

**Important Dates:**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>
November		
10	6:30pm	Triple Feature-Drama Club Performances, Everyone Welcome!! Admission: \$3.00 per person. Children under 5 yrs. of age: Free
11	All Day	NO SCHOOL – Veteran’s Day
19	1:00pm	Woodinville <i>Barnes and Noble Book Fair</i> – Honor Choir Performing (please read article)
23	Noon Release	School dismisses at 12:00pm PM Kindergarten attends school 9:00am -12:00pm (NO bus service) AM Kindergarten does not attend this day
24	All Day	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
25	All Day	NO SCHOOL – Thanksgiving Holiday
30	10:00am-12:30pm	Picture Retakes (Volunteers may get pic taken for Volunteer Badge)

**ATTENDANCE POLICY** The state has made changes at the elementary level for attendance. In the past all absences have shown as excused on report cards. As of this school year if a parent/guardian does not call the school within 24 hours of an absence, the absence will be recorded as unexcused, and your child’s report card will now show both excused and unexcused absences separately. This is going into effect to bring the elementary level in line with Washington State’s Becca Law. For more information on the Becca Law please go to <http://www.kingcounty.gov/Prosecutor/truancybecca.aspx>

**COLD WEATHER – WARM CLOTHING:** As fall is upon us and winter is just around the corner, please help your child(ren) plan and dress appropriately. The layered options are the best, it covers either cold or warm situations. Warm clothing, sweaters, sweatshirts, hats, glove, boots come in handy some days, even when some days start out warm in the morning. It is IMPORTANT to label your child’s outerwear so it has a possibility of being returned to them should an article of clothing be left outside.

**DRESS CODE FOR THOREAU ELEMENTARY** As stated on page16 of the Thoreau Student/Parent Handbook, please read:

To help foster a positive attitude and respect for the learning environment, students are expected to display personal cleanliness, neatness and appropriate attire. It is difficult to include all combinations of clothing and appearance that could be disruptive to the learning environment---common sense must prevail.

1. Shirts with spaghetti straps (straps must be at least two fingers wide), tank tops, jeans with holes, muscle shirts, cut-off shirts, and sport short and spandex are examples of clothing more appropriate for after school or the beach. Clothing should also fit appropriate to the size of the student, not too tight, not too big.
2. The fingertip rule will apply to the wearing of shorts and skirts. Length cannot be above fingertips when hands are held at side.
3. The wearing of clothes or accessories which relate in any way to gangs, sex, profanity and/or are exclusionary in nature will not be allowed. In addition any accessory that may be used as a weapon will not be allowed. The wearing of this type of outfit may require a call home for the parent to bring a change of clothing.

4. To support our prevention policy for alcohol and other drugs, we prohibit students from wearing apparel and jewelry which promote drug, alcohol or tobacco use.
5. Hats or caps are for outside wear only.
6. Student's shoes need to be safe for stairs, PE and playground activities. Sandals without heel straps, flip-flops or loose fitting loafers may cause a child to trip and/or fall. **Please do not wear these to school.**
7. Proper coats, hats and shoes are necessary for inclement weather. Students are expected to have a rain resistant jacket, as we go outside on rainy days. Umbrellas may be used to and from school but are not allowed to be used during the school day.
8. All coats and jackets should be appropriately labeled with the child's name.

**VANDALISM:** We have had a couple of incidences of vandalism recently when coats were left on the fence overnight. The coats were destroyed. Please check the LOST and FOUND, located by the student restrooms just outside the Cafeteria. **ALL LOST AND FOUND ITEMS NOT CLAIMED BY WINTER BREAK WILL BE DONATED TO A LOCAL CHARITY.**

**Congratulations to Leslie Paige and her Honor Choir** group who made the *Kirkland Reporter* news this week! Please go to the website below to read the article and enjoy the great pictures of our teacher and her students! <http://www.kirklandreporter.com/news/133380738.html>

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## PTA NEWS

**Together, Thoreau PTA and Adventure Children's Theatre Invite you to come see the hysterical triple feature of:**

**The Emperors New Clothes @ 6PM      Mystery at Pepperidge Farm Manor @ Approx 6:40PM  
7 Hobbits and Other Highly Successful Fairytales @ Approx 7:45PM    Thursday, November 10th  
Admission is \$3 per person at the door - come one, come all & come prepared to buy some yummy snacks at the concession stand!! See you at the show!!**

**Woodinville Barnes and Noble Book Fair takes place all day November 19, 2011 – 10% of all book sales to Thoreau parents will be donated to Thoreau Elementary PTA. If you make a purchase, please make sure you share with them that you are from Thoreau Elementary. Also, Thoreau's Honor Choir will perform at 1:00pm in front of the store. You won't want to miss the fun!! Come on down!!!**

**MAKE IT TAKE IT FAIR:** Mark it on your calendar! The Make it Take it Fair will be December 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm. It's time to start thinking about those holiday gifts! It will be the perfect time for students to make those perfect gifts for family and friends, socialize with friends, and enjoy this annual Thoreau tradition. Vendor tables are available, and volunteers are needed. If interested, contact Amy Baker at [dasbakers@gmail.com](mailto:dasbakers@gmail.com). Keep an eye out...more details to follow.

**FALL DANCE** I just wanted to give a HUGE Thank You to all the wonderful volunteers at the Fall Dance. The support of the entire Thoreau Faculty and PTA, the Juanita High School Honor Society, Meredith Boggness, Katrina Wood, Margaret Adams, Sharlyn Carralho-Chang and Star & Daniel Quintana...without all your amazing help the dance wouldn't have been possible! And another HUGE "Thank You" to all our wonderful Thoreau Parents. Because of your generous donations we were able to donate *598 pounds of food*, an \$897 value, to Hopelink. This year we were also able to give a \$221 cash

donation as a result of our raffle...*bringing our total donation to Hopelink up to \$1118!!* Way to go Thoreau! I'm looking forward to next year ☺ -Trilogy Jones/Dance Chairperson

**MORE ON THE FALL DANCE** We want to say a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who donated baked goods for the fall dance bake sale! We raised **\$346.71** for the 5/6th outdoor Ed. Program. We have the BEST community here at Thoreau – not only did we get baked items donated from our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, but from parents with students attending other grades!! Thank you again!!! - 5/6th fundraising team.

## Who Dun It? (coming in January)

### IMPORTANT DATES

**Mandatory Parent Info Meetings** – December 14<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Commons  
AND January 18<sup>th</sup> at 7PM in the Commons

**Auditions for Parts** – Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> 3:30-5:30PM (every child registered gets a part - auditions are to determine WHO gets WHAT part)

**Rehearsals\*** - January 25<sup>th</sup>-February 3<sup>rd</sup> - **2 Parents Required Each Rehearsal Day** :

January

25<sup>th</sup> – 2-6 PM

26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-6PM

31st – noon to 5PM (this is a half day at Thoreau for conferences)

February

1<sup>st</sup> – 2-6 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – noon to 5PM (these are half days at Thoreau for conferences)

**Performances** – tickets are \$3 at the door:

February 4<sup>th</sup> – 2 performances that day – Exact times & location are still being determined!

\*Please note – rehearsal times WILL change depending on the roles assigned. The times indicated are that of the spaces we have reserved within the school. Younger (K-2) students typically go home earlier on most days. Please be flexible with this. Specific information pertaining to this will be given at the parent info meeting.

### *January/February Musical Calendar*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1/15	1/16	1/17	1/18 Mandatory Parent Meeting -7PM in the Commons	1/19	1/20 Auditions – 3:30-5:30 in the Gym	1/21
1/22	1/23	1/24	1/25 Rehearsal – 2-6PM	1/26 Rehearsal – 3:30-6PM	1/27 Rehearsal – 3:30-6PM	1/28
1/29	1/30 Rehearsal – 3:30-6PM	1/31 Rehearsal – Noon-5PM	2/1 Rehearsal – 2-6PM	2/2 Rehearsal – Noon-5PM	2/3 Rehearsal – Noon-5PM	2/4 Performance Day!

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time - Please forward this on to any Thoreau students you think may be interested. Thank you!

Questions????? Juliana Canales

Call or text - 206-660-8663

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Thoreau PTA and  
**Adventure Children's Theatre**  
**Proudly Present...**  
 All School Musical of "Who Dun It?"  
 Coming in January 2012!

**Mixed Age Cast - K-6 \$70**  
 Space is limited to 50 kids in the cast so sign up now!!!

**Questions?? Contact Juliana Canales – (206) 660-8663 or juliana.canales@gmail.com**

Important things to know before your child attends auditions: Please understand the commitment, rules and regulations and sign below. Return this page to Juliana via kid mail with a \$70 check made payable to **Thoreau PTA**. \$70 All School Musical includes: *Theatre Instruction, 2 admission tickets and a DVD of the performance. (performance admission is \$3 per person at the door for each performance)* Any questions, please email juliana.canales@gmail.com

**Must be available for audition on Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> after school and all rehearsals (see schedule below).**

Kids are to meet in the Gym on the first day and will be instructed where to go each day thereafter. **BRING A HEARTY SNACK/LUNCH AND WATER BOTTLE TO EACH REHEARSAL!**

**PLEASE NOTE** – At least one of the performances will be recorded by a professional videographer and put onto DVD. The video is for the sole purpose of the families and will not be re-sold to anyone for any use other than families with children in the performance. EACH CHILD REGISTERING FOR THE ALL SCHOOL MUSICAL AND IN THE PERFORMANCE WILL BE INCLUDED ON THE VIDEO.

REFUND POLICY: 50% refund after 1<sup>st</sup> class, NO refund after 2<sup>nd</sup> class.

\* NSF Checks will result in immediate withdrawal from the class until the check and all fees are cleared. A second NSF Check and/or non clearance of original NSF Check will result in no checks being accepted for any PTA Programs.

Please turn in this form with a headshot of your child – preferably 4x6 or smaller.

**Child Info:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Hair Color: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rules & regulations:** Registration forms received WITHOUT dates of parent participation noted will not be accepted.

Appropriate language, appropriate touch (no hitting, wrestling etc) Respectful behavior toward all students & adults in charge. Clean up after yourself and support each other. Misconduct will result in immediate dismissal of the program with no refunds. I understand the kids will be recorded on performance night, the time commitment, rules and regulations as read above.

**Parent Volunteers Needed** – 2 volunteers for each day... I can volunteer:

January - 25<sup>th</sup> – 2-6 PM, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> – 3:30-6PM or 31st – noon to 5PM (this is a half day at Thoreau for conferences – pack a lunch)

February - 1<sup>st</sup> – 2-6 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> – noon to 5PM (these are half day at Thoreau for conferences – pack a lunch)

Performances February 4 ~ Volunteers for performances - Ticket Sales - Concession Sales – Program – Pictures -

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 Student Signature Parent Signature Date

**Thank you all so much for encouraging and supporting your children in our  
3<sup>rd</sup> Annual All School Musical ~ Who Dun It?**

We do realize this is quite the time commitment, but your child will grow tremendously from this experience.

Some important things to remember:

- 1. PARENT PARTICIPATION IS BOTH NECESSARY AND MANDATORY:  
MANDATORY PARENT MEETINGS – December 14<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup>  
at 6:30PM in the Commons**
2. Bring a snack to each rehearsal
3. Please make us aware of any allergies so that we are all aware and the kids are kept safe.
- 4. Remind your child each day to have respectful behavior toward all kids and adults in charge. All school rules must be followed.  
PARENTS WILL BE ASKED TO STAY AND HELP MONITOR THEIR CHILD  
IF TOO MUCH ATTENTION FROM THE CHAPERONES IS NEEDED FOR  
JUST ONE CHILD.**
5. This is a time commitment – the expectation is that your child will not miss rehearsal unless they are ill. Attendance is important not only for your child, but the entire group.
6. If your child “auditions” – they will be a part of the play. Please let us know ASAP if your child decides not to continue after auditions so that our producers may reassign their part. Dropping out is difficult on EVERY member of the cast and producers/directors.
7. Volunteer Sign Up. Please help us to make sure that EACH AND EVERY SPOT is filled! In order for the play to be a success, we are relying on the support of each and every parent/guardian. ALL parents/volunteers must be district approved. District approval can be accomplished by going to the LWSD website.
8. \$70 All School Musical includes: ***Theatre Instruction, 2 admission tickets and a DVD of the performance.***
9. Please sign and return the student info sheet along with a \$70 check made to Thoreau PTA ASAP.