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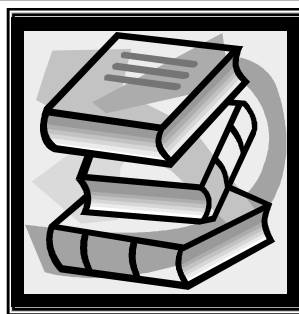
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Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!

November 6th through 9th * In the library

Back by popular demand, our Scholastic Book Fair is scheduled to take place from November 6th to 9th this year. Before school, after school, and during lunch, kids and parents will have a chance to see, touch, and buy great books from a wide selection of authors and styles.



We need parent help during those times to scan book purchases and total items at the register. No experience necessary and it's fun!

Shifts run from 8:40-9:05, 12:00-12:45, and 3:15-3:45 on each day. If interested, contact Mika Praven at mypraven@seattleschools.org or just show up!

CALENDAR

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PTA Passport Check

10/30. Test day ... study those maps!

Campfire USA Information Night

10/30 from 6 PM to 7:45 PM at the West Seattle Branch Library,

Scholastic Book Fair

11/6-9 in the library. Kids and parents will have a chance to touch, see and buy great books at good prices.

Global Gala Auction

11/16 at 6:00 PM at the Hall at Fauntleroy. Help raise \$50,000 for school programs and have a fabulous time doing it!

Next PTA Meeting

12/19 at 6:30 PM in the library. Come one and all to the next and last PTA meeting of the 2007 year!

Global Gala Auction Update

Get Those Tickets

Buy yours while they last! This is the perfect opportunity for grandparents, neighbors and friends to join you for a festive evening to celebrate our school. You should have received an order form in kidmail by now, or you can find them next to the school office. If you have any questions or would like a form emailed to you, please contact Laurie Rasmussen at alrasmussen95@comcast.net. You won't want to miss this ... we hope to see you there!

But WHY Should I Come?

Firstly, the auction is our biggest PTA fundraiser of the year. Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to support programs like After School Activities, our music, drama and dance programs, Family Fun nights and activities, facilities improvements, technology upgrades and much more.

Secondly, it is a truly fun evening. This is the night that Alki comes out to PARTY! Mingle

with other parents, enjoy a delicious sit-down dinner, watch our school slide show featuring your kids, and bid on some great items!

Like What Kind of Items?

Here are some examples of what we are auctioning off:

- ◆ Deluxe overnight stay and breakfast for two at the Edge-water Hotel
- ◆ Edgar Martinez autographed baseball
- ◆ Guys Only! Brews & Bites cooking class for eight
- ◆ Two night stay on a caboose
- ◆ Certificate to Banya 5—Seattle's only Russian spa
- ◆ Principal for the Day
- ◆ Lots of great parties: dinner, shopping, craps, and more
- ◆ Glacier Mountaineering or Rockclimbing class from Mountain Madness
- ◆ Yacht cruise in the San Juans
- ◆ Priceless, fabulous Kid Art

Kid Art? What's That?

Amazing art projects, created as a group by each classroom. All for

sale at the auction (bring those grandparents)! Examples include:

- ◆ Cedar planter box adorned with kid-made bug and flower tiles
- ◆ Large garden pot decorated with kid-created clay slugs and snails
- ◆ Poster of colorful kid water-color & pastel heart paintings
- ◆ Large serving tray with kid self-portraits painted around the border
- ◆ Colorful dish sets kid-painted with sea creatures
- ◆ Large mirror bordered with copper-etched kid designs

Anything Else I Should Know?

The Global Gala Auction will be held Friday, November 16th at the Hall at Fauntleroy. If you need more information or have questions, please contact Doreen Sifferman at dsifferman@comcast.net or 938-2230.



Your Alki PTA Needs YOU

AFTERHOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Mathnificent Night

Love math? Love games? Or maybe you love kids and learning? We're looking for a person to coordinate one or several nights a year for families to gather and play math games. This has been done before very successfully, and a detailed plan is in place. We just need someone to head it up! If interested, please contact Jen Hey at jkhey@msn.com.

Volunteers for Auction

Help with our most fun adults-only event of the year! We still

need a few check-in/check-out volunteers and cleanup crew members. Contact Doreen Sifferman at dsifferman@comcast.net or 938-2230 for more information.

Photo Call

Our Alki Yearbook Editor, Doreen Sifferman, needs your pictures of events at Alki. She plans to put together yearbook event pages as they occur, so please forward to her any digital copies you have throughout the year. While she's working hard herself to take photos of every kid at school, some may get overlooked. Don't let it be your child! Email those photos today to dsifferman@comcast.net

(or hand them to her on CD at the a PTA meeting).

DAYTIME OPPORTUNITIES

Parent Naturalists

If you'd like to help improve the habitat gardens at Alki, or help with a field trip to Schmitz Park or Constellation Park beach, please contact Stephanie Raymond at 849-4351 or sorcha@blarg.net.

EMAIL ALERT!

If you signed up for the Alki Elementary email list and have not been receiving emails, send an note to claire.foster@comcast.net with your name and email address.



Did You Know?

The pumpkin is actually a berry in the Cucurbitaceae family, which also includes melons, cucumbers, squash and gourds. All these plants are native to the Americas. The largest one on record weighed a whopping 1,385 pounds! That's a big berry!

Shout Outs!

Thanks (HTML) to Michael Yoder, our new volunteer webmaster, who is helping our website begin to take shape. Take a look at the progress at <http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/alki/>.

Khawp khun kha (Thai) to our school secretary, Regina Conley, and her Franklin High School cheerleading team who wowed our students with their spirit and enthusiasm. We are pumped up to be at A-L-K-I!

Rakhmat (Uzbek) to Karen Bush, Candy Goldman, Karen Horwith,

Judy Bernt-Hill, Janice Neumiller, Shiree Nguyen and Andy Rasmusen for helping paint the pre-school playground. Thanks also to Eric Nyberg for helping with clean-up projects for the pre-school.

Gunalchéesh (Tlingit) to our Sally Foster sorting and delivery crew: Brianna Smith, Kate Johnson, Karin Roney, Jeff Sifferman and Julie Hartley. Good work!

Enkosi kakhulu (Xhosa) Stacy Sterling, for painting the colorful

mural that lights up our playground from the side of the portable. It's beautiful! Thank you, too, to all the helpful hands that got it up there!

And though she is sick of seeing her name in the newsletter, a special **malo (Tongan)** goes out to our PTA Vice-President, Laurie Rasmussen, who works tirelessly in so many ways for all of our kids. Please give her a thumbs-up and a pat on the back if you see her!

Legislative Corner

VOTE!

Please remember to vote November 6th. In addition to four school board positions being up for election, the Alki PTA has endorsed EHJR 4204 – Simple Majority for School Levies. This constitutional amendment will allow districts to pass school levies with a Simple Majority (50%+) instead of the current Supermajority of 60%. For more information see <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/media/2007Elections/Elections2007Index.html>

SPS Family Partnership Advisory Committee

Application deadline extended! Seattle Public Schools has extended the deadline to November 16th for new members to apply for membership on the School-Family Partnership Advisory Committee. The committee will implement the School-Family Partnership Policy, and will advise the Superintendent on ways to most effectively involve families in teaching and learning. For more information and to find the forms, please see <http://www.seattleschools.org/area/news/0708/>

PTA Updates

BoxTops are Due

Thanks in advance to all General Mills Boxtops collecting classes and families. Now is the time to send in all those Boxtops you have stashed away: October 31 is the first submission deadline of the year for the General Mills Boxtops program. One final pick up will be made from the collection box near the cafeteria on Monday, October 29. There are lots of new products available with Boxtops on them, including Kleenex and Old El Paso products. You can print out coupons and get a complete list of participating products at www.boxtops4education.com or contact Felicia VonDrak-Olsen at fvondrak@aol.com or 937-9481.

Camp Fire USA Information Night

Camp Fire USA invites youth (age 3 and older) and families to join them on Tuesday, October 30th, from 6 PM to 7:45 PM at the West Seattle Branch Library (located at 2306 42nd Ave SW). The kids have great fun playing games, cooking, building things, making up skits, singing, drawing, camping out, going on field trips, helping others, and making craft projects in their club meetings. These activities show them how to give service to their communities and be good citizens, increase their self-confidence and leadership skills, and increase their ability to make friends and resolve conflicts peacefully. Come learn more about Camp Fire USA programs for your child! Questions? Please contact Janelle Kitson at 461-8550, ext. 310 or janelle-k@campfire-usa.org.