



School Beat

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Woodland Park Zoo's "SOAR" program to visit Maple Elementary on Tuesday, December 4

Unique program brings raptors into classroom

At a Glance: On Tuesday, December 4, as part of Maple Elementary School's Writers in the Schools program, three 4th grade classes will be visited by raptors from Woodland Park Zoo's SOAR outreach program on Tuesday, December 4. There will be two presentations of 45 minutes each at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. The raptor presentations will focus on food chains, ecology and the role of raptors in ecological systems. The presentations may include such raptors as a falcon and an owl.

Writers in the Schools (WITS), a program of Seattle Arts & Lectures, brings local, professional writers into public school classrooms for year-long artist residencies. Writers work with classroom teachers to develop and deliver sequential lessons which will inspire and improve student writing. At Maple Elementary, local poet Fredda Jaffe has worked for the entire 4th grade this fall. For more information on Writers in the Schools, please contact Rebecca Hoogs, Director of Education Programs, at rhoogs@lectures.org, (206) 621-2230, ext. 18, or visit www.lectures.org

Dates, times and location: 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 4
Maple Elementary School
4925 Corson Avenue So.

Contact: Maple Elementary Teacher Diana Lew, (206) 252-8344 or 252-8310

West Seattle High School to hold Fall Expo 2007 on Thursday, December 13

Expo will feature fashion, marketing and photography projects

At a Glance: The Fall Expo is a gala event showcasing all of the semester projects of West Seattle High School's Marketing/DECA, Fashion Merchandising and Photography students, taught by teacher Martha Tonkin. The event begins at 4:00 p.m. and concludes at 8:00 p.m. in the West Seattle High School Library Gallery. Over 110 students will have their projects displayed on tables throughout the school's exhibition space with panels of industry judges evaluating the work and the students' presentation abilities. At 6:30 p.m., the judges will convene and determine the winners. Awards will be announced at 7:30 p.m.

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With such project titles as “The Ultimate Spring/Summer 2008 Fashions,” “Eye to Eye: Portrait Project,” “The Ultimate World Changing Idea in Communications” and “Magical Places: Still Life Project,” the event promises to be an exciting showcase of innovation and creativity. Industry judges will include representatives from Nordstrom, FIDM, Best Buy, Eddie Bauer, among others.

Dates, times and location: 4:00 p.m. – 8 p.m., Thursday, December 13
West Seattle High School Library Gallery
3000 California Avenue SW

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