff shopping days, and sugar cookies, it's beginning to look a lot like...snow! Okay, maybe we don't need the snow, but the holiday spirit abounds.

Kamiakin PTSA is sending home Holiday Cheer envelopes requesting donations for the following programs: Winter Caregivers, Scholarships, Emergency Prep and much more. Please donate to support these worthwhile programs.

The Kamiakin Counseling Department will be organizing its annual Winter Caregivers event. The staff and PTSA members donate items for Kamiakin kids and their families in need. Please donate baked cookies, bars, cupcakes, etc. to help fill the baskets for the holiday season.

Poinsettias were sold in support of the 9th Grade Dinner Dance, and those are available for pickup on December 4th (3:00 to 7:00 p.m.) and 5th (10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.). Please come by the school and pickup your plants to help decorate your home for the holiday season.

Winter Break is almost here and there are many last minute assignments, concerts, sporting events and play rehearsals are all going on at the same

time. Please check the Kamiakin website for a list of events and times. Kamiakin PTSA presents "Once Upon A Mattress" on January 28th, 29th and 30th. Buy your tickets early because they sell out fast!

School will return once the New Year, 2010, has begun! January through June will fly by and we are looking forward to an eventful new year. We would like to thank all of the volunteers that have helped our programs succeed so far. The PTSA would not be able to accomplish our goals without all of our wonderful volunteers. We have many more volunteer opportunities and we encourage everyone to consider donating an hour or so to the PTSA.

Our next meeting will be on January 12th, 2010 at 7pm in the Library.

Warm wishes to you and your families during this holiday season!

Sincerely,

Tina Watson and Debbie Gates
Kamiakin PTSA Co-Presidents



KAMIAKIN JR. HIGH
 PTSA AND
 STUDIO EAST
 PRESENT:
 TICKETS ON SALE TO
 THE GENERAL PUBLIC
 BEGIN MON. JAN. 11TH

Once Upon a Mattress



Student's Name _____ Grade _____
 Lunch period A ___ B ___ C ___ (check one) Phone: _____
 Not at KaJH school: Keller, Frost, Muir, other: _____

Thursday January 28th
 General Admission _____ x \$ 5.00 = _____

Friday January 29th
 General Admission _____ x \$ 7.00 = _____

Saturday January 30th
 General Admission _____ x \$ 7.00 = _____

Total enclosed: _____ (checks payable to Kamiakin
 PTSA)

Please return order in envelope marked "Once Upon A Mattress tickets"
 Checks payable to Kamiakin PTSA. Questions? Contact Mary Rutledge, 425
 -269-4693 maryru05@hotmail.com



Best Wishes for the Holidays!

I hope the time you spend with your family and friends is enjoyable and enriching. Celebrating “Grandparents Brunch” and looking forward to holiday parties puts me in the mind frame for the holidays. Thanks to everyone that came to Kamiakin and enjoyed the time spent with your grandson(s) and granddaughter(s). Our Grandparents Brunch is truly a highlight of the year.

I am very thankful for those staff and community members that have offered to help our students whenever possible. Tammy Wright can be found every Tuesday afternoon at 3:00pm in our library helping students with their math, and we’re always looking for more volunteers that can help our students. Should your student need help, please encourage them to talk with their teachers, and take advantage of this opportunity.

Final CAPstone proposals are due **December 11th**. 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!

Curriculum night will be held on **Thursday, January 21st**! Invitees include all of our current 7th and 8th grade parents, as well as our incoming 6th grade parents and anyone else interested in perusing our curriculum, meeting staff, and having your questions about Kamiakin answered. The evening starts early **6:30pm** with a short introduction and then staff is available until **8:00pm**. Please note this on your calendar and plan to attend.

January 22nd 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

Join the PTSA!

As each year goes by, parents “graduate” right along with their kids. This allows for a constant influx of new parents into the PTSA. This year is no exception, as every position will have an opening at the end of this year. We will begin taking nominations at our January 12th meeting and we encourage everyone to apply for an Executive or Chair position. Without volunteers there will not be a PTSA and it is a wonderful organization that helps ALL the children at Kamiakin!!

Serving on the Executive Board or as a Chairperson allows you to become part of the Kamiakin community. It is much more fun when you can share the position with a friend or make a new friend and serve together, as the co-Presidents and other co-chairs we have done this year. There is no better opportunity than the PTSA, especially if you are a working parent. The meetings are in the evening, and most of the events are too, allowing you to participate and make a difference. Please consider volunteering for the Kamiakin PTSA. It is a worthwhile organization and cannot exist without you!!



Holiday Cheer Kamiakin PTSA Fundraiser 2009

December 3rd through 11th

~~ Please donate \$\$ to a worthy cause ~~ Our Kamiakin students!!

Your donations help fund the following *Kamiakin Winter Caregivers *Scholarships for *field trips *classroom fees *sweatshirts *yearbooks *sports fees *Emergency Prep *\$500 Juanita High School Scholarship presented to a Kamiakin student*

Attach checks (made payable to Kamiakin PTSA) to this form and return to the PTSA lock box in Mrs. Bajorek's office.

Suggested donation: \$5.00 (any amount above will have an even greater impact).

Thank you!
Kamiakin PTSA

