

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Carl Sandburg and DCS Parents,

It was exciting to see students enthusiastically churning out laps last Friday as the culmination of two weeks of fundraising. Our community has met our goal and raised over \$53,000 for your PTSA - congratulations! We have committed to providing enriching opportunities for students to learn, grow, and dream big! Through your generosity, your PTSA is able to provide...

- after school enrichment
- artist in residence programs
- classroom grants
- sixth grade outdoor education
- resources and materials to teachers and staff
- field trips, assemblies

...and many other positive experiences for our students. Studies have shown that increased participation in the life of a school through enrichment opportunities and other activities have a positive impact on student learning - you are all a part of making that happen at Carl Sandburg and DCS.

Thanks to all of you for making this happen for our students. As we come together as a community to care for and nurture our kids, we send a powerful message that learning is important, that our students are important, and that their time at Carl Sandburg and DCS is important. On behalf of the staff, thank you for supporting your PTSA and, most of all, for supporting opportunities for all students to achieve great things!

Sincerely,

Mark Blomquist
Principal
Carl Sandburg Elementary/
Discovery Community School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Important School Levy & Bond District input meetings

Tues. Oct. 13 and
Wed. Oct 14
Evening or Afternoon
(see schedule on page 4)

PTSA General Meeting

Thurs. Oct. 15, 7pm
in the library

Volunteer Orientation

Thurs. Oct. 22, 10am
meet in the library

Special Needs Meeting

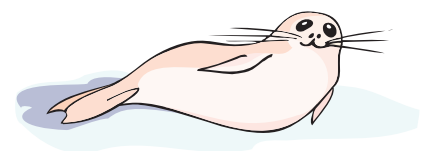
Oct. 27, 7-8:30pm at
Lake Washington
School District
Redmond

Reflections Deadline

Oct. 28th

HALLOWEEN

Sat. Oct. 31th



WE DID IT!! FUN RUN SUCCESS!

Thanks to the generosity of our community, our Fun Run was a success!

As of Monday, we have met our fund-raising goal of **\$53,500!** We are so pleased to have made our goal and be able to continue all of the great programs we have planned.

Since we met our goal, we will be having Brothers from Different Mothers come and entertain the students on November 10th!

Congratulations to the following three classes who earned pizza parties for having the highest per student average: **Engquist, Goodleaf, and Yamamoto.**

Congratulations also to the following students for being the top 4 contributors this year (due to a tie, we are offering four Principal for a Day prizes): **Aiden Geurts, Luca Palazzo, Emily Lupton and Emi Bellwood.**

Many thanks to the over 100 volunteers who came out on Friday and counted laps, handed out popsicles and passed out ribbons. Big thanks also go to our finance team for coming in and counting hundreds of donations. **Thank you for your contributions to a successful event!**

Angela Johnson - ryanandalliesmom@yahoo.com

General PTSA meeting October, 15th at 7:00 pm

Our first PTSA General Meeting is Thursday, October 15th in the library at 7pm. We hope you can attend. At this meeting we will introduce the PTSA board, approve our standing rules, approve the PTSA budget, go over Fun Run figures, and talk about what PTSA is doing. We hope you can make it. Remember if you have any PTSA related questions, comments or ideas please email sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com. We want to hear from you! Sincerely, Marlene Vacknitz and Tricia Davis PTSA Co-Presidents.

School Directory: In Kid Mail today please find our new and improved school directory. If you have more than one student at Sandburg/DCS - It will be send home with the youngest child. **A BIG thank you goes to Jen Kisker** who spent many hours getting the directory just right. Please note this is a closed directory and should only be used for school business. Thanks again Jen for your awesome work in creating a beautiful directory! If for some reason you did not receive a directory please contact the PTSA at sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com - Thanks!

Volunteer Orientation PTSA Co-Presidents (Marlene Vacknitz and Tricia Davis) invite people interested in volunteering at the school to come to a volunteer orientation meeting in the library on October 22, 2009 at 10am. We will go over how volunteers need to sign in, use the copy machine, laminator, showing you the PTSA portable, the stock room, where the adult restroom is, and answer any question you may have. Hope to see you there!

Reflections Art Contest: This year's Reflections theme, "Beauty is...". Reflections is a nation-wide opportunity for our children to experience the many different types of art through these 6 categories: visual arts, photography, literature, dance/choreography, film production and musical composition. Please submit entries to Bette in the main office before the deadline of October 28th. Entry forms can be found outside the main office in the Information Station. For more information, contact Becca Bassingthwaighte at (206) 250-3420 or bbassackwards@yahoo.com, or About Reflections: http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/about_reflections

Free flu shots available: Cheri Green at Evergreen Health care Access program has free seasonal flu shots along with flu mist for children 6 months to 18 years old while supplies last. Please call to set up a time: Cheri Green 425-739-8400.

Enrichment programs that need Volunteers: *5th grade Math Olympiad and Women in History* are two programs that are, unfortunately at risk of, not being 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 sarahmturner@comcast.net

Parent Education "BECOMING A LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT" Learn how to use love and logic to help your children make responsible choices, improve communication and use positive discipline. ***Location:*** Redmond Elementary School Library • ***Dates/Time:*** Mondays, October 26th thru November 23rd • 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 info go to <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Pages/Parent-Education.aspx>

Operation Crayon Oct. 7 - 23rd Each year the Seattle Children's Hospital goes thru over 500,000 crayons and spends \$12,000 on this resource. This year the Child Life department is asking for donations to help reduce this cost. You can help by bringing in boxes of Crayola brand crayons to donate to the Child Life Program at Seattle Children's. There will be a collection box in the office or you can send in donations with your child. Crayola Brand crayons only please. If you have questions please email Alex Lytle at Alex.Lytle@gmail.com. Thanks!

Lake Washington PTSA Council's Annual Basket Auction: Every year we put together a great basket of items and the PTSA Council auctions them off to raise money for student/staff scholarships. We are already preparing a basket to auction off in December! This year, Sandburg Elementary's basket theme is, "HOLIDAY ITEMS". That would mean any holiday. However, right now, mostly Thanksgiving and Christmas. Bring in anything to do with holidays, such as kitchen items, gift items, decorations, non-perishable food items, candles etc. Please bring in items by Nov. 2. Thank you for your support! Any questions, email Wendy Strand at wendypies@gmail.com

2009-2010 Page-Per-Month Wall Calendar: Due to budget cuts, the district did not print and mail a calendar to district families this year. A wall calendar is available to print out in a page-a-month format. 2009-2010 Page-Per-Month Wall Calendar in color or black and white version. Go to: <http://lwsd.org/About/Pages/District-Calendar.aspx>

Special Needs Meeting: On October 27th, 2009 from 7-8:30m at Lake Washington School District, the Special Needs Group will host speaker Sally Hara, MS, RD, CDE from ProActive Nutrition Kirkland. Sally will share insightful guidance through the maze of nutrition therapies for a special population. This meeting is free and open for all to attend. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Chairperson: Beth Angelo at 4bangelo3@verizon.net

Sandburg/DCS Striders Team in the Seattle Kids Marathon: Join us at the Seattle Kids Marathon <http://www.seattlemarathon.org/kids/eventinfo.htm> as a member of the Sandburg/DCS Striders Team which meets Fridays from 3:30 - 4:15pm. If your student is unable to join Striders Club on Fridays, you can still walk or jog as part of the Sandburg/DCS team at the Seattle Marathon. Just let me know that you are registering for the Marathon so we can coordinate a meeting time at the event. Questions about Striders Club or the Seattle Marathon contact Theresa Harrington at tk.harrington@verizon.net. or 425-821-2709

PTSA Membership: Have you turned in your PTSA membership form? www.lwsd.org/school/Sandburg/PTSA/Documents/membership%202009.pdf Currently we have 298 members for the 2009/2010 school year. Please support the PTSA by becoming a member. Are you obligated to volunteer if you become a PTSA member - Absolutely not! Volunteering is voluntary!

IMPORTANT SCHOOL LEVY & BOND MEETINGS - YOUR INPUT NEEDED PLEASE ATTEND:

The Lake Washington School District will hold a series of public information meetings **THIS WEEK**, seeking input on the upcoming school levy & bond election, as follows:

October 13 - AfternoonKamiakin Jr High3-4:30pm

October 13 - EveningJuanita High School7-8:30pm

October 14 - EveningLake Washington High School ...7-8:30pm

Read more about the meetings at: http://www.pnwlocalnews.com/east_king/red/news/60338452.html.

SCHOOL LEVY & BOND ELECTION On February 9th voters in the Lake Washington School District (LWSD) will be asked to renew existing local school levies and potentially approve a new school bond measure. School levies are revenues drawn from local property taxes that are used to pay for ongoing classroom programs beyond what the state pays for basic education. School levies provide for more than 18% of the LWSD general fund budget for staffing and ongoing programs. Levies expire every 4 years and must be renewed by a simple majority of 50% + 1 voters. A school bond is a debt instrument used to finance a specific long-term asset, such as the construction of a new school building. Bonds must be approved by a super majority of 60% of voters. For more information about how LWSD schools are funded and how your tax dollars are used, visit: <http://www.lwsd.org/For-Community/Tax-Dollars/Pages/default.aspx>

WASHINGTON STATE PTA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY Last weekend, delegates from PTA units across the state attended the annual Washington State PTA (WSPTA) Legislative Assembly to approve advocacy priorities for the coming year. The WSPTA is a non-partisan advocacy organization that promotes effective legislative and public policy changes benefiting children in our state. While the WSPTA does not endorse any political party or any individual candidate for office, it may support or oppose specific bills or ballot measures impacting children and education. Recently, the WSPTA Board announced its opposition to Initiative 1033, which will appear on the November general election ballot. To learn more about WSPTA legislative priorities and positions on upcoming ballot measures, visit: <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html>.

NOVEMBER 3rd GENERAL ELECTION Ballots for the November general election will be mailed to registered voters this week. *If you are not registered to vote, you may still do so in person at the King County Elections Office, located at 9010 East Marginal Way S, Tukwila, WA 98108.* Monday, October 26th is the voter registration deadline for participating in the November general election. Completed ballots must be returned and postmarked no later than Tuesday, November 3rd. To obtain a personalized voter guide, with detailed information about the candidates and measures appearing on your November general election ballot - or to request a replacement ballot if you do not receive one by mail - visit: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/voting.aspx>

KIRKLAND ANNEXATION TO BE DECIDED ON NOVEMBER 3rd Sandburg Elementary and its surrounding neighborhoods are located in a portion of unincorporated King County that is proposed for annexation into the City of Kirkland. On November 3rd voters in these neighborhoods will decide whether to approve the proposed annexation measure, which will appear on the ballot as "**Proposition A: Finn Hill, Kingsgate, and North Juanita Annexation, Assumption of Indebtedness, and Adoption of Zoning Regulations**". In order to approve annexation, at least 40% of voters in the proposed annexation area who participated in the November 2008 presidential election must cast a vote on Proposition A, and 60% of those voters must vote to approve its passage. For more information about how your neighborhood parks, law enforcement, government services, utilities, property taxes, and land-use regulations would be affected by the proposed annexation measure, visit: <http://your.kingcounty.gov/annex/kirkland.aspx> and <http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/CMO/Annexation.htm>

Great Participation on Walk to School Day! Our school had an amazing turn-out in joining thousands of kids and families across the world on Walk to School Day, Thurs. Oct. 7th! Thank you to all the students and parents who helped make the day a success by starting it off in a healthy way! If you took pictures, please email them to chantalkoch@yahoo.com for the Wellness Board and possible inclusion in the yearbook.

Don't forget to check out the Community Bulletin Board. This is a link on the LWSD.org site and our school website for parents to access flyers from educational businesses in our community. <http://www.lwsd.org/SCHOOL/SANDBURG/FOR-PARENTS/BULLETIN-BOARD/Pages/default.aspx> There, you will find information on several community activities such as, **The Story Book Theater** which performs hilarious musical theater adaptations for young people and families. This season's productions include Snow White, Emperor's New Clothes and Princess and the Pea. Also, check out this flyer about **Lil' Rebs Cheerleading Camp** at <http://www.lwsd.org/school/jhs/SiteCollectionDocuments/Cheer/Lil%20Rebs%20Fall%2009.pdf>

Lost and Found The weather is changing. Mornings are cold, afternoons are warm. As a result, our lost and found is growing rapidly as kids discard their sweatshirts and coats on the playground. To help students find their clothing, please take a minute to help them write their name on the inside of their shirts and coats, and encourage them to take a look in the lost and found to see if they've left anything behind.

LUNCH PROGRAM PROCEDURES: Over the last few years, there have been an increase number of students' lunch accounts with a negative balance. We encourage you to make sure your account has sufficient funds to provide lunch for your child. We want to remind you of our procedures with school lunch charges. Visit: <http://lwsd.org/school/sandburg/For-Parents/Pages/Lunch.aspx> to review the Lunch Program Procedures. Thank you!

Health Screening Chair Needed: We are looking for a volunteer to help organize Health Screening Day on Jan. 14th. Enlist a few volunteers and work with the school nurse throughout the day. Please contact Wendy Strand at wendypies@gmail.com

Want to contact the PTSA with your ideas, thoughts, questions? - sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com

If you have a few extra moments...check out this online magazine, *The Child Advocate*, presented by the Washington State PTA. Helpful information and tips for raising children in today's world. http://www.wastatepta.org/resources/child_advocate/index.html

A friendly tip from the Green Team...

As the sun rises later and sets earlier, we need to use our lights more often. To save money and energy, switch to compact fluorescent from regular incandescent bulbs and use 60 percent less energy per bulb and save 300 pounds of CO2 a year.

source: www.care2.com



Don't forget to send in your Box Tops! Each month the class with the most box tops turned in will receive a popsicle party!

