

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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Upcoming Events:

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October 28th

Egg Drop Challenge

October 31st

Halloween Parade

November 3rd

Reflections Reception

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

School and Principal Notes

Halloween Parade

Join us for our annual Halloween parade! See the schedule below.

ALL School Recess 1:54-2:09

Halloween Parade 2:15-2:30

Classroom Parties 2:30-3:15

Students should BRING their costumes ONLY and will have the opportunity to change during recess. Remember we only have 15 minutes to get ready, therefore leave makeup and hair color at home.

Parking as you know will be tricky. We will open the bus lane only (not the fire lane) for parking, but you will need to move your cars prior to 3:00.

The Toy that Math Built

"The BEST assembly we have ever had!" This was the statement I heard many times over after our assembly, The Toy that Math Built, Thursday presented by Rick Hartmen. With our school focus on Math this assembly was a perfect fit and amount of fun and academics rolled into one! Mr. Hartmen took the kids of Peter Kirk on an exciting adventure full of problem solving, mental math, and student interaction, and in the end created the MB (Math Bot) 3000...complete with arms and a head!

A former classroom teacher turned madcap toy inventor, Rick has mesmerized K-8 audiences around the Northwest with "toyful" lessons in science, history, literature, invention and the arts. Mr. Hartmen, had Kindergarten - sixth grade fascinated by math and hit on the state standards of each grade level during his performance!

This assembly was brought to us FREE by the King County Library System, who also took some time on Thursday to promote the Ready, Set, Read program, where kids are able to read for new, free books!

Thank you Mrs. Cranson for jumping on the opportunity to bring Mr. Hartmen to PK and support our school-wide math focus, while also promoting the importance of reading!



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Egg-cellent Job!

261 entries dropped

171 entries survived

66% survival rate

44% overall school participation



Thanks to the following parents who helped out and braved the wind and rain for the sake of science: **Hae Sue Park, Brenda Baker, Lauren Nalder, Ann Braun, Ashley DeBruler, Linda Howe, Debbie Ohman, Sandra DiGiacomo, Rachel Pemble, Kathy Royal, and Amanda Good**

A VERY special you to **Sean DeBruler** and **Lani Alvarez** for organizing this awesome event and the **Kirkland Fire Department** for spending their time here at Peter Kirk!

Those students whose eggs survived the 60+ foot fall will receive special 'My Egg Survived' Certificates to be sent home on Monday. Congratulations to all the "Survivors":

Emma	Emmy	Pranav	Alex	Anna	Laney	Beck	Aiden	Taylor
Eric	Steffen	Annika	Claire	Holly	Reece	Dakota	Ella	Zachary
Michael	Katherine	Emily	Andreana	Kevin	Brooke	Toren	Mia	Austin
Jack	Taara	Johanna	Danny	Tyler	Daniel	Finley	Sofia	
Charles	Karsten	Neeka	Jacob	Kelsey	Niveya	Abyranna	Isis	
Desirée	Maximilian	Zachary	Timmy	Jack	Aubrey	Mia	Aidan	
Isaac	Bella	Evan	Adeline	David	Quinn	Kathryn	Alia	
Julian	Sara	Avesta	Jane	Sean	Anna	Christopher	Millan	
Helen	Matthew	Cole	Carmen	Henry	Abby	Maya	Greta	
Fahad	Luke	Sydney	William	Ethan	Emily	Kendall	Hannah	
Colin	Aiden	Ben	Lauren	Natalie	Riley	Lelia	Skylr	
Maddie	Austin	Ashlyn	Sonny	Kendahl	Olivia	Emmie	Ella	
Devon	Asher	Carlos	Orion	Raquel	Dillon	Lucy	Aliza	
William	Emily	Tabitha	Andy	Nathaniel	Lilly	Alex	Sam	
Shane	Landon	Jason	Erick	Maddie	Asiran	Carlo	Kylie	
Brooks	Paxton	Sophie	Kate	Brooke	Elise	Nevan	Justin	
Blaze	Lily	Natalie	Chase	Simon	Matthew	Vince	Paolina	
Paul	Elizabeth	Noah	Gwyneth	Misha	Ximena	Buddy	Cyrus	
Bridget	Brady	Alexis	Jacco	Olivia	Kate	Jordan	Alex	
Jackson	Grace	Maia	Sophia	Sydney	Lorenza	Aidan	Zachary	
Sydney	Ryah	Hudson	Manasvini	Isabella	Sherab	Laila	Max	



Peter Kirk Elementary School Co-hosts “My Secret Bully” Author Visit

On **November 14th** Peter Kirk and Benjamin Franklin Elementary staff and parents will have the opportunity to spend time with Trudy Ludwig, children’s advocate and best-selling author of *My Secret Bully*. Her book, which addresses emotional bullying among friends, was profiled on ABC’s “Good Morning America” and PBS’s nationally syndicated show, “Keeping Kids Healthy.” Her subsequent releases, *Just Kidding, Sorry!, Trouble Talk®*, *Too Perfect, Confessions of a Former Bully*, and her newest release, *Better Than You*, have also received national praise for helping children cope and thrive in their social world.

Trudy will be providing a special evening parent presentation on **Monday, November 14**. The parent talk, “**Understanding Our Kids’ Social World: Friendships, Cliques & Power Plays**,” will take place from **7:00 – 8:30 p.m.** at Ben Franklin Elementary.

For more information about Trudy Ludwig, her books, and other resources on the topic of relational aggression, please visit the author’s website: www.trudyludwig.com

Hope to see many of you at this event!

November Life Skill Focus—Friendship and Sense of Humor

What is Friendship?

Friendship describes the caring , affectionate, playful, and usually strong emotional bond we experience with an assortment of companions during various stages of our lives

What does Friendship look like in school?

- Offer to help classmates when needed in any way they can
- Ignore or confront or confront classmates who spread hurtful rumors
- Learn more about classmates lives and interests in order to be a friends
- Tell the truth in a tactful way
- Keep secrets unless someone is endangered
- Are friendly to all classmates
- Share materials

What is Sense of Humor

A sense of humor tables us to experience joy and laughter even when faced with misfortune. It is a state of mind and a spirit that we carry through life.

What does a Sense of Humor look like in school?

- Share jokes and riddles from books you are reading
- Laugh at yourself when you do or say something funny
- Laugh at yourself when you make a mistake
- Understand what is appropriate humor for class and school



Life Skills Corner***Praise Note Prizes go to...*****Maya R**—Reubish—Pride, Initiative**Brendan K**—Frost/Leifer Problem solving, resourcefulness**Connor** —Taberner- Caring, flexibility**Max H**—Feldsher - Common sense, Cooperation**Zach M**—Keck -Caring, Effort**Aydan J**—MacDonald - Responsibility**Kayla B**—Underdahl - Friendship, caring**LOST & FOUND**

Our lost and found racks are overflowing with over 100 jackets and shirts ! Please have your student check the racks located outside the 5th and 6th grade pods or if you are planning to be here for Halloween , the racks will be relocated at the school entrance for your convenience. Thank you.

**PTSA****THE PETER KIRK REFLECTIONS GALLERY IS NOW OPEN!**

Have you seen the transformed school library? Entries for this year's PTA sponsored Reflections fine arts program are now on display. All students in the school will have the chance to pick their favorite entry for the coveted People's Choice Award during their library times. The **Reflections Reception for the artists and their families will be Thursday, November 3, from 6:30 - 7:30 pm in the school library.** Students will be presented with their presentation certificates, and special announcements will be made regarding Finalists advancing to the next stage of the competition, as well as the People's Choice and Principal's Choice Awards. Hope to see you there!

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE PETER KIRK PTSA?

During the first two months of school, the Peter Kirk PTSA sponsored 12 programs including:

- Welcome Back Picnic
- Peter Kirk Pride Day
- Wellness Week
- Walk to School Day
- Reflections
- WatchDOGS Pizza Night

...and the fall launch of **10 Before & After school Clubs.**

Thank You to all the volunteers and families who participated in these events!

In addition, the Peter Kirk PTSA provided financial support to the following programs:

- 5th and 6th Grade Camp Enrichment - \$ 4024
- Art Docent Program - \$1900
- Stipend Programs (including Chorus, Homework Club and Student Council) - \$4024
- Grounds Beautification - \$250
- Instructional (Principal's) Materials Grant - \$5000

Thank You to all the families and whose donations have made these programs possible!

So, what's next...?

- Amazon School Rewards Promotion
- Peter Kirk Sock Hop: November 18th at Kirkland Junior High
- Fall/Winter After School Math Programs: Explorations in Math & Math is Cool
- Scholastic Book Fair: November 30th through December 3rd
- Make-It, Take-It Fair: December 3rd

Community Notes

WEDNESDAY SNOW SPORTS PROGRAMS 11-12

Winter is approaching and the Wednesday Snow Sports Program will be starting up January 11th. This is a six week program at Summit West Ski Area, finishing on February 15th. Students are transported from Peter Kirk.

Additional information and applications can be found at www.snowsportsconsultingservice.com. Click on Student Forms and Info. Applications can be returned with payment to the school office.

Direct question to: Brian Kurwoski, Peter Kirk Parent (503) 385-7251 or
Ed Kiser, SSCS Coordinator (206) 406-0986



"FIRST FRIDAYS" FOR KIDS AT THE BELLEVUE ART MUSEUM, BROUGHT TO YOU BY [SMART WITH ART](#) THE PROVIDER OF AFTER-SCHOOL ART CLASSES AT PETER KIRK.

When: November 4, 5:30-7:30

Where: Bellevue Art Museum

Who: Children ages 5 and up

Cost: \$30/child; \$50 for two kids (friends or siblings)

Parents! Drop the kids off, and have some "date night time"! The kids will have a docent lead tour of a current museum exhibit, pizza dinner, and studio time to create a unique piece inspired by the monthly profile artist. November's artist is Janice Arnold and the children will be making handmade felt projects.

SJV HOLIDAY TREE SALE:

Help support local high school students earn their way to Tijuana to build homes. Ninth annual youth group tree sale opens 11/25 & runs thru 12/21.

Where: St. John Vianney Church 12600 84th Ave NE Kirkland 98034

Hours: Monday-Friday 5-8:00pm. Sat 8-9:00pm. Sun 8-5:00pm.

Questions or special orders: Ken Goodwin 425.823.6840, goodwin.hp@gmail.com