

Friday, December 16, 2011

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John Muir News

Weekly news from John Muir Elementary and the PTSA

News From our Principal

On behalf of all of us here at John Muir Elementary I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season. We hope the coming vacation will provide the opportunity to rest, relax, and share some special times together with loved ones. This vacation presents a perfect time to put aside the often frenzied pace of school and activities to spend time doing things that may not be a part of the typical weekly routine. Consider going for a walk, playing a board game, or sharing stories of when you were a child! Other than spending time reading, I do not advocate filling the time with "schoolwork". Our students work hard at school and this vacation is a wonderful opportunity to learn many of the lessons for life that are more easily taught at home, or playing at the park.

At this special time of the year we want to again say thank you again for everything you do to help make this such a wonderful learning community for our students. We are so thankful to serve the kind, polite, and respectful students you send to JME each day. Your patience, support, and trust with us are greatly appreciated as we do everything we can to make this a great place to grow for every child.

Jeff DeGallier

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff DeGallier".

Principal



John Muir Calendar



- Dec 19-Jan 2 Winter Vacation, no school



Upcoming Events

- Jan 3 Choir Practice, 3:30pm, music room
- Jan 5 KaJH Band Assembly
- Jan 6 Reflections Reception, Res. Ctr., 6-8pm

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).



Aerial of our new school

Dear John Muir Community,

Our John Muir Elementary School modernization project continues to progress. The original schedule for the project was for building construction to be complete for winter break 2011. However, because we received permits later than expected, we now anticipate the new building to be complete in the spring of 2012.

The gym, commons (cafeteria) & food services will be ready for us to move in during spring break 2012 and the old gym will be vacated. From spring break to the end of this school year, we will be able to use the new gym and commons. However, the classrooms, library and administration offices will remain in our current building until the summer months, when there is sufficient time to move everything into the new building.

From spring to the summer move into the building, the contractor will be ensuring that all parts of the project are completed. During this time: there will be the installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment; adjustment of the heating and ventilation system; technology installed; and, the building air must be purged before we can occupy the building.

During the summer, the old building will be demolished and the contractor will work on additional storm water system requirements and then the new playfield and playground areas.

Next fall, we will be completely moved in to the new building. The playground area will be partially complete but will be finished after the start of school in the fall.

We are grateful to the citizens of the LWSD who voted to provide the funds necessary to build what will be an outstanding place for boys and girls to learn. Your patience in seeing this process through to completion is appreciated. If you have any questions about this project you are welcome to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jeff DeGallier

More photos can be found on our website.



ONE MILLION PAGES ...just imagine.

1,059,308 pages
WE DID IT!!!

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.

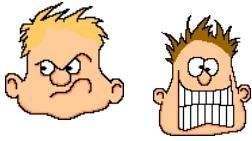


THE LIFESKILL FOR DECEMBER IS:

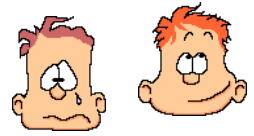
Courage

*To do the right thing,
even if it is hard to do.*





Counselor's Corner



2011 Holiday Gift and Meal Resources

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During this difficult economic time, many families are facing financial hardship. If you or someone you know is in need of support this holiday season, there are local organizations that offer confidential support to families in need. Please see a couple resources listed below if you are interested in finding local holiday gift and meal resources for your family. In addition to this list you may also find additional resources by calling 206-461-3200 or 211 (enter "1" for Holiday Assistance).

If you currently are not in need of help and are in a financial position to donate, please consider one of these organizations, as they help support our community.

I would like to wish all of you a warm and special time with your families during this holiday break.

Holiday Gifts

Hopelink – Kirkland Holiday Gift Program

13013 NE 65th ST, Kirkland, WA 98033-6129
(425) 889-7880

Distributes gifts, for ages 18 and under to low-income Kirkland residents for the holiday season. Gift distribution is by appointment only. Residents of ZIP codes 98033 and 98034 are eligible.

Salvation Army – Social Services Dept of East King County Giving Tree and Toy N Joy

(425) 452-7300 Client Services
911 164th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98008-3518

Holiday Food

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