

Friday, October 30, 2009

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# John Muir News

Weekly news from John Muir Elementary and the PTSA



## News From our 5th Grade

## John Muir Calendar



Fifth grade made their annual trek to the University of Washington to inspire young scholars, tour the campus, and experience the art of dance at the Meany Hall Theater. This year the sun was shining and the temperature was warm and inviting. We were all knocked out by the grandeur and silence of the Suzzallo Library. Our **fabulously well behaved 5<sup>th</sup> graders**, all 64 of them, entered quietly and roamed about the library with reverence and awe. Once outside we heard: "That was beautiful!", "I want to go to this school", "Did you see all those kids studying? They were really concentrating".

The University of Washington has come a long way from its beginning years in downtown Seattle (the lot currently occupied by the Fairmont Olympic Hotel) when they charged \$5.00 per quarter (or \$10.00 if you were studying Latin and Greek). The quarterly tuition for 2009 undergraduates is \$2,564.

We saw the oldest building on campus, Denny Hall, built in 1895. The second oldest building is The Observatory and the dome rotates on surplus Civil War cannon balls. The vintage six-inch refracting telescope is still in use today.

We could have spent the whole day on campus peeking into classrooms and planting seeds of intellectual inspiration. John Muir's 5<sup>th</sup> graders are very curious about college and thanks to this visit, they now see that the kids on campus look just like their older brothers and sisters. Yes, it can happen for them too!

Mrs. Alvarado, Mr. Kanehen & Mrs. Piluras



Red Square is paved with red bricks and sits atop the Central Plaza .

### SAFETY PATROL SQUAD 1

- Nov 2 Last day to order Otis Spunkmeyer cookies
- Nov 2-6 Turkey Trot
- Nov 5 Make up Individual Picture Day
- Nov 5 Passport to Muir, 5:30-7:30 p.m., gym

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 11 No School, Veterans' Day
- Nov 12 PTSA meeting/Art Show, 6-7 p.m., Library
- Nov 12 Elem Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Kamiakin

## Turkey Trot and More!

We need parent volunteers to help with Turkey trot. Turkey trot starts November 2-6th at lunch recess (11:35-1:30). We need help with punching cards, counting punch cards and turkey donations.

Please contact Rosanna Fox.

([rrepettofox@verizon.net](mailto:rrepettofox@verizon.net))



Every year each PTSA puts together a fun gift basket that will be auctioned off and the proceeds go to their scholarship fund. This year the theme is Rainy Day Fun. We need items for this year's basket. To donate items, please contact Mrs. Jarvis by November 2nd. Contact ([kjarvis@flex-plan.com](mailto:kjarvis@flex-plan.com))

Mark your calendars for **November 10th** when the sixth grade and Pizza Bank team up to help raise money for their outdoor education program at Camp Orkila. Dine in or out from 4—9 p.m. and Pizza Bank will donate 20% of that evening's receipts to our 6th grade outdoor education program.

### **Pizza Bank Restaurant**

14401 124th Ave NE

425-821-4858 [www.pizzabank.net/dinner.nxg](http://www.pizzabank.net/dinner.nxg)

# The Elementary Quest Program

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](http://www.lwsd.org/quest)), and at the Quest Office on the third floor of the Resource Center (425-702-3238; [Quest@lwsd.org](mailto: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 74<sup>th</sup> 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.

THE LIFESKILL FOR  
NOVEMBER IS:  
COMPASSION

To feel or show concern  
for others.



## After School PTSA Programs

What After School Programs would your children like to see being offered in January?

Did you know that if you are a PTSA member, you can run a program idea you have & get paid for your time?

Email [rosie.liddle@hotmail.com](mailto:rosie.liddle@hotmail.com) or call 425-823-9640.

**YES** Youth  
Eastside  
Services

**Has your child been, in one way or another, been affected by drugs and/or alcohol, including family members who use or have used these chemicals in the past?** Ilse Braun, the Youth Eastside

Services Counselor at John Muir is going to be leading a group for 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students who have been affected by a family members drug and/or alcohol use. The group, which will meet one time per week, and run for 8-10 weeks, is beginning in November. ***This is a great opportunity for students.*** All participation in this group is completely voluntary, confidential and **free of charge**. The group will be most likely be meeting during lunch time, in order to minimize the impact on time in the classroom. If you would like your child to participate, or if you have questions, feel free to call Ilse at John Muir at (425)825-7680, or at Youth Eastside Services at (425)747-4937 X2747.

## Remembering Sally

In remembrance of our dear teacher, friend and colleague, Sally Horton, the John Muir staff and community would like to purchase and install a reading bench at our school. Sally Horton worked in our district for 22 years and spent 18 of those years at John Muir. Her dedication to teaching has touched us all and we never want to forget what she has given us.

When the time comes to move into our new building, this bench will be permanently installed in a remembrance garden, along with several other memorial pieces that our current school houses.

If you would like to donate to this memorial fund, please send cash or a check, made out to the John Muir PTSA, to your child's teacher or the school office. **The deadline is February 1, 2010.**



The John Muir Staff