

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Carl Sandburg and Discovery School,

This is Aidan Geurts, your Principal-for-a-Day. My favorite part of the day was bringing the cars down during morning drop-off. I liked saying, "are you ready for learning?" as people got out of their cars. My second favorite part was being in my cousin Antoine's class. I liked seeing a lot of kids that I knew in sixth grade and liked seeing them laugh. I also liked going to the music room because it was interesting to hear what Mrs. Osborn read to them about Star Spangled Banner and how it was written. I also got to see Dave's office and how he can see how the heaters work for the classrooms.

Thank you for letting me be the Principal-for-a-Day today.

Sincerely,

Aidan Geurts  
Principal for the Day  
Carl Sandburg and Discovery Community School

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Election Day

TODAY

Tues. Nov. 3

### P.A.C.K. Week

Nov. 2 - 6

Pack produce for lunch or snack (see details on page 3)

### Picture Retakes

Wed. Nov. 4

### Reflections Reception

Thurs. Nov. 5 at 6:30 pm  
in the Sandburg Gym

### "Mathnificent" Event

#### Family Math Night

Wed. Nov. 4

6:00-7:30pm

(see more details on page 2)

### Green Team Meeting

Thurs. Nov. 5 at 9:15 am  
Juanita Village Starbuck's

### Veteran's Day Assembly

Fri. Nov. 6 -Join us  
1:30 to 2:00 for grades K-2  
2:30-3:00 for grades 3-6

### No School

Wed. Nov. 11

in honor of Veteran's Day

### General PTSA meeting

Thurs. Nov. 12 at 7:00 pm  
in the library



**ELECTION DAY -  
Please remember  
to VOTE today!**

Legislative information going on in our community: Learn more about the Legislative issues important to your child's education and the community. <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Documents/Legislative%20Update%20101209.pdf>



**Join us tomorrow night for the "Mathnificent" Event - Nov. 4th 6:00-7:30pm:** Located in the Sandburg gym and Library. This week our Family Math Night will partner up with the Seattle store, Math-N-Stuff, which specializes in all types of math games and puzzles. Families will have the opportunity to both play and **purchase games**. The school will earn "math points" for every purchase made that night. These points can be used to obtain new games for our Family Math Nights and to build up the classroom resource library that teachers use throughout the month. Math-N-Stuff will have plenty of inventory at the event and will also offer holiday deliver dates (cash, checks and visa cards are accepted for purchasing games). 6th grade parents will be selling pizza, drinks and cookies as an Outdoor Education fund raiser that evening from 5:45-6:45. The ability to purchase games and refreshments are only available at the evening event.



This "Mathnificent" Event begins during the day on Nov. 4th with a school-wide exploration of math games and puzzles. There will be three game rooms set up to introduce a "mathtastic" collections of games that will be sure to light up young minds and help students realize just how fun and cool math can be! If you are interested in volunteering during the day for this event, email Ms. Roy for details at [broy@lwsd.org](mailto:broy@lwsd.org).

**Picture Retake Day is TOMORROW! Wednesday November 4th:** If you want to have your student's photo retaken, please bring back the entire photo packet (including CD if you ordered one) so they can get credit. If your child was absent on picture day, he/she may take a photo at this time. Please remember your photo order envelope (there are envelopes in the main office). Also, if you are an approved Sandburg/DCS PTSA volunteer and would like a photo badge for our school, you may take a picture at this time. **Remember, you must be a PTSA member and have an approved LWSO volunteer application on file.**

**Veteran's Day Assembly:** On Friday, 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 that day. - 1:30 to 2:00 for grades K-2 and 2:30-3:00 for grades 3-6. You are especially invited to join us if you or a family member is a veteran.

**Reflections Reception, Nov. 5th, 6:30 in the Sandburg Gym:** We had a great turn out for this year's Reflection Art Contest, "Beauty is...". Come join us this Thursday to view and celebrate the fabulous creations of our children. Visual artwork and photography will be displayed on the walls for your viewing. We will have a computer available for our film production pieces and notebook with our literature pieces available as well. We will give out certificates and ribbons to those attending, but we want your opinion too! Help us choose our Merit Award winners by placing your own vote. Take this opportunity to show your support for the hard work put into their masterpieces. Light refreshments will be available. For any questions, please contact: Becca Bassingthwaite at [bbassackwards@yahoo.com](mailto:bbassackwards@yahoo.com) or (206) 250-3420.

**PTSA General Meeting:** Please join us November 12th at 7pm in the library for our second PTSA General Meeting. We hope you can make it. Also, feel free to contact the PTSA anytime with questions, comments or ideas. [sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com)

**Welcome to the PTSA Board!** A big thank you and welcome go out to Erin Bell and Suzanne Everard for joining the PTSA Board. Erin will partner with Wendy Strand to oversee Services and Suzanne will partner with Sarah Turner to oversee Enrichment. We are still looking for a Ways and Means Board member. If you are interested or have any questions please contact either Marlene Vacknitz or Tricia Davis at [sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com).

**P.A.C.K. Week: Pack Assorted Colors for Kids**  
**This Week - November 2nd- 6th!** P.A.C.K. week is in full swing! Help us celebrate by including fruits and vegetables that match the color of the day in your student's snacks and lunches Nov. 2nd-6th. Have fun and go shopping for the rainbow together! Get creative and try something new! (check out [welchs.com/pack](http://welchs.com/pack) or [fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org](http://fruitsandveggiesmorematters.org) and [http://www.pugetsoundfresh.com/harvest\\_schedule.htm](http://www.pugetsoundfresh.com/harvest_schedule.htm) for seasonal items).

Monday is Purple Day  
Tuesday is White Day  
Wednesday is Red Day  
Thursday is Yellow/  
Orange Day  
Friday is Green Day

**LWSD Food Services provide FREE Fruits and Veggies samples during PACK week:** To help make the rainbow of produce available for all students, FREE fruit/veggie samples provided by LWSD food services will be delivered to classrooms every day during lunch November 2-6! Volunteers are still needed for 30 - 90 minute shifts (Kindergarten-2nd 11:54-12:24 • 3rd & 4th grades 12:24-12:54 • 5th-6th grades 12:54-1:24). Please contact the Wellness Team at [chantalkoch@yahoo.com](mailto:chantalkoch@yahoo.com) ASAP! Volunteers are needed for all three lunches during the week of November 2-6!



**Student Green Team:** For those students who are interested, our 3-6 grade Student Green Team will start meeting during lunch/lunch recess on Tues., Nov. 17th. Contact Susan Vossler for more information. [vosslerm1@comcast.net](mailto:vosslerm1@comcast.net)

**Parent Green Team meeting** will be Thurs., Nov. 5th at 9:15am in the Juanita Village Starbuck's meeting room.

**Holiday Food Drive to benefit NW Harvest:** With the holiday season approaching, we look to help out the less fortunate by donating to NW Harvest. Local food banks have seen a dramatic drop in donations, however, the local needs have increased. Please bring in non-perishable food items to help out with holiday meals. We will arrange for delivery to the food bank in time for Thanksgiving. Let's show our community spirit and give what we can. We will be collecting food, now until November 20th. For further information, contact Wendy Strand [wendypies@gmail.com](mailto:wendypies@gmail.com)

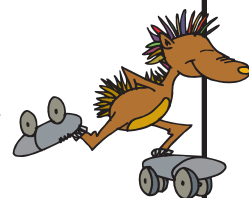
**Don't know what to do with all that Halloween candy?** The Wellness Team is collecting Halloween candy to donate to the Northwest Harvest Food Bank. Candy (and other non-perishables) can be put in a collection box in the school office. [chantalkoch@yahoo.com](mailto:chantalkoch@yahoo.com)

**Announcing the Carl Sandburg/DCS Chess Tournament Team!** The first tournament is on Saturday, November 14th, 10am to 3pm in North Seattle. Any student who can play chess can join by signing up at <http://www.chessplayer.com/SignUp.php>. If your child is in Chess Club, s/he is at tournament level if doing Workbook 102. Please email Stephanie and Soha ([stephanie.develle@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.develle@gmail.com), [soha\\_dastbaz@hotmail.com](mailto:soha_dastbaz@hotmail.com)) to let us know if you sign up.

**Fun Run Survey:** Every year we try to improve and make the fundraising process better. Last week a Fun Run survey went home in kid-mail. Please take a minute to give us your feedback and suggestions about Fun Run. If you did not receive it, copies can be printed at <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Documents/Fun%20Run%20Survey%202009.pdf> and returned in kid-mail to your student's classroom. Please return them by Friday, November 6th. Thanks in advance for your input! Angela Johnson [ryanandalliesmom@yahoo.com](mailto:ryanandalliesmom@yahoo.com)

**Finn Hill Jr High:** This year FHJH's play is "Once Upon A Mattress" and performances will be on November 20th at 7pm and November 21st at 2pm & 7pm. Mark your calendar for this event. We will let you know when tickets go on sale.

**Family Skate King Night - Save the date!** Wednesday, November, 18th will be Sandburg/DCS family skate night at Bellevue Skate King from 6-8pm. Admission cost is \$6 per person and includes regular quad skates. Inline skates also available for an additional charge. Only checks and cash can be accepted at the door for payment.



**Cub Scout Pack 567 would like to invite all first grade boys..**to join us for our first ever Space Derby to be held Tuesday, Nov. 10th @7:00 pm in the Sandburg gym. To get your space derby kit please send an email to [cubmaster567@verizon.net](mailto:cubmaster567@verizon.net) with subject Space Derby. We will send your Space Derby kit via kid mail so you can be ready to launch on Nov. 10th.

**Positive Discipline is back at Horace Mann!** Tired of the whining, sibling conflict, morning routines, attitude, homework not getting done or something else? Join us for "Parenting from the Heart; How to Discipline with Kindness and Firmness, an introductory class to find out how to raise children who are responsible, resilient and can think for themselves. Kind and Firm parenting can bring peace to your home and a sense of accomplishment to your parenting. Tuesday, November 10th 7:00-8:30 in the Horace Mann library. To reserve a seat, contact Melanie Miller, Mann School Counselor at [mmiller@lwsd.org](mailto:mmiller@lwsd.org) or 425-881-9696.

**Quest Information Night:** To find out more about what Quest offers to highly capable, academically gifted children please attend the Quest information night. **Thursday, Nov. 5th from 4:30-6 p.m. or 7-8:30 p.m. at Rose Hill Junior High School (13505 NE 74th St, Redmond, WA 98052).** Applications will be accepted (Grades 1-6) for the 2010-2011 school year beginning November 2, 2009 through November 30, 2009. For more information go to ([www.lwsd.org/quest](http://www.lwsd.org/quest)), and at the Quest Office on the third floor of the Resource Center (425-702-3238; [Quest@lwsd.org](mailto:Quest@lwsd.org)). If you plan to bring your children to the information session, we would recommend that you attend the early meeting.



**Carl Sandburg/DCS Sportswear Due Date Nov. 17th:** Don't forget to get your order in for the NEW Sandburg sportswear. If you misplaced your form please see link to print a new one: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Documents/SandburgSportswearFinalFinal.pdf>

**Craft Fair is coming December 5th:** This year are making an effort to use recycled and green items for our craft fair. In this spirit, we'll be collecting household items in preparation. Currently, we are looking for wine corks and flower seeds as well as other household items. We're also looking for new ideas. If you have any 'green' ideas for crafts, please pass them on. I'd love to hear from you. For those of you interested in helping out, volunteers are needed for prep work and for assistance during the fair itself. For questions, please contact: Becca Bassingthwaite at [bbassackwards@yahoo.com](mailto:bbassackwards@yahoo.com) or (206) 250-3420.

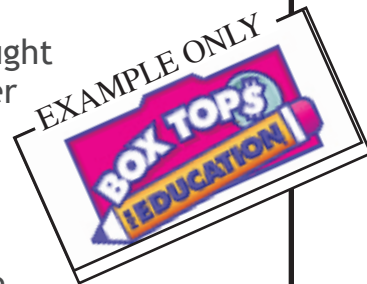
**Lost and Found:** Is your child missing anything? Please take a minute to look through the lost and found rack, and bin, located near the library. We have once again accumulated many items. If a name is on the items we find - we are happy to return them to their owner. Lost and Found will be cleared out on November 25th and donated to charity.

**PACE - An Easy Money Maker:** In kidmail today please find an information envelope on the PACE program. PACE is an easy money maker that has been at our school for one year. Last year, 40 families enrolled and it earned about \$1,000 for our PTSA. What I love about this program is that while it earns money for our school it also earns money for me. Last year I earned almost \$100 and another Sandburg/ DCS family earned \$175. How does this program work? It is simple. Go online to [www.4pace.com](http://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 purchase. The best part of this is your first transaction at participating retailers 20% goes back to you (in the form of a rebate check). There are a variety of businesses locally that participate in PACE so, it is an easy way to raise additional money for PTSA without any extra effort - and it is all automatic! This program is great and completely optional. Thanks, Tricia Davis PTSA Co-President - Questions??? [sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com) - Please send back to school any unwanted PACE envelopes/packets.

**Community Bulletin Board:** This is a link on the LWSO.org site and our school website for parents to access flyers from companies in our community. <http://www.lwsd.org/SCHOOL/SANDBURG/FOR-PARENTS/BULLETIN-BOARD/Pages/default.aspx>

## Congratulations to Mrs. Nelson's class..

for bringing in the most BOX TOPS for the month of October. They brought in **240 BOX TOPS** and will receive popsicles at lunch today. For October we brought in a school total of 1198 BOX TOPS which means another \$120 for our school! Thank you to everyone for continuing to send in your BOX TOPS on a monthly basis. If you need a form to submit your BOX TOPS please click: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/sandburg/PTSA/Documents/cs-boxtops%2010%20per%20sheet.pdf> Remember to include your teacher's name so we can give your class credit.



Send in you favorite photos to possibly use in the 2009-2010 yearbook.

The yearbook committee is looking for photos from any school related event of the current school year. Classroom parties, Fun Run, Ice Cream Social, Field trips, etc. Digital photos can be burned/download to a CD and turned into Bette in the main office. Please attach a label with your name, teacher's name and event. *Note: Try to use the highest setting or 4x6 size on your camera to get the best results.* Contact Val Asaro at [v.asaro@verizon.net](mailto:v.asaro@verizon.net)

Check out these other Easy Money Makers that help earn money back for our school...

### **P.A.C.E.**

Look for more information coming home in kid mail on Nov. 3rd. [www.4pace.com](http://www.4pace.com)

### **Campbell's Soup Labels**

Drop off labels (include UPC code) in the Campbell's Soup bin located inside the main entrance.

### **Shopping at Safeway**

Register (free) your Safeway Club Card with [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)

### **Shopping at Albertsons**

with your rewards card. To register go to <http://www.albertsons.com/cp>

Also, If you have a **Target Red Card**, [www.Target.com](http://www.Target.com), the money you spend at Target can earn money back for our Principal to spend towards our school. Questions? Contact Tricia Davis PTSA Co-President - [sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com](mailto:sandburgdcsptsa@yahoo.com).

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