

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:

January 16

No School - MLK Jr. Day

January 18

Crazy Hair Day

January 24

5th Grade Parent Night
(KJH Commons—7:00pm)

January 31

6th Grade Parent Night
KJH Commons—7pm

January 31, Feb 2,3

11:45 Dismissal
Conferences

February 2

Kindergarten Registration
1:00pm - 7:00pm

PTSA General Membership
Meeting 6:30 pm

February 7

Health Screening

February 9

ADK Kindergarten Lottery

February 10

Math is Cool Competition-
6th grade

February 10

Watch DOGS: Dads with
Doughnuts

February 16 - 20

No School Mid-Winter
Break

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New Before and After School Procedures

Beginning on **Tuesday, January 17th** our line up procedures before school and our dismissal procedures at the end of the day will look a little different.

Before School

Students will now line up according to their Pod locations instead of by grade level. When the bell rings, students will no longer come into the school unsupervised, but will instead be greeted by a teacher and will walk to their pod.

Line up locations:

Kindergarten pod (Lunsford, Heliotis): **Outside Classroom Doors** (*No change*)

Kindergarten pod (Reubish): **South Front Doors** (*No change*)

1st grade pod (Liefer/Frost, Romano, Gordon): **South Front Doors** (*No change*)

2nd grade pod (Zervas, Raines, Rice): **South Front Doors** (*No change*)

Mixed Grade pod (Higgins, Taberner, Feldsher): **Main Front Doors**

3rd grade pod (Dorey, P.Lotz): **Main Front Doors** (*No change*)

4th grade portables (Keck, J.Lotz, Hubbard/Webster): **North Front Doors**

5th grade pod (MacDonald, Ishii, Simpson): **North Front Doors** (*No Change*)

6th grade pod (BaughnSmith, Curry, Underdahl): **Outside classroom doors** (*No Change*)

Please say goodbye to your child when the bell rings and allow them to walk with their class to their pod. Students need to line up as soon as they are on school property and not playing on the playground or around the school.

After School

When the bell rings at the end of the day, teachers will walk their classes to the appropriate outside door (see above). If you wait for your child after school, please wait outside the doors they will be exiting, allowing enough room for the class to walk out.

The reason for these changes is to ensure the safety of our students and to reiterate that we need to walk and keep our voices down when we enter the school. Thank you for reminding students of these changes on Tuesday morning.

Student Involved Conferences

As you are aware, this fall your child set academic and interdisciplinary goals. Since your fall conference, your child has been actively involved in reaching those goals. The purpose of your child's January conference is to review the goals they established in October, and to discuss their academic progress over the first half of the school year. Conferences are scheduled for 30 minutes. This will allow time for your child to review their goals and report on their progress and provide an opportunity for you and/or the teacher to discuss any concerns or questions based on their report card which will be coming home on **Monday, January 30th**.

The dates for conferences are: **Tuesday, January 31st**, **Thursday, February 2nd** and **Friday February 3rd**. These are half-days with student dismissal at **11:45 a.m.** No lunches will be served on early dismissal days.

The half-day kindergarten schedule for these days is as follows:

AM Students attend:

Tuesday, January 31st 8:40-11:45 AM

Friday, February 3rd 8:40 – 11:45 AM

PM Kindergarten attend:

Thursday, February 2nd 8:40 - 11:45 AM

No Kindergarten Only Bus Transportation during early dismissal days

West of Market bus will run as usual.

Dogs on Campus

The presence of dogs in and around schools is a controversial subject given the unique relationship between people and dogs in general and between kids and dogs in particular. While there are benefits to be derived through the interaction between children and animals, we also need to be aware of the risks associated with the presence of dogs on campus. In order to ensure our schools are safe and comfortable for all inhabitants, the district has the following requirements regarding dogs in and on school grounds:

- o Dogs are not allowed in the school or classroom unless they are serving as a service dog to a staff member, parent, child, or visitor. In such cases, an up to date vaccination record must be provided for the animal.
- o Dogs are not allowed in the school.
- o Dogs are also not allowed on school grounds (tied up or on a leash) during the hours in which school children are present (8:30—3:30)

Thank you for respecting this school and district rule.

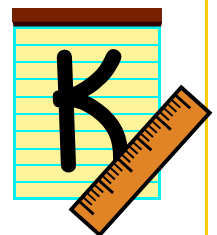


Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration will be on **Thursday, February 2nd** from **1-7 p.m.** in the All Day Kindergarten classrooms.

Please bring the following when registering:

- Proof of child's birth date - state certified birth certificate or passport.
- Current immunization records.
- Proof of residence – driver's license and utility bills or escrow/rental agreement.
- If applying for All Day Kindergarten lottery – bring your checkbook.
You will be required to pay first month tuition and leave blank check for monthly automatic withdrawal



All Day Kindergarten lottery will be held on **Thursday, February 9th**.

Life Skills Corner*Praise Note Prizes go to...***Maggie H** (Heliotis) common sense, responsibility**Luke A** (Leifer) respect, responsibility**Ava C** (Raines) Problem solving , effort, responsibility**Paul M** (Dorey) courage**Emily W** (Webster) Effort, caring**Kyle G** (MacDonald) Cooperation, effort**Emory B** (Underdahl) cooperation, effort, initiative**WatchD.O.G.S this week!**

Thank you:

- **Mike Royal** (1/10)
- **Karl Haberl** (1/13)



Is your New Year's Resolution to spend more time with your kids? What better way to do it then by volunteering to be a WatchDOGS (Dads of Great Students) at Peter Kirk?! The WatchDOG Team is looking for dads, uncles and granddads to spend a day at the school hanging with the kids at recess, monitoring drop-off times and mentoring students in the classroom.

Here is the February Calendar for volunteers and still has many open days.

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/06february>

Health Screening - Volunteers Needed

Peter Kirk will be holding Health Screening on **Tuesday, February 7th**. This event requires many volunteers. There will be 3 shifts available (approximate times):

- 8:30-11:30
- 11:30-2:30
- 8:30-2:30

If you are able to volunteer, please email Brenda Nunn brnunn@lwsd.org

**Meet & Greet With Dr. Traci Pierce**

LWSD Board of Directors invites any and all Kirkland, Redmond and Sammamish community members to an informal Meet and Greet with Dr. Traci Pierce, the LWSD Board of Directors' preferred candidate for its next District Superintendent.

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

City Council Chambers, City of Sammamish

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 4:00-5:30 p.m.

Resource Center, Hughes, (District Staff/Community)

Thursday, Jan. 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Kirkland City Hall

PTSA

BOEING FAMILIES: MATCHING DEADLINE APPROACHING

If you are a Boeing employee, the deadline for requesting matching funds for your donation to Peter Kirk PTSA is quickly approaching. For contributions you made in 2011, you have until January 31 to request a match from Boeing. You can request a match at the Boeing web at:

http://community.web.boeing.com/cc_gift.cfm

It's an easy way to help out Peter Kirk. For every dollar you donate, Boeing will contribute a dollar. It adds up fast!

Your contribution helps fund important PTSA programs at Peter Kirk, including volunteer recruitment, math and science enrichment, and community connections. Thank you Boeing, and Boeing families, for all you do to make Peter Kirk a great school.

PTSA FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Thank you for giving to the Peter Kirk PTSA. Your **donations to date total \$52,074**, surpassing our PTSA fundraising goal for the year. Congratulations!

With your continued support of Amazon Rewards, eScrip and Corporate Matching, our annual fundraisers are estimated to exceed our goal by \$15,000; therefore the Spring Social & Auction will be cancelled. Your generous giving will fund enrichment programs for all students at Peter Kirk Elementary.

	Net totals	Notes
Fun Run	\$37,143.90	\$4,143.90 over goal
Donations	\$8,478.10	\$6,978.10 over goal
Corporate Matching	\$1,115.36	* \$10,400 more confirmed *
Book Fair	\$2,152.00	\$152 over goal
PK Partners	(\$82.05)	on hold
Amazon Rewards	\$537.97	\$1,500 annual goal
eScrip	\$489.43	\$800 annual goal
Grants	\$2,239.50	
Total	\$52,074.21	\$3,274.81 over goal

Thank you to the Fundraising Team: Margaret McLaughlin and Jen Fernandes (Fun Run), Ashley DeBruler (Donations), Heidi Kelly (Corporate Matching), Juliette Serr, Katherine Royal (Book Fair) and Linda Leste (Amazon Rewards.) Your dedication and enthusiasm makes a difference at our school.

For more information visit the fundraising page at the PTSA website at www.peterkirkptsa.org or email Bobbi Ostrum at fundraising@peterkirkptsa.org.

SAVE THE DATE: GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – FEB. 2ND AT 6:30 P.M.

Please join us at our next General Membership Meeting, Thursday February 2nd from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in the library. A proposed budget change (additional funds to the Instructional Materials Grant) will be on the agenda.

Community Notes

PANTRY PACKS ORGANIZATION NEEDS OUR HELP:

What is Pantry Packs? We are a local non-profit with the goal of keeping hungry kids fed. There are kids in our own community without enough food at home to keep their tummies full over the weekend.

Pantry Packs provides a backpack program. Every Thursday, packs are filled with kid-friendly food for the weekend. Kids (identified by school counselors) are able to take the packs home on Fridays, fill their cupboards, and return the packs on Monday to be re-filled for the next week.

There are many ways individuals, students, and groups can help us.

Want to know more? Find us on Facebook; link available through the 'Peter Kirk PTSA' Page. Want to volunteer? Email us at pantrypacks@gmail.com
