

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Carl Sandburg and Discovery School Families,
It's now almost October and time for to review some of our procedures for ensuring that students arrive and depart school safely. Please take a few moments to read the following overview of some of our safety policies at DCS/Carl Sandburg.

Parking Lot Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures: We appreciate your help in making the drop-off and pick-up time efficient and safe. Please keep the following in mind when dropping off or picking up your child each day:

- Observe a 5 mph speed limit in the parking lots at all times, especially in the left-hand drive-through lane. Car doors open quickly, cars pull out from behind larger vehicles and can be tough to see, and some families are walking across the lanes after school; drive slowly to help ensure that students stay safe.
- Please use one of the parking spaces, when you find that you need to go in to the building with your child.
- We ask students and parents to wait behind the white line to ensure everyone is safely out of traffic.
- You are strongly encouraged to cross the parking lot lanes at one of the crosswalks; drivers have difficulty seeing students and parents if they dart from between parked cars.

We routinely exit just under 600 students in close to ten minutes. While some days the drop-off and pick-up lanes may seem slow, we appreciate your patience with everyone involved in the process.

Dogs on Campus: Dogs are not permitted on campus during school hours by district policy and King County Code 11.04.230. If you wish to walk your dog while you walk your children to school, please say your good-byes at one of the sidewalks.

Riding your Bike to School: If this is something your child is interested in doing regularly or from time to time, please complete the application for riding a bike to school, available in the office, and review the list of safety rules and regulations.

Rainy Days: We have recess on all but the rainiest and windiest of days. Please be sure to send appropriate clothing, including warm clothes and raincoats, to school with your children.

Before School Supervision: We begin supervising students at 8:45 each morning. Please drop your students off no earlier than this time to ensure their safety.

Thank you for your assistance in making ours a safe, enjoyable school,

Mark Blomquist, Principal
Carl Sandburg Elementary/ Discovery Community School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Picture Day

Wed. Sept. 30th
(4th-6th grade and DCS)

No School

Fri. Oct. 2nd

Family Math Night

Wed. Oct. 7th
6:30 to 7:30pm

Parent Ed Workshop

Wed. Oct. 7th
"Getting to Calm"
7:00 pm • Redmond High
School Performing
Arts Theatre

Fun Run

Fri. Oct. 9th
During Lunch recess

Foreign Language Clubs

Classes start next week!

Spanish

Starts Monday Oct. 5th

French

Starts Tuesday Oct. 6th

Madarine Chinese

Starts Thursday Oct. 8th

Sandburg Singers

Begins Monday Oct. 5th



Picture Day: September 30th (4th-6th;DCS)

All 4th - 6th and DCS will take their pictures on Wednesday, September 30th. You can also order online at mylifetouch.com. Pictures will be taken during school hours.

Battle of the Books: This is an optional program sponsored by LWS D Library teachers that is offered to intermediate students, to promote enjoyment in reading quality literature.

Books are chosen by the LWS D Elementary Librarians based on current award nominees, professional reviews, and student interest. Each September, the list is posted for the upcoming school year. Students are responsible for creating their teams, submitting their registration form, and devising a strategy. In general, the more members of a team that have read a book, the more likely someone will remember the details of the question. Teams that have done well have read early, read often, and re-read books! Registration forms will be given to students in library class the week of September 28th- October 1st (Mrs. McDonald's class will get theirs on Friday September 25th). Students will have until October 16th to sign on for a team!

Teams participate in a double elimination tournament during lunch recesses, in the library. Battles begin in January 2010 (January 11-15, continuing the following week as necessary.)

Ms. Caddock will moderate all battles. Our championship team then competes with other schools within our district, via a live web chat, in a single elimination tournament. District questions are different than the school battle questions and are more difficult. District Battles will be in February, 2010, times to be announced, always during lunch recess.

FUN RUN: October 9th during lunch recess. You can see all the Fun Run information online at <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Pages/Fun-Run.aspx> If you have any additional questions, contact Angela Johnson at ryanandalliesmom@yahoo.com or 425-814-4928.

Fun Run Volunteers Needed!!!

Fun Run is a big volunteer effort - We can't make it work without your help! Volunteers are needed for the following:

- Fun Run Fairies (prize delivery)
- Classroom lap counters
- Fun Run Snacks
- Pizza Parties

If you are able to help with any of these areas, please contact Angela Johnson at ryanandalliesmom@yahoo.com or 425-814-4928.

Art Docent K thru 1st: The Kindergarten and 1st Grade Art Docents will be meeting in the library on October 6th at 6:30pm. Please contact Meg at meg@oz.net if you are interested in helping teach art to the Kindergarten or 1st Grade classes. The curriculum and supplies are ready for you, and all you need to do is have fun with the students. We will review the curriculum, have a tour of the Art Portable and learn how to use the kiln on the 6th.

Help spread the word about the Reflections Art Contest - Volunteers are needed to inform students about the contest and promote an opportunity to create their artwork. All entries should be the work of the child, not a suggestion by their parent or class assignment. Contact Becca Bassingthwaight: bbassackwards@yahoo.com or by phone: (206) 250-3420.

THANK YOU!! Thanks to all the staff that served ice cream at the ice cream social last Thursday. A BIG thank you goes to Christine Albrecht and Janice Anderson who planned a great event.

Food Drive at the Ice Cream Social: Thank you!... to all of the families that brought canned food to the ice cream social and donated to HOPELINK - We donated a total of 456 pounds and a \$17 donation from a family. Thank you again, for helping our community!

Chess Club Fall Session Starts Wednesday October 7th! Fun and educational! Taught by ChessStar owner and International Women's Grandmaster Elena Donaldson. Wednesdays 2:00 to 3:10 p.m. October 7th to December 16th (9 classes). Session fee \$78. Optional T-shirt (new design!) \$9. Registration forms in the Information Station next to Main Office. All levels (including no experience) welcome! --Questions? Please contact Stephanie Develle: 425-814-9873, stephanie.develle@gmail.com, Soha Dastbaz: 206-372-2793, soha_dastbaz@hotmail.com, or Elena Donaldson: 206-387-1251, chess64@comcast.net.

Hola! Bonjour! Ni hao! Interested in exposing your child to a foreign language? We have some wonderful teachers lined up to provide after school language instruction. Each has been teaching their language for several years and is either fluent or a native speaker. Fall classes are scheduled to begin next week and are open to students K-6. Spanish will be offered on Mondays, French on Tuesdays and Mandarin Chinese on Thursdays. All classes will be held from 3:45-4:45 p.m., following a 15-minute supervised snack time. Registration is due before the start of class. The forms are available online at <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Pages/Forms.aspx> or can be picked up at the information center in front of the main office. *Parent chaperone support is needed! If you are able to supervise any of the classes, contact Cameron Allison-Sadjo at casadjo@hotmail.com for additional information.*

Notes from the Music room: Sandburg/DCS Singers will begin Monday, Oct. 5 from 3:30-4:30 pm in the music room. The choir is for all interested 4th-6th grade students that like to sing. This year, due to budget cuts, we need to charge \$40 per student. Please make checks payable to Sandburg PTSA and put "Sandburg Singers" in the memo line. A brochure and contract will be sent home with students on Sept. 22. Please email Mrs. Osborne with any questions: losborne@lwsd.org

Parent Education: There is a FREE PTSA sponsored Parent Ed night featuring Laura Kastner, Ph.D, an acclaimed author on teenagers. Topic: Getting to Calm, teen parenting communication strategies that work. Laura Kastner • Wed., October 7, 2009 • 7-9 pm • Redmond HS Performing Arts Theater • 17272 NE 104th Ave, Redmond - For more information please click <http://lwptsacouncil.schools.officelive.com/ParentEd.aspx>

Join the Sandburg/DCS Striders Team in the Seattle Kids Marathon: Looking for a great way to get your family walking/jogging this Fall? Consider participating in the Seattle Kids Marathon <http://www.seattlemarathon.org/kids/eventinfo.htm> as a member of the Sandburg/DCS Team. The Seattle Children's Kids Marathon 2009 is structured to allow children (K thru 8th grade) to complete a full 26.2 mile marathon at a rate that is fun and safe for their growing bodies... "one mile at a time." It also encourages them to read 13 books and accomplish 13 do-rights (good deeds) which equals 26 miles. The first 25 miles are "honor" miles. Run or walk them in one half or one mile increments, on a safe secure route designated by parents, coaches, mentors or teachers. Kids run the last 1.2 miles of their marathon together on race day, Saturday, November 28, 2009. One parent can run with each registered child free of charge. **In preparation for the Seattle Kids Marathon, the Sandburg/DCS Striders Club will begin**

again on Fridays afternoons: The dates for Fall session are October 9th - November 20th 3:30 - 4:15PM. We will be logging miles toward the marathon goal then running together the final 1.2 miles on Saturday, November 28th at Memorial Stadium in Seattle. Fee for Fall Session is \$27.00 which includes Striders Club T-Shirt and Seattle Kids Marathon Registration Fee. If you have your Striders Club Shirt from last year, fee is just \$15 for Marathon Registration! ***YOU DO NOT HAVE TO REGISTER INDIVIDUALLY FOR THE MARATHON. I will submit all registrations as a team. Registration for Fall Striders Club is due by October 1st.*** If you are interested, please e-mail Theresa Harrington at tk.harrington@verizon.net. or 425-821-2709. I will e-mail you a Striders Club Registration Form and answer any questions you might have. . If you can't do Striders Club on Friday's you can still walk or jog as part of the Sandburg/DCS team. Just let me know that you are registering for the Marathon so we can coordinate a meeting time at the event.

INTERNATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY ON 10/07/09

Look for the Walk to School table at the front of the school on October, 7th from 8:20-8:55am for stickers and healthy snacks!

With approximately 5,000 schools participating, from all 50 states, walkers from the U.S. will join children and adults in 40 countries around the world, joining together to promote the benefits of this program.

- Enhance our health, by increasing the physical activity level of our children and our families.
- Improve our air quality and our environment.
- Create safer routes for walking and bicycling by highlighting pedestrian safety and how to best deal with traffic congestion.

If your family doesn't feel comfortable walking the entire way, consider finding a safe place to park that is farther from the school and walking the rest of the way. Plan to lace up your sneakers and walk to Sandburg/DCS, rain or shine! For more details check out www.walktoschool.org or to volunteer, contact the Wellness Team at chantalkoch@yahoo.com.



Congratulations to the following students who won a pedometer from entering the raffle at the Wellness Team table at the Ice Cream Social: Klæ Howard, Donte Lakey, Kimberly Ozuk, Raluca Vlad and Spencer Williams! Keep those feet moving!

A friendly tip from the Green Team...

Gather together your recyclables that aren't collected at the curb. This Saturday, October 3rd, from 9am to 3pm at the Houghton Park and Ride (Ne 70th and 116th Ave NE) the City of Kirkland and King County are sponsoring a recycling event.

Some of the items they are collecting are:

Fluorescent Lights and bulbs

Scrap metal and appliances

Tires

Motor Oil/Filters

Antifreeze

Lead Acid batteries

Household Batteries

Propane tanks

and more..... visit

www.govlink.org/hazwaste/house/disposal for more information on what is being collected. Some user fees apply, but all items collected will be properly processed and recycled.

PTSA Enrichment programs need you!

This year we have a couple of wonderful programs that are desperately in need of a chairperson.

**5th grade Math Olympiad
and Women in History** are two

programs that will unfortunately not be able to be presented unless we have a chairperson to run them. If you are interested in either program, or would like more information, please contact Sarah Turner (425)820-5991 sarahmtturner@comcast.net

Herbicide Free

Many thanks to the individuals and families that came out to pull weeds and collect litter on our school grounds this past weekend: Dana Wincapaw, Amy and Alex Tuck, Ingrid Salmon and kids, Cameron and Emma Sadjo, Hoyt family, Jill and Kellan Chwojko-Frank, Tania Jimenez, Vimal Nair. It looks great and best of all.....no chemicals. THANK YOU! The next Weed Meet will be Sunday, October 25th.

First Green Team meeting of the year coming up on Thurs, Oct. 8th at 9:15AM. We'll be meeting in the Juanita Village Starbuck's meeting room. (BYOC: bring your own cup) On our Green Team agenda: setting up a student green team and food scrap recycling. Bring your enthusiasm and ideas! Susan (vosslerm1@comcast.net) and Christi (christi.damico@comcast.net)

Congratulations to Sam Lampkin, Kellan Chwojko-Frank, and Luca Palazzo. Mr. Blomquist drew their names as the winners of the zero-waste lunch items displayed at our Ice Cream Social table. (ReUsies snack bags and a Goodbyn lunchbox).

Reflections Art Contest: Reflections Program theme, "Beauty is...". All entries must be received by Oct. 28, Wednesday. This is a nationally sponsored PTSA contest, but it is also a simple opportunity to test your child's creative side. There are 6 categories including visual arts, literature, photography, musical composition, dance choreography or film production to choose from. I will have entry forms and guidelines available during Curriculum night this week as well as outside the main office in the Information Station. Completed artwork can be given to me directly, or dropped off at the main office of Sandburg. For more information, contact...

Becca Bassingthwaight: bbassackwards@yahoo.com, or (206) 250-3420.

About Reflections: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/about_reflections

Entry Forms: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/student_entry_form

Guidelines: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/general_student_rules

Family Math Night - Wed., Oct. 7th 6:30 to 7:30 pm

K-6th Grade students and their families are invited to join us in the gym each month to play fun family math games. Interested in being a Math Docent this year? Contact Ms. Roy broy@lwsd.org or Ms. Arnold garnold@lwsd.org for details.

PTSA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION:

Thank you to all that signed up to be PTSA members. We have 282 members, 105 couples and 72 individuals. It is not too late to become a member. Please sign up: www.lwsd.org/school/Sandburg/PTSA/Documents/membership%202009.pdf

We need your support.

PTSA Membership Cards...

*were sent home on Friday. Did you get yours?
Please check your child's backpack.*

PARENT EDUCATION

"BECOMING A LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT"

Improve communication with your children. Discover new ways to help your children make responsible choices? Learn how to use love and logic when you discipline your children. **Location:** Redmond Elementary School Library **Dates:** Mondays, October 26th thru November 23rd • **Time:** 6:30-8:00 PM • **Cost:** (Optional) \$9.00 for Parent Manual • **Child Care:** FREE; provided with advance registration; For Children Ages 3 and up. To register and more info go to www.lwsd.org/school/Sandburg/PTSA/Documents

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