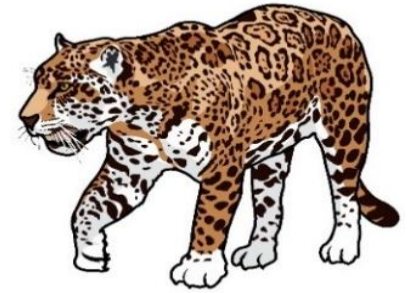


Welcome back! We have many exciting things happening at Juanita Elementary. The calendar and information about events are included below. This year we are having an Open House on September 28 for all of our families and we hope that you can come! More information below.

The Cat Tracks newsletter comes out every other week.



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On the web: Juanita Elementary School: <http://www.lwsd.org/juanita>

Month-Ahead Calendar of School and District Events Early
Release at 2:00PM every Wednesday

Date:	Time:	Activity:
September 28	5:15-6:00PM	Outdoor Ed Parent Meeting at Open House
September 28	6:00-7:30PM	Open House at Juanita Elementary
September 29	8:30 - 3:00PM	School Photos, Individual & Class
October 2 - 6		Walk to School Week
October 6	1:35 - 2:15	K-2 participate in Jag-A-Thon
	2:35-3:15	3-5 participate in Jag-A-Thon
October 12	6:00-7:30	Watch DOGS Pizza Night in the Commons
October 13		Spirit & Popcorn Day
October 16, 17 & 19	Dismiss at Noon	Student Led Conferences
October 20	NO SCHOOL	LEAP Training Day for teachers

Jag Brags: Each week we pull names from our Life Skills Box for students who have been recognized and received a Jag Brag Slip or a raffle ticket. These students have demonstrated positive behavior in areas such as: Using Skills for Learning, Showing Empathy, Managing Your Emotions, or Problem Solving.

Congratulations to our winners for the last 2 weeks:

In Kindergarten: Conor, Kloey & Hudson

In 1st grade: Amani, MaKenna, Nicholas & Thaddeus

In 2nd grade: Jayme, Olivia & Haylee

In 3rd grade: MJ, Estela, & Jovany

In 4th grade: Sophie, & Lawson

In 5th grade: Abigail, Dane & Kedric

Students' pictures are prominently displayed on the bulletin board in the hallway next to our library and once a month there will also be a drawing for lunch with the principal.

OPEN HOUSE: Please come join us for Open House on September 28th from 6:00-7:30pm. We are excited to announce that this year we are having an Open House rather than a Curriculum Night, so that all of our students and families can participate!

- 6:00-6:45pm Families and teachers will have the opportunity to connect with one another in the cafeteria. Food Trucks will provide a dinner option, or you can bring a picnic dinner from home. We will have a food truck with hot dogs and another serving ice cream desserts.
<http://www.uhungrybro.com/>, <https://whipped-raw.com/>
- 6:45-7:30pm Families will be invited into the classrooms to see student work, connect with their child's teacher, and meet other parents from their classroom. You can also talk to our Specialists (Music, PE, ELL, Special Ed, Safety Net, etc.) in the library!

OUTDOOR ED PARENT MEETING BEFORE OPEN HOUSE:

5:15 - 6:00 pm - Outdoor Education (IslandWood) Presentation for 4th & 5th grade parents in the Juanita Library. A representative from IslandWood, will be here to share all about the IslandWood experience. **We are asking that at least one parent from each 5th grade family be there.** Fourth grade parents are encouraged to attend as well. Following the presentation, there will be time for the Outdoor Ed. Committee and the PTA to share their ideas regarding fundraising, and time for any remaining questions. **Child Care will be available in Room 118 for parents attending the Outdoor Ed Meeting.**

STUDENT SAFETY: The staff at Juanita Elementary make a great effort to provide a safe environment for each student.

Building systems and procedures in place:

- All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the office and get a badge to enter the building.
- Only volunteers who have been background checked and cleared by the Washington State Patrol.
- Volunteers must be pre-scheduled with the classroom teacher'.

Emergency Drills:

- Students practice at least one drill each month (earthquake, fire, or lockdown).
- During a Lockdown: Staff lock all interior and exterior doors, cover interior and exterior windows, and follow instructions delivered over the intercom. In some Lock Down scenarios, students will practice evacuating out different routes.

STUDENT DAILY ARRIVAL: We have student supervision available at 8:45 a.m. each morning. Please do not drop off students before 8:45a.m., for their safety. If you need to drop off before 8:45 a.m., you can sign up for our PAWS program. PAWS provides before and after school care for students. You can pick up information about the program and costs in the office. If your child will be purchasing breakfast, they can arrive at 8:30 a.m. and go directly to the cafeteria.

PARKING LOT VIDEO: Please take a look at the parking lot video for student safety at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DoOqJPfhCLM&t=3s>.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR: Juanita Elementary students have had a great first 2 weeks! Our beginning of year assembly introduced students to the behavior expectations and rules at Juanita, along with appropriate and safe play at recess during our recess training. Please reference the Student Handbook for school rules.

LWSD ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- The district has created a **new pre-arranged absence form**, you can access by clicking the following link: http://www.lwsd.org/uploaded/Website/About_Us/Forms_Library/Other_Forms/Pre-arranged-absence-form-elementary.pdf
- After **three unexcused or five excused absences** in any month, or **ten or more unexcused or excused absences in the school year**, we will contact you to schedule a conference at a mutually agreeable, reasonable time. The goal of the conference is to identify any possible barriers to attendance and to discuss the supports available to you and your student if needed. The new process comes out of a new state law that acknowledges the importance of school attendance and the value of school to home communication.

SCHOOL PHOTOS: Class and individual photos will be taken on **Friday, September 29th**. Order forms will be sent home next week. If you wish to order photos, please fill out the form and return it by September 29th. All students will have their photos taken for School ID purposes. If you would like to pre-order online, you can do so at <https://ios.mydonian.com>, using the access key: **7L5LJC4Q**. You must enclose your online order receipt in the photo envelope, and bring it on photo day. If you have any questions, contact juanitaelpta@hotmail.com

JAG-A-THON IS BACK: Juanita's "fun run" event is scheduled to take place on **Friday, October 6th in the afternoon**. Check your child's backpack this week and you'll find their very own Jag-a-thon packet along with a description of the event. This packet has all documents you need to get started including some tips on how to successfully fundraise. Jag-a-thon is not only our primary fundraiser of the year, it's also a great community event for our school. We'll need lots of LWSD approved volunteers to make this day a success and hit our school goal of \$30,000 or \$85 per student. To learn more or print additional forms: <http://juanitael.digitalpto.com/jag-a-thon/> Questions email us at juanitaelpta@hotmail.com

GENERAL PTA MEETINGS: Mark your calendar for the following PTA Meetings: **Nov 16; Jan 18; Mar 22 & May 17th**.

PTA MEMBERSHIP: We invite you to join our PTA! Your PTA membership not only helps fund programs and events that enrich your child's education, but also helps give each student a voice. It's also a great way to connect with other parents at Juanita Elementary. In addition, you can enjoy some of the great memberships perks including the coveted school directory that only goes out to PTA members and WA State PTA perks including discounts at Great Wolf Lodge, Key Arena/McCaw Hall, Tacoma Dome, Washington State Fair, and Xfinity Arena at Everett. Check out <http://juanitael.digitalpto.com/join-the-pta/> to learn more or sign up online. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to email juanitaelpta@hotmail.com

POPCORN FRIDAYS: Popcorn Friday's are back and now you can pre-purchase popcorn for your student. Simply fill out the Pre-Purchase Form <http://juanitael.digitalpto.com/files/2014/06/2017-2018-Popcorn-prepurchase-form.pdf> and return it with cash or a check made payable to Juanita El. PTA. Popcorn Friday's will be held once a month and any of our students are able to purchase popcorn during their lunch recess. Each popcorn bag is 50 cents.

COFFEE TALK: On the months that we do not have a General PTA Meeting, we will have an informal '*Principal & PTA Coffee Talk*'. This occurs one weekday morning, starting at 9:05am. (we will change the

day of the week to hopefully enable more parents to come.) If you have something you would like to discuss, please let us know at juanitaelpta@hotmail.com

REFLECTIONS 2017-2018 "WITHIN REACH": Enter the PTA Reflections Art Contest! Reflections is a nationwide PTA cultural arts competition. Students may submit an original entry in any of six areas: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production. The entry must be centered around the yearly theme of "Within Reach." Entries are judged on creative ability and interpretation of the theme. Category specific rules can be found online. Juanita Elementary entries will be due at the end of October 2017, in the main office. Entry forms will be available starting September 29th. Local winners in each category will go on to compete at district and possibly state levels. Participants will be invited to a special popcorn party this winter. For more information, contact Laura Spencer - lauracamilleri@hotmail.com or Lisa Michelet - Lisa.Michelet@gmail.com or check out the Washington State Reflections website at: www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections

BIRTHDAYS & NUTRITION POLICY: In compliance with the LWSD Nutrition policy, please do not send your child to school with sweet treats unless it is on one of the three designated party days a year (dates provided by teachers). Your child will be honored in class on their birthday in a way that does not involve a food item. Please do NOT send any food items to be passed out at school without prior approval from the teacher. Each classroom celebrates birthdays in different ways. Please do not send balloons or party favors to school. (Balloons can trigger our smoke detectors & set off the fire alarm.) You can send sweet treats on the 3 party days per year.

PETS: Pets on school grounds are a potential hazard to children. Please make sure that necessary arrangements are made to see that your pet does not follow a child to school. Dogs are not allowed in the school or classroom unless they are serving as a bonafide service dog. Due to the potential health hazards from animal urine or feces, a decision has been made by the Lake Washington School District Facilities Department to make our grounds a no pet zone. Under no circumstances are pets to be on school grounds at any time not before, during or after school or vacations times.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR - VENDORS WANTED: Do you have unique hand-crafted or other immediate sale items? If so, consider renting a space (\$50 per space) at our 2nd annual Holiday Bazaar to showcase your fantastic goods. This holiday bazaar is scheduled for to take place on **Saturday, December 2nd from 10am-4pm.** All rental proceeds go to the Outdoor Education Camp for 5th graders.

BOX TOPS: Last year we earned over \$900 by clipping Box Tops! Let's continue earning more money for our school. You can submit Box Tops on collection sheets or in a ziplock bag or envelope with your child's name and teacher's name written on the front. The class that collects the most Box Tops will win an ice cream sundae party at the end of the school year. Classes that don't finish in first place, but collect at least 1,000 Box Tops will win a popsicle party. Thank you for clipping Box Tops and helping our school earn extra cash!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Juanita Elementary relies on our wonderful volunteers to bring so many great programs to our students. There are many ways to help, during school hours, after school hours or even from home. We're always looking out for the next Volunteer of the Month! Please fill out and return the volunteer form to your teacher or the school office at your earliest convenience.

<http://juanitael.digitalpto.com/files/2014/06/Volunteer-Form-2017-18.pdf>

JUANITA SCHOOLS FOUNDATION: Thanks to all our families who participate in our programs, donated through United Way and those who connected their Fred Meyer Rewards card to the Juanita Schools Foundation, we are able to donate the following to Juanita El staff and students. Stipends for Choir, Tech & Science assistance; Library books and other supplies; IXL and AR renewals and Professional Development opportunities for staff. We also provide staff with lunches, coffees, Juanita T-shirts throughout the year. If you have not linked your **Fred Meyer Rewards card**, you can do so by going to this link. Also, if you have enrolled, you need to update your information by going to the same link. <https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>.

AMAZON SCHOOL REWARDS: As we head back to school, we wanted to remind you that Juanita Elementary PTA is part of a program called Amazon School Rewards. It's simple, fast and does NOT you cost ANYTHING! Each time you use the link, <https://www.amazon.com/?tag=juanielemesch-20>, when purchasing from Amazon, the Juanita Elementary PTA will earn between 4-10% back of the purchase price. So the next time you are shopping online at Amazon please use the above link. Please note that we DO NOT participate in Amazon Smile since we already participate in this School Rewards program. There is no limit on our earning, so please share this link with all your friends, family and coworkers.

STAY CONNECTED: For PTA and school information visit our PTA website www.juanitaelppta.com or "like" us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/JuanitaPTA We are constantly updating these online communication tools to help keep you informed about upcoming events or programs. We also welcome questions and feedback. You can email us directly at juanitaelppta@hotmail.com with any questions you may have.

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