



From the Principal's Desk

Horace Mann Elementary
June 11, 2010

Dear Mann Community,

I hope you were able to come and enjoy **Art Night** last week. It was a huge success and a good time was had by all. The student art was fantastic and there were many engaging art activities. Thank you to the PTSA parents who helped organize this fun event!

I have purposefully waited till the last newsletter to give you an update on staffing for next year. It is always fun to welcome new staff members, but hard to say good-bye to some, too. Unfortunately we have to say good-bye to **Carrie Webster**. Mrs. Webster came in to finish the school year off for Mrs. Kessel when she left on maternity leave. Carrie has been a wonderful addition to the staff and truly has a heart for kids. We will miss her friendly demeanor and energy, but we are hoping to get her back subbing again next school year. Secondly we have to say good-bye to two awesome staff members who are retiring. **Mrs. Ashe** and **Mrs. Detweiler** are retiring this school year after a long career in education. Both have been a huge asset to Lake Washington School District and especially to Mann. Mrs. Detweiler has set up a hugely successful library program and has also dedicated herself to student leadership by running the Spirit Team. Mrs. Ashe has taught kindergarten to many of our students and has mentored countless teachers along the way. Mrs. Webster, Mrs. Ashe and Mrs. Detweiler will be thoroughly missed!

On another note, we also get to welcome new staff here at Mann and even see some current staff take on new roles. I am pleased to announce that **Colette Weber** will be remaining on staff and will be our new librarian for next school year. Colette is excited about this new opportunity and will continue with some of the excellent traditions Mrs. Detweiler has established in the library and add some new ideas, as well. We also are excited to announce that **Tracy Chester** will be returning to Mann. Many of you might remember that Mrs. Chester worked at Mann in previous years and we are so pleased to have her return. We also have the opportunity to welcome **Ian Maver** and **Sherry Ernst** to the Mann team next year. Mr. Maver is transferring from Blackwell Elementary and Mrs. Ernst is transferring from Lakeview Elementary. Both come with excellent recommendations and are thrilled to be joining the staff.

Before I end, I want to remind families that next **school year starts on Wednesday September 1st**. Even though it is a Wednesday, it will be a full day of school. Please be sure to mark your calendar. If you have questions about other dates for next school year, be sure to check the district website at www.lwsd.org. The entire school calendar for 2010-11 is posted. It is hard to believe this is the last newsletter of the school year. It has been a very successful school year and now it is time to enjoy some down time with friends and family. Thank you for a fantastic year. Sincerely, Megan Spaulding

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., June 14th	1:30-2:45 p.m. Field Day @ Horace Mann
Tues., June 15th	9:45 a.m. Awards Assembly
Wed., June 16th	9:00 a.m. 6th Grade Graduation in the Commons
	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL – 11:30 a.m. Dismissal for All Students
	**AM KINDERGARTEN ATTENDS – Dismissed @ 11:30 a.m.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Charged lunches will not be allowed after Friday, June 11. Students must have money in their accounts or have cash to purchase a lunch the last week of school. **All negative balance lunch accounts must be paid by Tuesday, June 15.** If negative balance accounts are not paid, **students will not receive their report cards.**

CHRISTIAN LIVELY'S EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Thanks to everyone who donated supplies to my drive. Because of your gracious contributions I am taking 67 activity kits with me to Ecuador. Thanks again for helping my dream turn into reality.

KNIGHTS OF THE MULTIPLICATION TABLE

Hear Ye, Hear Ye, on Thursday, June 10th, we held our last knighting ceremony of the 2009/2010 school year. These students worked hard to earn their place in the Royal order of the Knights of the Multiplication Table! ***Congratulations to our newest Junior and Senior Knights!!! Catherine Benson, Ross Heilweil, Logan MacKenzie, Parker Mclaughlin, AJ Richins, Michael Watt, Margaret Whipple and Jaime Wilkinson. Great job!***

HOPELINK ENDS SUMMER HUNGER

Kudos to the Horace Mann Community!! Our coin drive raised **\$1,111.17 for Hopelink to help families this summer!** You are all so generous and we are lucky to be a part of this great place!

THANK YOU!!

A huge round of applause for all of the wonderful people helping to “Color Our World” for Horace Mann Art Night last week. Thank-you to all of the art docents and parents including:

Heidi Houghton; Deb Nielsen; Cathy James; Cheryl Ferry; Stephanie Manske; Shraddhata Tawde; Youngmi Song; Teanna Kordel; Sumi Watanabe; Melinda Johnson; Kevin Kilstrom; Ann Gugat; Marlene Katz; Cece Leavitt; Megan Misallati; Michelle Vander Merwe; Jelena Pavicevic; Diane Decker; Susan Langsley; Shawna LeClair; Jodie Miller; Lisa Gormley; Susan Lubash; Lisa Wheeler; Sarah Hargreaves; Sally LaBay; Craig and Nicole Larsen; Isabel McClure; Toni Forseth; Einat Land; Betsy and Jeff Robb; Rong Liang; Melissa Heilweil; Gretchen MacKenzie; Regee Anson; Mike Ewanchuk; Colleen Nakamura; Karen Julka-Tischhauser; Heidi Jones; Stacey Lund; Satin Brennan; Diana Wagner; Valerie Merrill; Winnie Melrose; Lynne Whitaker; Jennifer Carlson; Becky Holtzinger; Angie Christensen; Michelle Obenaus; Alfa Alyssa Era; Polly Walker; Sue Burrus; Elaine Paul

A great time was had by all and we couldn't have done it without you!

ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOOL 2010

Here is a quick reminder as the school year is nearing the end... **The Lake Washington School District's Summer School program is now accepting mail-in registrations through June 25th. Both will be held at Twain Elementary from July 12-August 6, 2010.** Catalogues and registration information can be found on the district website (<http://www.lwsd.org/Parents/OtherPrograms/Pages/Summer-School.aspx>).

Walk-in registration will be held on June 26 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and June 28, 29 from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Redmond High School. Please contact Cheryl Chikalla, elementary Summer School Principal, at cchikalla@lwsd.org with any questions.