

# 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

11th

School Picture Day

13th

Gen Membership Meeting

18th

Reflections Entries Due

20th

Watch DOGS: Pizza Night

28th

Egg Drop Challenge

31st

Halloween Parade

**REMINDER: SCHOOL PICTURE DAY IS TUESDAY, OCT 11TH**



### Walk to School Day was a Great Success!

Congratulations to all of our walkers and bikers who braved the rain for International Walk to School Day on Wednesday! We had a great turnout. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make the event fun, including **Juliette Serr, Amy Cooley, Francis Bailey, Alexis Christensen, Kini Parente, Nicole MacKenzie, Mrs. Dennehy** (who didn't look at all like herself that morning), and the Kirkland police officers, fire fighters, and Kirkland city council members who joined us. Please continue to walk or bike to school whenever you can - it's good for our bodies, the earth, and definitely the parking lot mayhem at our school!



NICE WORK PETER KIRK!



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 RESULTS & PRIZE WINNERS!**

- Fun Run Total = \$47,529.05 (This includes \$5790 in matching funds)
- 463 envelopes returned = 77%
- 269 kids raised \$100 and received prize

**Classes with top 10% envelopes returned earned an extra recess**

- BaughSmith/ Creek, Curry
- Keck, J Lotz
- Feldsher, P Lotz
- Higgins, Leifer/Frost, Liggett/Gordon,
- Reubish AM

There was so much spirit it was hard to choose for our Principal Spirit Luncheon next Thursday, October, 13th, but these kids either gave it their all, showed their spirit in what they wore, or kept Mrs. Dennehy's spirit up while she tried to keep up!



**Paolina P** – Taberner  
**Clare J** – Leifer/Frost  
**Chad B** – Leifer Frost  
**Blaze J** – Dorey  
**Ava H** – Zervas  
**Brooke C** – P.Lotz  
**Emmie S** – P.Lotz  
**Makena P** – P.Lotz  
**Jax W** – Rice  
**Ella S** – Higgins  
**Max H** - Feldsher

**Lauren S**– Ishii  
**Sasha H** – Hubbard/Webster  
**Graham H** – Keck  
**Lauren S** – Keck  
**Alexis D**– Ishii  
**Sophie G** – Keck  
**Danny P** – Ishii  
**Nick P** – Keck  
**Alexander S** – PM Reubish  
**Josephine BG** – PM Reubish  
**Carter C** - Lunsford  
**Isaac L** – Curry  
**Helen S** - Curry  
**Ani M** - Heliotis

**LifeSkills Corner*****Praise Note Prizes go to....***

**Cole S** .(Responsibility) **Heliotis**  
**Finn Y.** (Patience) **Leifer/Frost**  
**Tanner O.** (Common sense) **Zervas**  
**Lilly G.** (Problem Solving) **Feldsher**  
**Orion K.** (Organization) **J. Lotz**  
**Adeline T.** (Caring) **Ishii**  
**Hunter T.** (Effort) **Curry**



### Electronics at School Policy

Recently a group of parents and staff members came together to review and revise the Electronics at School Policy on **page 8** of the Peter Kirk Family Handbook. Teachers will review the new policy with kids next week. With technology and school age children, there comes an element of danger. Please see below in the Home and School Connection and talk with your kids about appropriate cell phone use and as a family have a plan.

#### **New Policy**

### Electronics at School

#### **Cell Phones**

Cell Phones must be turned OFF and kept in backpacks during the school day. If a cell phone is used or rings during school hours, parents will be called and responsible for picking the phone up in the office. Cell phones may be turned ON only after leaving the main building, after school hours, and only to contact parents/guardians. Phones should not be used as cameras, voice recorders, game devices, etc while on school property. To limit unnecessary disruptions, parents and guests also need to turn cell phones off before entering the building.

#### **Electronic Readers**

Kindles, Nooks, and other reading devices are permitted at school for the purpose of reading teacher approved literature and should not cause distraction to the owner or others.

#### **Other Electronics**

To limit unnecessary disruptions cameras, iPods, Gameboys, iPads, etc. are not permitted at school.

**Note:** Peter Kirk and/or the Lake Washington School District are not responsible for any stolen, lost, or damaged electronics brought to school.

#### **Old Policy**

### Electronics at School

To limit unnecessary disruptions, cell phones, cameras, iPods, Blackberries, Gameboys, Kindles, etc. should NOT be brought to school and students **are not allowed to carry these items on their person during school hours**. However, if they are absolutely necessary, cell phones must be turned off and kept in back packs during the school day. If a cell phone is used or rings during school hours, parents will be called and responsible for picking the phone up in the office.

### Home and School Connection

- Choose a cell phone plan for your child with reasonable limits. If you don't want your child to have internet access on his or her cell phone, don't buy a phone that is internet-enabled. (They cost more anyway.)
- Find out what types of parental controls are available on your child's cell phone. Common parental controls include filtering explicit content. Another parental control blocks the purchases of ringtones, graphics, and online games.
- Keep cell phone use in check. Try creating cell-phone-free zones, such as by having a basket where family members deposit their cell phones while you eat dinner. If you subscribe to a data plan or have a phone that can access the internet, TV, or video, set limits on screen time—just like you would with your family television. Then monitor what your child is watching.
- Set a good example. Parents can be just as absorbed in their cell phones and Blackberries as kids can. Model balanced, respectful cell phone use.
- Talk about cell phone bullying. Ask your kids to let you know if they get harassing text messages or phone calls. Make it clear that you will not tolerate any type of bullying. [Read more about bullying and cyberbullying](#)
- Talk to your kids about "sexting" (sending sexually-suggestive photos or comments through text messages). Make

- Tell your kids not to share their cell phone number online, especially to people they don't know, even if they've been talking with them for a while in a chat room or through instant messaging. Encourage them not to put cell phone numbers (or any phone numbers) on their Facebook page. [Read more about online safety](#)
- Make sure you set meaningful consequences for violations of your family's cell phone rules, and consistently follow through with those consequences. Don't be afraid to take away your child's cell phone if she doesn't follow the rules.
- The rate of technology advance in cell phones can be staggering—and keeping up with how your kids use them can be just as difficult. But by using the parental controls available to you, setting expectations, enforcing boundaries with discipline, and talking regularly with your kids about proper cell phone use, you can help them learn to navigate the world of cellular technology responsibly and safely.

## PTSA

### **JOIN US FOR THE FIRST GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!**

Next **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> (from 6:30-8:00)** is our first General Membership Meeting in the school **library**. Join us to hear updates on the Fun Run, Emergency Preparedness and Volunteer Opportunities. We will also be approving this year's budget and electing a Nominating Committee. And of course, door prizes! Hope to see you there!

### **ART DOCENT TRAINING:**

It is time for the docent training. Training will give everyone (art docents and assistants) an understanding of responsibilities, resources, and format. It is also a wonderful time to connect with all other parents that are involved with the art programs happening at Peter Kirk.

#### **Art Docent Training Times:**

- October 10<sup>th</sup> 10:00am to 11:00am in the library
- October 13<sup>th</sup> 1:0 pm to 2:00pm in the library

### **REFLECTIONS DUE: "DIVERSITY MEANS..."**

Remember! The deadline for the **PTSA Reflections** arts recognition program and competition is coming up fast!

**Create and share your visions on the theme: Diversity means . . .**  
**Due Tuesday October 18<sup>th</sup>**

Find complete details, category requirements, and entry forms at [www.peterkirkptsa.org](http://www.peterkirkptsa.org) on the [Reflections Web Page](#)



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### **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!

**CALLING ALL FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES: WATCHDOGS PIZZA NIGHT COMING SOON!**

On **Thursday, October 20th** from **6:00 – 7:30 pm** we will be having our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**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.

**Look for your official invitation to come home in kid mail next week!** And remember to RSVP promptly so we have an accurate count of just how much pizza we'll need!



**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.

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



**The Peter Kirk Chorus**

Peter Kirk Chorus will have its first rehearsal on Tuesday, Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, from 3:20-4:00 p.m. in the music room. Chorus is for intermediate grade singers who like to sing and perform, and we meet every Tuesday at the above time from October through December 13th. We have space for 70 singers, with 6<sup>th</sup> graders getting the first slots, followed by 5<sup>th</sup> graders, then 4<sup>th</sup> graders. If we get more sign-ups than we have space for, we will put the overload names on a waiting list, and they will be called as slots become available. ***Regardless of numbers, all interested students should get a permission slip from Ms. Peterson, return it signed by a parent or guardian, and come to the first rehearsal on October 11.*** Students who are on patrol that day should fulfill their patrol duties and then come to rehearsal. Questions? Contact Ms. Peterson at [kpeterson@lwsd.org](mailto:kpeterson@lwsd.org).



## COMMUNITY NOTES

### LWHS JUNIOR KANG DRILL/DANCE KAMP IS COMING!!

**October 22nd, 2011**

Lake Washington High School

For Grades 5th—9th

Registration Deadline is

October 14th, 2011

More information and registration forms at:

[LWHS.DANCE.ART.OFFICE.LIVE.COM](http://LWHS.DANCE.ART.OFFICE.LIVE.COM)

Community Bulletin Board of your school website



### QUESTIONS?

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**“Once a Kang, Always a Kang”**