

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Carl Sandburg and DCS Families,

The Carl Sandburg and Discovery Community School's Mission Statement is: Together we promote academic success and build responsible citizens who enjoy learning. I have shared with you how we work together to promote academic success, and it is our belief that responsible citizenship and love of learning support the academic success of our students. We work with our students to "Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful, and Work Hard" through classroom lessons, assemblies, and modeling throughout the school. We also take time to recognize outstanding examples of those four ideals.

On November 6th, we will take time as a school to honor those who have served our country as members of the military. You are invited to attend one or both of our Veterans Day Assemblies on November 6th. The kindergarten through third grade assembly is at 10:00 AM, and the fourth through sixth grade assembly is at 11:15 AM. You are especially invited to join us if you or a family member is a veteran.

We look forward to honoring our veterans on November 6th.

Mark Blomquist
Principal
Carl Sandburg Elementary/
Discovery Community School

UPCOMING EVENTS

Volunteer Orientation

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

Special Needs Meeting

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

Weed Meet

Wed. Oct. 25th, 11:00 am
Meet at school
(bring your gloves)

Reflections Deadline

Wed. Oct. 28th

Halloween class parties and parade

Fri. Oct. 30th

Halloween

Sat. Oct. 31th

Picture Retakes

Wed. Nov. 4

Reflections Reception

Thurs. Nov. 5 -Evening
(Time TBA)



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 nationwide 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

REFLECTIONS SUBMISSION GUIDELINES: Only 9 days left to submit your Reflections entry on what "Beauty is..." to you! The Oct. 28th deadline is earlier this year because the Lake Wash. Council's Reflections deadline has been moved up. ***This means there won't be time to correct your entry if it is not submitted according to the rules.*** **REMINDERS:** All entries need to have no names on front (for blind judging) have a parent-signed entry form with artist statement and turned in to Bette, in the main office, no later than 4pm October 28th. Entries are required to be backed for support and it is highly recommended to have your photography and visual art entries in a plastic sleeve to protect work from damage. Plastic sleeves are available this year in 10 X 12 inches only—(this means your artwork with the backing must be slightly smaller to fit and seal shut). Larger sleeves can be purchased individually at Ben Franklin in Redmond, for \$.89-\$3.00 each. PLEASE REMEMBER: Entries including matting can be no thicker than 3/8 inch. Visual Art can be up to 24 X 30 but Photography entries, whether collage or single can only be 12 X 18 (please verify size). Please contact Reflections chair for 10 X 12 inch sleeves or more information. Please refer to the detailed guidelines online at <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html> before submitting your child's entry to make sure it will be eligible.

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 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 regular 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). There will be a ***Quest Elementary Information Night on Thursday, November 5 from 4:30-6 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. at Rose Hill Junior High School (13505 NE 74thSt, 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.

Save the "Women in History" program: "Women in History" is a small program that may not be presented unless, we have a chairperson to run it. If you are interested in this program, or would like more information, contact Sarah Turner (425)820-5991 sarahmtur@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: Last week...to send in Crayola Brand crayons for Seattle Children's Hospital. There is a collection box in the office or you can send in donations with your child. Thank you!, to all who have sent in crayons so far. 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. 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

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

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

Carl Sandburg/DCS Sportswear: Look for an order form for the new Carl Sandburg/DCS sportswear coming home in kid mail today.

The Green Team is pleased to have presented reusable party ware sets.. to the rest of the Sandburg teachers....just in time for upcoming Halloween parties. These sets are intended to save classroom party expenses and save landfill space. Enjoy them!

Earth Challenge Assembly presented by King County: On Tues, Oct 27th our students will be participating in an Earth Challenge assembly presented free by King County. It is a very fun, professionally done assembly which helps reinforce the important message about waste reduction. We encourage parents to come enjoy the show as well. Times of the assembly: 9:45 (K-2) and 11:15 (3-6).

Upcoming Elections: Important Legislative information going on in our community. Learn more about the Legislative issues important to your child's education and the community. This link, <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Documents/Legislative%20Update%20101209.pdf> will take you to our website. There, you will find information about the School Levy & Bond renewal, the WSPTA's opposition to Initiative 1033, and the Kirkland Annexation (also known as: "Proposition A: Finn Hill, Kingsgate, and North Juanita Annexation, Assumption of Indebtedness, and Adoption of Zoning Regulations").

Input on the School and Levy Bond election: If you couldn't make it to any of the input meetings, you can still give your input online but hurry, tomorrow (Oct. 21) is the deadline. On February 9th voters in the Lake Washington School District will be asked to renew existing local school levies and potentially approve a new school bond measure. Go to <http://lwsd.org/News/Levy-and-Bond-Input/Pages/Levy-and-Bond-Input%E2%80%93Add-Your-Voice.aspx>

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. - visit: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/elections/voting.aspx>

Recess Rovers volunteers needed!!! students who choose to participate in the popular "Recess Rovers" <http://lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Pages/Wellness-Team.aspx> program will have the option to walk/run laps at recess at their own, safe, and healthy pace. Participants get recognition by filling out a Rover card (completed cards will be displayed in the hall). Additionally, miles will be added up for the whole school and tracked to reach various virtual locations tracked on a state and national map. ***This fun program will begin as soon as we have a Recess Rover coordinator and volunteers! Please contact the Wellness Team at chantalkoch@yahoo.com for further information and to volunteer.***

What are Easy Money makers for our school you ask...? PACE is an easy money maker that has been at our school for 1 year. Last year, 40 families enrolled and it earned about \$1,000 for our PTSA. What I love about this program is, while I earn money for our school, I can also earn money for myself. Last year, just by using my credit card, I earned almost \$100 and another Sandburg/ DCS family earned \$175. **How does this program work?** It's simple to use, go online to www.4pace.com and register any Visa or MasterCard. The registration fee is \$25, \$10 of which goes directly to our PTSA. After registering your VISA or MasterCard as a PACE member, shop or dine at any of the great businesses in the PACE book and our PTSA will receive a 5% donation, every time you make a purchase with that particular card. The best part is, your first transaction (at each participating restaurant) provides 20% that goes back to you in the form of a rebate check. There are a variety of local businesses that participate in PACE. That's what makes it so easy to raise additional money for PTSA without any extra effort - and it's automatic! Look for more information about PACE coming home in kid mail on November 3rd. This program is great and completely optional. Thanks, Tricia Davis PTSA Co-President - Questions???

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Other Easy money makers at our school are...

- Box tops - This year, so far, we have collected almost \$300.00.
- Campbell's soup labels
- Shopping at Safeway - Don't forget to register your Safeway Club Card www.escrip.com
- Shopping at Albertsons with your rewards card. Go to <http://www.albertsons.com/cp>

...these can all earn money back for our school. Also, If you have a Target Red card, www.Target.com, the money you spend at Target can earn money back for our Principal to spend towards our school.

A friendly tip from the Green Team...

The leaves are falling and to save time and money, use them as mulch. You'll save on buying mulch and you won't have to bag all your leaves. To use leaves as a mulch, they're best shredded with the a mulching lawn mower and then they are ready to use. Unlike compost, you don't want these leaves to decompose. Spread over areas where you want to suppress weeds or have a barrier between the soil and the elements that can erode the soil. Source: <http://landscaping.about.com/cs/compostandmulch>

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