

Friday, November 6, 2009

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John Muir News

Weekly news from John Muir Elementary and the PTSA

News From our Principal

Happy Friday to the John Muir Community. This has been a busy week of learning and activities here at JME. This week staff and students ran, skipped, and walked with friends and classmates around the JME track for our annual Turkey Trot. We were fortunate to have a few beautiful days as the students celebrated the importance of building healthy bodies and healthy minds. We want all of our JME students to learn the importance of regular exercise and physically active play. Thank you to Kim Elliot and all of the parents who worked to make this a great event for our students. The fun and energy was infectious.

Speaking of infectious please be sure to continue to encourage a lot of washing of hands, sneezing and coughing into one's sleeve, and drinking a lot of liquids as we try to keep students from catching the flu from each other. Remember that it is important that students not return to school if they have the flu until they have been 24 hours without a temperature.

Also, last night we celebrated the wide range of cultures represented here at JME with our PTSA sponsored *Passport to Muir*. We are very proud of the rich diversity of our community and thank all of the students and families who shared their cultural backgrounds with us. We also thank the PTSA for recognizing the importance of sponsoring this event and working to make it happen. We couldn't do it without you.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to all of the students and families who shared "get well" cards and sentiments with me during my recent absence from school. The cards and letters from students were appreciated and certainly helped to speed my recovery along. I am very thankful to be back here with the students and staff who mean so very much to me.

Have a great weekend with your students and keep reading!

Jeff DeGallier
Principal

John Muir Calendar



SAFETY PATROL SQUAD 2

- Nov 2-13 Sweatshirt/Tshirt Sales
- Nov 2-20 Pennies for Peace
- Nov 10 Pizza Bank Fundraiser, 4-9pm
- Nov 11 No School, Veterans' Day
- Nov 12 Art Show/PTSA meeting, 5:30-7 p.m.
- Nov 12 Elem Band Concert, 7:30 p.m., Kamiakin
- Nov 13 Fifth Grade Field Trip

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov 19 First Grade Field Trip
- Nov 20, 23-24 Conferences, noon dismissal
- Nov 25 School dismisses at noon
- Nov 26 Thanksgiving, no school
- Nov 27 No School

*Redmond Saturday Seminar Series sponsored by
Changes Parent Support Network*

Blended Families and Step-Parenting Issues: What Was I Thinking?

Parenting in a blended family is as common an occupation as parenting your own kids these days, but most folks are poorly prepared for the task, no matter whose kids they are. This discussion begins with the personal experiences of four participants, then moves to some of the questions we should have asked ourselves and our partners before we got started. We will look at the many different dynamics active in a blended family, and conclude with an open discussion based on questions from the audience. We don't have all the answers but we'll present some perspectives that might help both sides of a blended family understand their partner's fears and frustrations.

**Saturday, November 7, 10 AM - noon
Old Redmond Schoolhouse Community Center
16600 NE 80th St., Redmond, WA 98052**

There is no charge for this seminar. Parents and professionals are welcome. For more information about this seminar call Virginia at (425) 881-6738.

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), 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.

6th Grade Fundraiser at Pizza Bank

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. Check out their menu, they have lots more than just pizza!

Pizza Bank Restaurant

14401 124th Ave NE

425-821-4858 www.pizzabank.net/dinner.nxg



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 LIFESKILL FOR
NOVEMBER IS:
COMPASSION

To feel or show concern
for others.



Reflections News

Parents, teachers and community members: you are cordially invited to the annual John Muir Reflections Art Show next Thursday, November 12th from 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m. The artwork will be displayed in the John Muir Library. So stop by to see the original artwork and literature our students worked so hard on preparing. We had over 85 submissions this year! Join the PTSA meeting at 6 p.m. in the adjoining room if you like.

Drum roll please... the awards for greatest participation go to *Mrs. Alvarado's 5th grade class* with 21 literature works submitted all accompanied by a signed form, and to *Mrs. Landick's 2nd grade class* with 21 photography works all with a form signed by a parent. Due to the tie and 100% representation, students in both classes received a prize to honor their spirit of participation.

Shawn Thornsberry

PTSA Reflections Coordinator

