

Thursday, October 1, 2009

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John Muir News

Weekly news from John Muir Elementary and the PTSA

News From our Principal

Happy Friday. I hope you have all had a great week. Now that we are really getting into the year, it is likely that your student will be expected to do some homework over the course of a week. How nice it would be if homework were not necessary for our students to achieve the high standards we have set for them, but the reality is that "schooling occupies only about 13% of the waking hours of the first 18 years of life" which is less than the amount of time students spend watching television (Fraser, Walberg, Welch, & Hattie). We really do not have enough time in school to accomplish all that really needs to be accomplished to achieve our goal in the LWS D to have all students "Future Ready".

Following are four rules of thumb about homework: The amount of homework expected should naturally increase the older a student gets, parent involvement in homework should be kept to a minimum, but your monitoring of homework is essential, the learning objective for homework should be clear to the student, and if homework is assigned, it will be evaluated to some degree for completion and accuracy. In addition to general homework assignments that are designed to improve skills, independent reading should be done everyday. Time spent reading has a tremendous impact on a student's academic performance. If you ever have any questions about homework expectations, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. I have included a couple of handouts for you on the topic of homework in this Friday Packet. Have a great weekend with your family.

Sincerely,

Jeff DeGallier



John Muir Calendar



SAFETY PATROL SQUAD 3

- Oct 2 No School—LEAP Day
- Oct 6 3rd Grade Fieldtrip to the Farm
- Oct 8 PTSA Meeting, 9:15 a.m., Library
- Oct 9 5th Grade Fieldtrip to UW
- Oct 9 Abilities Awareness Fair, gym, 12:30-3:30 p.m.
- Oct 9 Art Class, 3:30-4:00 p.m., Room 128

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Oct 12 Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Remlinger Farm
- **Passport to Muir, 5-8 p.m., gym—Date Change, Nov. 5**

Volunteers Needed

Health Room Volunteers are needed on Mondays and Fridays from 11:30 – 1:30 pm. Attend to boo boos, sick kids and give some extra TLC.



Do you love books, lots and lots of books??!! A Library Helper is also needed on Mondays. Help with shelving and sorting books. Contact DyAnn Dennie if interested.

Clothing Needed

Did your kids have a growth spurt this summer? Do you have boxes of clothes that don't fit them anymore? Our Health Room is in desperate need of sweatpants and underwear for our younger students, grades K-3. Please send any new or used clothing items to school marked "health room". Thank you



CAMPBELL'S PROMOTION IN QFC STORE

Now through October 6th, QFC Totem Lake, 11224 NE 124th Street, in Kirkland will give you the opportunity to support John Muir Elementary each time you buy any 8 of Campbell's or Pepperidge Farm Products, ranging from Campbell's Soups and V8 Juice to Spaghetti Os and Pepperidge Farm Goldfish, with your **QFC Advantage Card, you'll receive 200 Bonus Labels**. For more information on how you can earn points for your school by using your Advantage Card, go to www.qfc.com and select "Earn Campbell's E-Labels for Education points online." No more clipping, only clicking!

A new feature that QFC will be promoting this month will allow their customers to donate labels for education to the school of their choice directly through the use of their computer. Stop by this weekend and we'll demonstrate just how easy this is to do. Ron Davidson, Store Manager generously donated 50,000 Campbell's Certificates this month, (part of last January's winnings). This will once again allow John Muir to purchase several items that will make a difference to benefit our students and staff. These items have helped teach early reading skills, as well as a few office supplies so that we can keep the staff workroom well supplied.

Many of the 6th Grade students will be in the Totem Lake QFC this Saturday, October 3rd and Sunday the 4th to inform QFC's customers about the "Labels for Education" Program. If there are **any 6th Grade parents available to assist these students from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on those days listed above, please contact Andrea Banocy, LaRee Ghassemi or Cindy King at 425-445-4889.**

Let's continue to earn more labels for John Muir during the 2009-2010 school year.

Time to Express Yourself with Reflections!

The PTSA encourages all students to participate in the annual art competition, Reflections. The theme this year is: "Beauty Is..." and entries will be collected **October 26-28**. Entry forms and rules are available in previous Friday Flyers, on the JM website, or the board outside the office. Students, tap your creativity with your own interpretation of the theme! So for example...



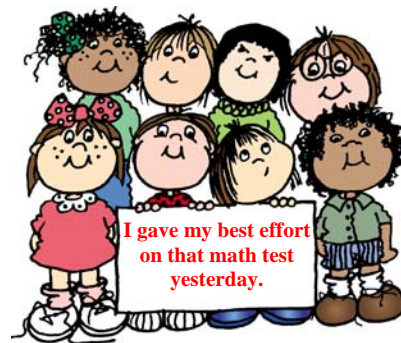
- write a story or a poem
- illustrate it too if you want!
- draw, paint, or create a computer-generated art piece!
- take a picture
- compose your own song or dance
- create a short film



Questions? Contact your teacher or Reflections Coordinator Shawn Thornsberry at s_thornsberry@hotmail.com

THE LIFESKILL FOR SEPTEMBER IS: EFFORT

To do your best.
A serious attempt or try.



PTSA Fundraisers

There are so many ways you can help raise funds for our school. Check out the list below.

PACE

www.4pace.com/seattle/

Labels for Education

www.labelsforeducation.com/ and www.fredmeyer.com/services/Pages/school_programs.aspx

Sally Foster

www.sallyfoster.com/sally/home.jsp

Personal Donations

Accepted anytime, just write a check to the JME PTSA.

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