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John Muir News

Weekly news from John Muir Elementary and the PTSA

News From our Principal

Effort = Success At John Muir Elementary School

Happy New Year to you and all members of the John Muir Learning Community. On behalf of the entire team, I want to wish you a healthy and prosperous 2012! It was great to see our students return to school this week and get right back to the joy of learning. We are excited for what we are confident is going to be an outstanding year of fun, dynamic, and challenging learning experiences for all of our students. We are determined that during 2012 we will provide all children with a rigorous, challenging academic program that allows each student to achieve the high standards we have set for them. As we begin 2012, I want to ask for your continued cooperation in the development of your child's intellectual capacity by:

- Setting high expectations for doing quality work on all school assignments.
- Creating a consistent time and space at home for reading and homework.
- Recognizing when your child needs to stop, take a break, and enjoy playing.

Reading

Read alongside your child frequently; model strategies like looking at pictures for clues; sound out new or unfamiliar words; use the context to help identify difficult words; find part of words that you know.

Writing

Show your child that you write every day; give your child time to think before she writes; help him create a plan (brainstorm); have your child reread (out loud) what they have written; provide access to a word processor.

Math

Show your child that you use math every day; stress reading directions carefully; encourage and model the "thinking" that goes into solving problems (What strategy did you use?); play mental math games (i.e. addition or multiplication tables) when passing time.

Your dedication to your child's education throughout the year is evident through your engagement in school activities, volunteering at school, and through the support you show our teachers. Thank you for your positive partnership. It makes an enormous difference in our school community and with each child here at John Muir Elementary.

Best wishes for a fabulous 2012! Jeff DeGallier, Principal

John Muir Calendar



- Jan 10 5th & 6th Grade Open House, Kamiakin
- Jan 12 General PTSA Meeting, 6:30pm, Library

Upcoming Events

- Jan 20 Kindergarten Fieldtrip
- Jan 31, Feb 2-3 Conferences, noon dismissal
- Feb 2 Kindergarten Registration, 1pm, Library

2012 Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2012-13 school year will be held on Thursday, February 2nd in the John Muir Library from 1 pm—7 pm.

If your child will be five years old on or before August 31, they are eligible to register.

Please bring the following items with you: - Proof of child's birth date - Child's Immunization records - Emergency contacts - and for all-day kindergarten, a money order or check for one month's tuition. Full tuition for all day kindergarten is \$330.00 (subject to change).

The advertisement features a green and purple color scheme. At the top, it says "2 ways 2 earn.com cash for your school" with a plus sign between two eBoxTops cards labeled "1" and "2". Below this, it reads "Earning Bonus eBoxTops™ is as simple as 1-2-3!". The three steps are: 1. REGISTER online at 2Ways2Earn.com (with a laptop icon); 2. DOWNLOAD the eBoxTops offers to your Card (with a card icon); 3. SHOP for participating products at: SAFeway, VONS, PHILLYS, and others. At the bottom, it says "That's it! Every time you purchase the qualifying products with your Card, your school will automatically be credited!"

School ID is 201100

PTSA General Meeting

Our January 12th PTSA meeting will be at 6:30pm and it's a General Membership Meeting to choose our Nominating Committee. (*I know life is crazy – put this on your calendar now!*) We'll be asking our general membership (that's you!) to choose 3-4 people to be our Nominating Committee. This group will make the recommendations for who should be on our PTSA board and committees for next year...a very important job since this is how we keep PTSA going and *many* positions will be vacant.

Please come to the meeting and nominate a strong candidate for this committee and help us start building for next year.

Kirkland National Little League

Baseball/Softball for kids Age 5-12 years old.
Registration for 2012 Season is now open.

Register online at www.kirklandnational.com OR attend an in-person registration event being held at Juanita High School Sunday, Jan. 8th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Thursday, January 19th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Financial Aid and scholarships are available.



ONE MILLION PAGES ...just imagine.

1,059,308 pages

One million? That's nothing. Let's keep on going. How many pages do you think we can read by the end of the school year?

Kamiakin Middle School 2012

5th & 6th GRADE PARENT
OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, January 10th

Kamiakin Cafeteria @ 7:00pm



Volunteer Help Needed

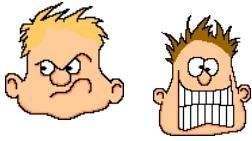
Love books? Our students love to read and the library could really use your help on Friday afternoons shelving books.



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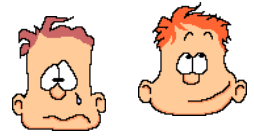


To act according to a sense of what's right and wrong. To be truthful.



Counselor's Corner

With Mrs. Dryden



Redmond Saturday Seminar Series sponsored by Changes Parent Support Network

Internet and Video Games: How much is too much?

Experts are seeing a dark side to the electronic explosion—overuse and even addiction. In this seminar, Ann Steel will discuss:

- Who is at risk?
- The warning signs for overuse
- When and where to get help
- How to intervene in serious cases

We will also look at real-life examples and end with an open discussion and questions.

Ann Steel is a counselor, educator and former physician who is interested in helping families find a healthy balance between the real and virtual world.

There is no charge for this seminar.

Parents and professionals are welcome.

**Saturday
Jan. 7, 2012
10 AM - noon**

**Old Redmond
Schoolhouse
Community
Center (ORSCC)**

1600 NE 80th St.,
Redmond, WA 98052



What is Changes all about?

Changes Parent Support Network fosters healthy families by equip-ping parents with tools and support to change their behavior.

Sometimes the teens and young adults in our families present huge challenges. Conventional parenting techniques don't seem to work. Parents and guardians in these situations are searching for help and support.

Challenges facing current Changes parents may include one or more of the following:

- Drug or alcohol use
- Disrespect, verbal or physical abuse to family members
- School failure or truancy
- Staying out all night without permission
- Theft
- Facing criminal charges



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The Changes program helps parents and guardians change their behavior in response to the problems they face with their children. Step by step, parents can affect the dynamics in their home by making small changes. Changes offers hope to parents who are struggling. For more information about the structure of the organization and the basic beliefs see the Changes web-site at www.cpsn.org.