

# 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 18th

Reflection Entries Due

#### October 19th

Homework Club  
1:45-2:45 Library  
Meets Wed through Nov 16th

#### October 20th

Watch DOGS: Pizza Night (6:30pm)

#### October 28th

Egg Drop Challenge

#### October 31st

Halloween Parade

#### November 3rd

Reflections Reception

#### November 10th

Veterans Day Assembly

#### November 11th

No School—Veterans Day

#### November 18th

Sock Hop 7-9PM KJH

#### November 22nd

Picture Retakes

#### November 23rd

Early Release at 11:45 AM

#### November 24-25th

No School—Thanksgiving Break

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

See website for complete list of school activities scheduled.  
<http://schools.lwsd.org/kirk/>  
Calendar

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### Tug of War FUN!

The great weather finally allowed us to have some fun and finish up our Fun Run Prizes! Classes turning in the most Fun Run envelopes had their shot at a friendly game of Tug of War on Thursday! I'm not sure who is having more fun...the kids or the teachers!



### Principal Spirit Luncheon!

Also on Thursday, Mrs. Dennehy had the chance to enjoy a fancy luncheon with the kids who showed the most PK spirit by demonstrating some important lifeskills: showing their PERSONAL BEST and putting forth EFFORT, dressing

the part and demonstrating PRIDE in PK, or helping a friend (or Mrs. Dennehy) keep running by encouraging them and demonstrating FRIENDSHIP! Way to go! It was an honor to eat lunch with each of you!



**A BIG SMILE OF THANKS!**

Picture Day was very successful! We would like to thank the following volunteers for taking time out of their busy schedules for volunteering and making the day run smoothly. **Carmen Jones, Carolyn Koester, Jody Kantor, Brenda Baker, Linda Howe, Betsy Wilcox, Sandra DiGiacomo** and **Liane Marques**. For students and volunteers who still need to have pictures taken, retakes will be on November 22.

**LifeSkills Corner**

*Praise Note Prizes go to....*

**Abe S** (Lunsford) **Responsibility**  
**Kuba H** (Romano) **Responsibility**  
**Lorenza P** (Mann) **Effort, Problem Solving**  
**Emmy O** (P Lotz) **Cooperation, Patience**  
**Alex M** (Keck) **Sense of Humor, Effort**  
**Sophia N** (Simpson) **Responsibility**  
**Morgan R** (Underdahl) **Cooperation, Effort**



**Way to go! Keep up the good work!**

**Halloween**

Halloween has been a traditional "kids holiday" throughout the United States for generations. But, the emphasis on the event has grown significantly since our youth. There are many examples of the increased emphasis, such as movies, books, activities and events. At school, we downplay most of the Halloween events, leaving it to you to participate in whatever manner you feel appropriate. It is Peter Kirk tradition to have a parade on the afternoon of Halloween to give students an opportunity to show their costumes to one another. Costumes are not required to join in the parade. Please remember when purchasing/making costumes for your children that costumes are **NOT** to emphasize violence; for example, NO WEAPONS or BLOOD-n-GORE or FRIGHTNING MASKS. Costumes may **NOT** be worn to school; they are to be put on independently during a designated time set aside according to their teachers' direction. **Please do not send your children to school with face paint on/or in their possession.** Makeup can be saved for the evening trick-or-tricking. Also, fog machines or large amounts of dry ice will set off our smoke alarms, so we cannot use them.



With such a rich and diverse population in our community, the staff members and I realize that many families have different beliefs; and, because of religious, personal or cultural reasons, some families do not wish to share in Halloween activities. You always have the option to keep your child home, or leave school early based on your preference. Our librarian, Ms. Cranson, will also be available to supervise students in the library who opt not to participate. They can take in classroom work or read.

The schedule will be as follows:

**1:54 - 2:09**     **ALL School Recess**  
**2:15 - 2:30**     **Halloween Parade**  
**2:30 - 3:15**     **Classroom Parties**

## PTSA

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP:

Thank You to everyone who was able to make it to last night's General Membership Meeting. It was our first meeting and we had a great turn-out! Below we've highlighted the key points of the meeting. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PTSA President, Ashley DeBruler at [president@peterkirkptsa.org](mailto:president@peterkirkptsa.org)



- o KJH Principal, Debroah McCarson made a presentation on the transition for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students to the Middle School.
- o Margaret McLaughlin provided a wrap-up on the huge success of 2011 Fun Run.
- o A \$5000 Grant for Principal's Instructional Materials was passed.
- o Peter Madison was elected to serve on this year's Nominating Committee. 2 positions still remain open and hope to be filled at the December Meeting.
- o Standing Rules and Budget for the 2011-12 School Year were approved.

### MICROSOFT GIVING CAMPAIGN: CHOOSE PK PTSA!

If you work at Microsoft, you know it's open enrollment season! Please consider "Peter Kirk Elementary PTSA" this year. You can opt for automatic deductions, or you can elect to have the funds that you give the PTSA matched by Microsoft.

With all the fantastic software you are making in Redmond, it's easy: Go to: <http://give>. Click "Match Now" button. Search for: Peter Kirk Elementary PTSA. Enter your details!

Help make "Your Potential, Our Passion" more than just a slogan. Sign up and help Peter Kirk realize its full potential. Thank you!

### REFLECTIONS - LAST CALL ARTISTS, DANCERS AND WRITERS!

All Reflections entries are due to school by the end of the day on **Tuesday October 18th**. Avoid disqualifications and be sure you complete fill out your entry form and review all the guidelines for your entry category with respect to size and format. Find information and forms at the [Reflections](#) webpage.



Does your family enjoy the Reflections program and the special Reception that we host for families of the artists/creators? If so, the Reflections committee needs your help to plan this year's reception on 11/3. Contact [reflections@peterkirkptsa.org](mailto:reflections@peterkirkptsa.org) if you'd be able to help.

### CALLING ALL FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES: WATCHDOGS PIZZA NIGHT IS NEXT WEEK!

On **Thursday, October 20th** from **6:00 – 7:30 pm** we will be having our 2nd annual 'Dads and Kids' Pizza Night at our school. You will meet in the school gymnasium at 6:00 pm for pizza and prizes. At 6:30 we will have a presentation about our WATCH D.O.G.S.® (Dads Of Great Students) Program. If you haven't already done so, **please RSVP promptly (to [watchdogs@peterkirkptsa.org](mailto:watchdogs@peterkirkptsa.org)) so we have an accurate count of just how much pizza we'll need!**



**WATCH D.O.G.S.®** is an innovative program being used by schools across America which helps them to be positively impacted by the committed involvement of fathers and father-figures in their student's life. Our goal is to have you spend at least one day this year at the school to be a positive male role model and to provide an extra set of eyes and ears.

Find more information regarding this event or the WatchDOGS Programs please visit [www.peterkirkpsa.org](http://www.peterkirkpsa.org).



## Community Notes

### LOST BIKE

A girls purple Magna Malibu bike with white basket was found last week near the Crestwoods trail behind our school. If you are missing your bicycle, please email Kimberly Kirkland at [kirkland15@hotmail.com](mailto:kirkland15@hotmail.com)

### Sister Schools Auction

**When:** October 22nd

**Where:** Museum of Flight

Sister Schools is dedicated to giving children a better understanding of the world in which they live. Through our program at PK and at other local schools, kids are able to experience the life-changing effect of personally giving to those less fortunate.

This is a great evening with dinner and fun auction items and for a great cause!! If you are interested in attending, you can register on their website. [www.sisterschools.org](http://www.sisterschools.org)



### NOVEMBER KID YOGA (for ages 5-10)

**Day:** Wednesdays

**Time:** 4:00-4:45 (no class on 11/23)

**Where:** COLUMBIA ATHLETIC CLUB - JUANITA BAY (11450 98<sup>TH</sup> Ave NE Kirkland WA (425-821-0882))

**Cost:** CAC Members--\$28 for the month

Nonmembers-\$ 32 for the month

\$15 drop in fee

(48 hr cancellation required for refund)

This age appropriate class will introduce young people to the benefits of yoga in a fun and non-intimidating environment! CAC instructor, Nathalie Bleakney has a lot of experience teaching yoga to children and is eager to share her love of yoga with kids! SIGN UP AT THE FRONT DESK or CALL TODAY!!

