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John Muir News

Weekly news from John Muir Elementary and the PTSA

News From our Librarian



School librarians are critical in evaluating the flood of information available to students. The librarian introduces students to a wide variety of literature through books. In addition, students need to have skills in the areas of analysis, interpretation, synthesis, application and communication of information. The teacher-librarian is integral to the development of these skills. The library is a place to find information, ideas, and inspiration. It is also a classroom. Each class meets weekly for one-half hour. The LWS D Curriculum is taught and student academic progress is reported in the LWS D Report Card.

Check-Out Policy

Checking out books from their school library is an important part of each child gaining the understanding and skills of Information Literacy.

- Kindergarten: 1 book per week
- 1st and 2nd grades: 2 books per week
- 3rd grade: 3 books for 2 weeks
- 4th-6th grades: 4 books for 2 weeks (exceptions made for classroom assignments)

Return Policy

Please help your child learn and practice responsibility by returning library books on time.

- Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd are due in 1 week.
- 3rd - 6th are due in 2 weeks.

We are having an unusual high number of overdue books. It is not unusual for 40% of the class to have overdue books. Please help your child to remember to pack their books in their backpack the night before library. Also, remind them they checked out the book, not you. Please stop by and visit the library. You are always welcome if a class is not in session.

Mrs. Dennie,
Teacher-Librarian

John Muir Calendar



SAFETY PATROL SQUAD 2

- Oct 20 & 22 Running Club
- Oct 23 **NO** Art Class Today

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 2-6 Turkey Trot
- Nov 5 Make up Individual Picture Day
- Nov 5 Passport to Muir, 5:30-7:30 p.m., gym
- Nov 11 No School, Veterans' Day
- Nov 12 PTSA meeting, 6-7 p.m., Library
- Nov 12 Elem Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Kamiakin

Library Return Books/ Check Out Days

Mondays

Mrs. Ghassemi, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Jovag,
Mrs. Landick, Mrs. Perman, Mrs. Piluras,
Mrs. Serrette-Egan

Tuesdays

Mrs. Cantwell, Ms. Cotton, Mr. Kanehen,
Mrs. Luthra (AM & PM)

Wednesdays

Mrs. Alvarado, Mrs. Banocy, Mrs. Uphus

Thursdays

Mrs. Cohn/Tardif, Mrs. Finlinson/Lanum

Fridays

Mrs. Fay, Mr. Judge, Mrs. Miller

Happy Reading



Quest

The **Quest Elementary Program for Highly Capable Students** (Grades 1-6) will be accepting applications for the 2010-2011 school year beginning November 2, 2009, until 4 p.m. on November 30, 2009.

The Elementary Quest program offers two options for students who demonstrate superior ability, who exceed grade level standards in literacy and math, and who exhibit exceptional creativity in the classroom.

Full time students are enrolled in an accelerated, self-contained classroom for the full day, five days a week.

Enrichment Pull-Out students attend their home school four days a week and a pull-out enrichment classroom one day a week.

More information can be found in the Quest Information packet that will be available at all elementary schools, on the Quest Web site (www.lwsd.org/quest), and at the Quest Office on the third floor of the Resource Center (425-702-3238; Quest@lwsd.org).

All parents interested in the Quest Program are invited to attend one of the **Quest Elementary Information Night** sessions on **Thursday, November 5** from 4:30-6 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. at Rose Hill Junior High School (13505 NE 74th St, Redmond, WA 98052). This program will explain more specifically what Quest offers to highly capable, academically gifted children. If you plan to bring your children to the information session, we would recommend that you attend the early meeting.

Click It or Ticket

As I stand at my crosswalk and watch and wave to the cars going by I notice all the kids in cars who are not wearing their seatbelt and my heart skips a beat. Some years ago we lost a 6th grade student to a horrible car accident and I will never forget. He was not wearing his seatbelt. So even though you may be driving a very short distance to school, it is still the law to wear a seat belt.

June 1st, 2007 Washington's Child Restraint Law requires:



- Children under 13 years old be transported in the back seat where it is practical to do so.
- Children up to their 8th birthday, unless they are 4'9" tall (which ever comes first), must ride in a child restraint. (For example a child car seat, booster seat, vest, or other restraint that is federally approved for use in the car.)
- The restraint system must be used correctly according to the car seat AND vehicle manufacturer's instructions.
- Vehicles equipped with lap-only seat belts are exempt from the requirement to use a booster seat.
- Children 8-years of age or at least 4'9" who wear a seat belt MUST use it correctly (never under the arm or behind the back) or continue to use a booster.

A seat belt violation costs **\$124** and drivers can be cited for each unbelted person in the vehicle under age 16. People 16 and older can be issued their own citation. **Let's be safe out there!**

THE LIFESKILL FOR
OCTOBER IS:
EFFORT

To do your best.
A serious attempt or try.



PTSA Reflections Contest

This year's theme is **Beauty is...**

Entries in visual arts, photography, music composition, literature, film and dance choreography are due October 26th-28th.

If you haven't picked up an entry form and contest guidelines, you can find one on the bulletin board next to the Library and Office.



It's fun, it's easy and you can enter in more than one category.

Don't wait until the last minute to start, pick up a form today and **HAVE SOME FUN!!**

