

The Friday Flyer

Every Student Future Ready

Peter Kirk Elementary is a creative learning environment where children feel they are valued and safe. Staff and community collaborate to provide the highest quality education to prepare students to be life long learners.

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School and Principal Notes

Upcoming Events:

October

3rd, 4th, and 6th

Half Days - Conferences

11:45 Dismissal

(Oct 5th 1:45 dismissal)

3rd - 5th

5th grade Camp

7th

No School - LEAP day

11th

School Picture Day

13th

Gen Membership Meeting

18th

Reflections Entries Due

20th

Watch DOGS: Pizza Night

28th

Egg Drop Challenge

31st

Halloween Parade

At Peter Kirk, we respect diversity and follow a policy of non discrimination

See: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/kirk/About-Us/Pages/Human-Dignity-Policy.aspx> for Human Dignity Policy

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FUN RUN!

2011 Fun Run

What a fantastic couple of weeks leading up to the Fun Run! Every day we counted money and recorded daily totals on the all-school thermometer in the main hall, so everyone could watch our progress.

It was a sea of Sounder...I mean Peter Kirk green during the Fun Run yesterday. The sun was shining and the sweat was dripping during the first two runs. In typical northwest fashion, the clouds came rolling in and it rained steadily while the Kindergartners ran. Regardless, they maintained a positive attitude of PK spirit and wore big smiles as they ran in the rain!

As of the end of the day on Friday, we had received envelopes from **77%** of the school and BLEW past our goal of \$43,000, raising **OVER \$47,000** in cash and matching fund donations. We are so amazed and grateful for the financial and volunteer support from all of our families. These funds are vital for the PTSA to continue offering the many enrichment programs available to ALL students. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of this FUNdraiser!

A special THANK YOU to our local sponsors who generously donated raffle prizes and coupons for our students raising **\$100** or more.

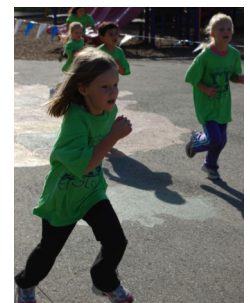
- Noah's Bagel
- Wing Dome
- Parkplace Movie Theater
- Sweet Cakes Bakery
- Sketchers Shoes
- Parkplace QFC
- Kidd Valley



An extra SPECIAL thank you goes to **Susanne Park**, PK parent and **Sweet Cakes Bakery Owner**. Their downtown Kirkland Bakery was able to donate coupons for free cupcakes to all the students raising \$100 or more. Their generosity will surely bring a smile to over 240 deserving Peter Kirk students!



Thank you **Margaret McLaughlin**, who has been chairing this event for the last 6 years! Margaret's dedication to this fundraiser has been instrumental in its success each year! I would also like to thank **Bobbi Ostrum**, **Jen Fernandez**, **Cindy Bienz-Scott**, and the MANY other volunteers who graciously donated their time to ensure this event went off without a hitch, rain or shine!



INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY - WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

Join kids and families around the globe to walk or bike to school on International Walk to School Day. **Wednesday, October 5th - rain or shine!**

- *Locate your home on the big map to show where you have walked from.
- *The Pedi –Bee will be buzzing about handing out goodies.

All successful events begin and end with volunteers. It's easy and fun. We need at least 5 people helping in the morning with the map, poster, stickers, etc. starting at 8:00 and ending about 8:50. Email Juliette Serr juliette-serr@gmail.com to volunteer.

**October Life Skill Focus—Problem Solving and Cooperation****What is Problem Solving?**

It's an everyday activity for each of us. When we pop out of bed on a work or school day and rush to the closet, one problem we face is, "What's not too dirty ; not too wrinkled, and matches my pants?" Then, "What can I grab for breakfast that can be put together in a few minutes?" All day, every day, our brains and bodies work together to decode a multitude of puzzles—some simple, others difficult.

What does Problem Solving look like at school?

- o Ask for advice from a friend, teacher, or counselor
- o Move their desks so they can fully see the teacher, video, guest, etc.
- o Brainstorm ways to work a problem

Inquiries to develop Problem Solving

- o Have your child brainstorm five typical problems that students their age face ever day, such as lost homework, tardiness, arguments, losing a pet, finding money. With a partner, have them choose three of the problems to dramatize. Create two different endings for each problem and ask the class to vote for the best solution.
- o Read one of the books in the Arthur or D.W. series by Marc Brown. Divide a piece of paper in half. On one half, describe the problem using illustrations and words. Draw the character's solution and include one or more sentences explaining what happened. Compare your understanding of the problem and solution with a partner.

What is Cooperation?

Cooperation is a working relationship that develops between two or more people as they perform certain tasks. It is characterized by a sense of "give and take" among the group members, of shifting smoothly between the roles of leader and follower, and of agreement on goals being pursued.

What does Cooperation look like at school?

- o Assist classmates in acquiring, learning, and reviewing curriculum
- o Include every classmate in work, study, or play groups
- o Mediate differences
- o Participate in play, musical group, student council, school safety patrol, and/or team sports

Signs of Success!

Work collaboratively
 Accept responsibility for gathering information
 Learn to give and take in relationships
 Solve problems with friends

TRANSPORTATION OF MUSIC INSTRUMENTS ON SCHOOL BUSES

It is important that we always consider the safety of students in the event of an emergency when transporting music instruments to and from school.

Pursuant to WAC Law "Heavy, sharp, bulky, and/or other articles which may be hazardous in the event of an accident or an emergency stop shall not be transported unsecured in the passenger area of any school bus. Specific attention is directed to items such as skis, ski poles, vaulting poles, large musical instruments, riser platforms, etc. In no case will items be secured in such a manner as to impede access to any exit".

In order for the district to meet these safety requirements, the following procedures must be followed:

Large and Bulky instruments

The following instruments shall not be transported on any district school bus at any time.

Baritone Horns
Baritone Saxes
Bass Guitars
Cellos
Drums
Guitars
String Basses
Tubas

Moderately Large instruments

The following instruments shall be positioned in the seat with the student. The student must place the instrument on the floor between their legs and hold onto the instrument. If case size doesn't allow for the student to hold it then it falls into the large category.

Bass Clarinets
French Horns
Small Snare Drums (may be too big depending of depth and size of case)
Tenor Saxes
Trombones
Violas
Violins

Small instruments

The following instruments must be held in the students lap.

Alto Saxes
Clarinets
Flutes
Oboes
Trumpets

In no case shall an instrument be placed in such a way as to block or obstruct the aisle way, stairwell or emergency exits.

Instruments must be secure and either fit on the students lap or within the student's leg space of each seat. Careful attention to these procedures will assure safe transportation for students and their instruments.

All eligible instruments and music stands must be in a case in order to be transported.

These conditions must also include the ability to carry any other personal items on the students lap as well.

Home and School Connection—Limit Screen Time

Experts recommend that youngsters spend no more than an hour a day in front of a screen, whether it's a TV, computer, or video game. Yet with handheld game systems, laptop computers, and cell phones everywhere, it can be tough to stick to the guideline. Why not challenge your children to go "screen free" for one week? They may discover fun activities they've forgotten or new ones they want to try, which can encourage them to continue even when the week is over. Together, brainstorm ideas. They might think of activities like jigsaw puzzles, hide-and seek, finger painting, or scooter riding. Suggest that they refer to the list each day and try something different.♥

**Safe Arrival**

You need to notify the office if your child will be absent or late to school. Please call the safe arrival hotline at **425- 936 -2591**. If you need to talk with someone in the office you can reach Brenda or Linda from 8:00am to 4:00pm.

READY START PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce that the Lake Washington School District now offers its Ready Start Preschool program for all students. Enrollment is no longer limited by family income. We are currently accepting preschool students for our Fall enrollment. Classes started on September 12, 2011. We currently have available space with a start date of October 3, 2011.

Ready Start Preschool Information:

- o Children must be four years of age
- o Our next Preschool start date is October 3, 2011
- o Classes are four days a week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. (No class on Wednesday.)
- o AM classes are from 8:30 to 11:00 AM
- o PM classes are from 12:00 to 2:30 PM
- o Preschool locations include: A.G. Bell Elementary, Blackwell Elementary, Juanita Elementary, Emily Dickinson Elementary, Rush Elementary, Sandburg Elementary, Kamiakin Junior High and Rockwell Elementary. (NOTE: Not all locations have space available.)
- o Parents will be responsible for child's transportation.
- o Immunization need to be current.

Tuition: The full fee for the 2011-2012 school year is \$3,000. The district offers two payment options:

Prepayment for the full year

Payments made monthly through the use of an automated clearing house (ACH)

If you are interested in securing a spot for your child, please contact our district office for a complete application package and information on which sites have availability. *Your spot is only reserved after we receive a complete application package and a deposit of \$300.* These funds will be applied to the last month's tuition in June 2012. Once we receive your deposit we will confirm your child's spot.

If you are interested in your four year old child attending our preschool program, your immediate response is encouraged.

PTSA

POWER HOUR HOMEWORK CLUB AT PETER KIRK!!

Come get help and study with great high school tutors, parent volunteers, and Mrs. Vague.

When: Wednesdays 1:45-2:45 p.m.

Starting: October 12th through November 16th

Where: Peter Kirk Library

Cost: 15.00 payable to **Peter Kirk PTSA**

Requirements: A great attitude and ready to learn

Sign up: Contracts are available outside the school office. Complete and return to the office.

We have high school kids from the Lake Washington Honor Society and Key Club (affiliated with Kiwanis) who have committed to volunteering their time to help kids during this **Power Hour**. If you would like to volunteer or know a community member who could commit to once a week, please contact Diane Vague dvague@lwsd.org

REFLECTIONS

Reflections is a national PTA sponsored fine arts recognition program and competition. All students in K-6 are invited to respond to this year's theme:

“Diversity means . . . “

Entries can be submitted in the areas of literature, photography, visual arts, music composition, choreography, and video. Selected pieces will advance to the school district level of the judged competition. All entries will be on display for the school in the library. In November, a special reception for the artists and their families will be held to recognize all students for their efforts.

Reflect. Create. Celebrate!

Entries Due Tuesday October 18th

Please visit www.peterkirkptsa.org for Entry Forms and Guidelines.



FIRST PK PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

You joined the PTSA...now come to our first General Membership Meeting! We will begin promptly at **6:30pm on Thursday, October 13th in the Peter Kirk Library**. The Board of Directors is excited to welcome new faces and our loyal supporters. There will be great door prizes, fundraising updates, and volunteer information. Mark your calendar and bring a friend!



THE MAKE-IT, TAKE-IT FAIR IS UNDER WAY!

The MITI Fair Committee has been working hard to prepare creative & unique crafts, easy enough for students of all ages and sure to be loved by everyone on your Holiday List! We're currently seeking donations of the following items; a collection box located outside the office.

- o Toilet Paper Rolls
- o Wrapping Paper (Holiday and Generic)

Be sure to mark your calendars for the big event, **Saturday December 3rd from 9:30 to Noon**. More details coming soon!

Community Notes

Time to clean out your closets & garage! We're having a **Benefit** Garage Sale



When: Saturday, October 15th from 8-2

Where: St. John's Episcopal Church-127 State Street

Who: All proceeds will benefit a family that is close to our hearts. The Glimsdale family has been attending St. John's Preschool for 3 years and just recently Flora (Mom) has been diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. The money will help with her medical bills and other expenses.

Donate items: Please drop off any household items that you would like to donate from Monday the 10th thru Thursday the 13th from 9-3 & Friday the 14th from 9-Noon. We cannot accept car seats, cribs and large electronics.

Volunteer: If you would like to volunteer your time with sorting and or selling then please contact Sheryl at vincentfamilyfun@gmail.com for more info.

Thank you so much for helping this family in need.