

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

Watch DOGS: Dads with
Doughnuts

February 16 - 20

No School Mid-Winter
Break

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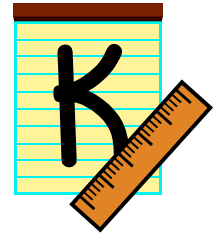
<http://schools.lwsd.org/kirk/>

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.**

CHORUS PARTY

The end-of-the-chorus-year party is Tuesday, Jan. 10, at the regular chorus rehearsal time of 3:20—4:00 in the music room. We are doing a finger-good potluck again this year. Please bring a snack to share, about one plate's worth. Ms. Peterson will provide paper goods and drinks. This will conclude the chorus for the year. Questions? Call or email Ms. Peterson.

kpeterson@lwsd.org



Food Drive for Hopelink

The Student Council sponsored a food drive for Hopelink from December 1 – 15th. It was a huge success thanks to everyone! We collected about 1,800 pounds of food. We delivered at least 2,800 food items to families in need during the holiday season.

We had a friendly competition to see which grade levels could bring in the most food items. We had a three way tie because it was just too close to count! The grade levels were kindergarten, third and fourth graders. These students will receive an extra recess or a special treat for their classes.



Life Skills Corner*Praise Note Prizes go to...***Easton F.** (Reubish) **Caring****Henry S.** (Leifer/Frost) **Responsibility****Kate P.** (Raines) **Cooperation****Maddie D.** (P.Lotz) **Effort****Katie W.** (J.Lotz) **Cooperation****Caroline H.** (Ishii) **Effort****Anna H.** (Curry) **Friendship****WatchD.O.G.S this week!**

No Watch DOGS this week.

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.



Sign up to be a Watch DOG today! <http://signupgenius.com>

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

**Home and School Connection - A Healthy New Year!**

When children eat right and get enough sleep, they can stay alert in class and learn more. Help your children start the year off right with these healthy habits:

●As part of a balanced diet, your children should have five to nine servings of fruits and vegetables each day. They will be more likely to eat ones that they choose. Ask, "Which fruit would you like for breakfast?" or "What vegetable should I make for dinner?" **Tip:** Keep a fruit bowl on the table and cut-up vegetables in the refrigerator for snacks.

●Be sure your children sleep 10 to 11 hours per night. You can help them wind down at bedtime with quiet activities like reading or coloring. Remind them to

use the bathroom and get a drink of water before they lie down so they will have no reason to get back up.☒



January LIFESKILLS Highlight

Organization : *To plan, arrange, and implement in an orderly way; to keep things orderly and ready to use*

Organization is a state of mind that everything be in its place – in working order and ready to go. In this busy world it's difficult to complete responsibilities and be satisfied that we've done our "personal best." Many of us have good intentions but lack either the skills for the task or the short-long-term planning methods to see a job through from its inception to completion. It requires the LIFESKILLS of Organization along with Effort and Flexibility to be successful in our endeavors.

What does Organization look like at home?

Adults

- Don't procrastinate; meet deadlines
- Maintain a clutter-free home environment that is welcoming and supportive of family life
- Be prepared for emergencies

Children

- Identify and keep track of your own stuff; each item has a place and is returned immediately to that place after use
- Maintain clutter-free workspaces; clean up after themselves
- Show up for special activities according to schedule

What does Organization look like in school?

- Turn in homework, class work, tests, and projects on or before the due date
- Maintain a clutter-free work environment
- Show up for special activity practices according to schedule
- Bring materials that are necessary for projects
- Give notes from the teacher to parents and bring responses back to class

Pride: *Satisfaction from doing one's personal best*

Pride is not something you do, it is something you experience. Pride is what drives us to do our personal best and feeds our sense of self-worth in a respectful, rather than arrogant way. This is not to be confused with False Pride which can be built upon a sense of importance that is misguided, i.e. the bully or Mr. Cool. Understand the difference between doing **Personal Best** and reaching perfection. The mark of maturity is feeling pride in both process and product by having given your **Person Best** even if we don't achieve perfection. Then teach your child to accept acknowledgement graciously.

What does Pride look like at home?

Adults

- Model work ethic and pride in workmanship, no matter the occupation or profession
- Appreciate your child's efforts to succeed at home and in school
- Acknowledge your family's cultural heritage and pass it on to your child

Children

- Perform assigned jobs with accuracy and care; work to their personal standards
- Acknowledge people who are using the LIFESKILL of Personal Best
- Feel satisfaction from a job well done

What does Pride look like at school?

- Participate actively in extracurricular activities
- Sing the Peter Kirk school song, know our mascot, and understand the mission statement
- Turn in papers that are neat, accurate, and on time

PTSA

WINTER SESSION OF BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS IS NOW OPEN!

Please visit www.peterkirkptsa.org for a complete listing and registration forms.

A few things to remember when registering your child(ren) into a program:

- Please complete one registration form and one check per student per program
- Payment is due at time of registration to 'hold' student's spot in program
- An email will be sent to all parents prior to program start date confirming enrollment
- All programs require a parent chaperone present during class time. Parents should plan on volunteering their time (to chaperone) for at least one class during session.

Corrections, Additions & Notations for Winter Session Programs:

- There is NO lego club being offered during Winter Session. It is not due to a lack of interest, but rather a scheduling conflict with the vendor. Please contact Jennifer Rex at jennifer.rex@frontier.com with your questions.
- The final class of Drama Club (March 6th) is also the Performance Day
- Roots & Shoots is open to enrollment year round. Contact Jess Harris at jesshiker@gmail.com for more information.

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.



THE PTSA NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS LOOKING FOR YOU!

Want to have a say in the future leaders of the Peter Kirk Elementary School PTSA? If so, what better way to do so then by joining the nominating committee? The Nominating Committee is responsible for selecting (nominating) candidates for the Elected Board Positions. No prior PTSA involvement is necessary and time commitment is minimal and can be done mostly from home. This is a great opportunity to meet new families and make a difference in our school.

Please contact Penelope Smith at membership@peterkirkptsa.org for more information. Nominating Committee Members are to be official voted in at the February 2nd General Membership Meeting.



Community Notes

Co-Ed T-Ball League Registration

2012 Pre-K & Kindergarten Co-Ed T-Ball League Registration OPEN NOW! Practices begin week of March 12th; Games start week of April 16th. No Weekend Obligations. See <https://kirkland.positiveplace.org> to register today! Contact Nick Warren @ nwarren@positiveplace.org for more information.

Kirkland Christmas Tree Pickup & Recycling event is Saturday & Sunday, **January 7th & 8th** in the Norkirk/Highlands area (East of Market to I-405 between Central Way and 15th Ave.). Place your trees at curbside and **Boy Scout Troop 570** will haul them away for you. Or you can drop trees off at McAuliffe Park. All trees will be mulch for use by Kirkland Parks Department. A suggested \$15 tax-deductible donation is appreciated.

More information on www.Troop570.org. Any questions? Please contact Troop 570 at [425-877-3321](tel:425-877-3321).