

# The Bear Essentials Weekly Bulletin

Laurelhurst Elementary School  
Monday, November 16, 2009



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## Calendar

### Monday, November 16

- Kid Mail Day — Check with your family messenger for any take-home mail from school

### Tuesday, November 17

- Instrumental Music – 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders need to bring their instruments today

### Wednesday, November 18

### Thursday, November 19

- Deadline for this weekly Bear Essentials Bulletin, submit to: [Irl\\_schoolnews@seattleschools.org](mailto:Irl_schoolnews@seattleschools.org)  
Next Monday Bulletin will be Monday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

### Friday, November 20

- Penny Harvest collection ends TODAY!
- Wreath Order Forms Due to Office (will accept them during conferences next week also)

### Upcoming Events

Nov 23-25 - NO SCHOOL, Parent-Teacher Conferences By Appointment - All Parents Participate

Nov 26-27 - NO SCHOOL, Thanksgiving Break

Dec 3 - Family Math Night & Math Game Sale, 6-7:30 p.m. – Cafeteria

Dec 16 – General Music Concert Assembly (with Ms. Soto) from 2:20 – 3:15 in the cafeteria

Dec 18 - 2:25 EARLY DISMISSAL for Winter Break

Dec 21-Jan.1 - No School, Winter Break



## Penny Harvest Time!

We are ending the second annual penny harvest drive at Laurelhurst Elementary this Friday! If you weren't following last year, here's the low down. Penny Harvest is a nationwide organization that has been facilitating the donation of money to local charities for over 20 years. All money collected from schools goes back into each participating school's local community in grants of up to \$1000 to organizations of the school's choice. It is completely student run from the distribution of materials to the decision of which local organization will receive the grants. Once the money has been collected, representatives from every class spend their lunch time weekly learning about what philanthropy is, deciding what they like and don't like about their community, researching what the needs are in their community, what organizations meet those needs, hearing presentations from a select few organizations, and finally choosing which organizations will receive our donation. It is a completely voluntary activity, and there are no prizes involved. If you have any other questions, feel free to visit their website at <http://www.pennyharvest.org/seattle>.

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## Thank You Elise Hart!

A HUGE THANK YOU to Elise Hart for coordinating the amazing Nutrition Mix-It-Up Day last Tuesday. We know all of the students really enjoyed it and hopefully learned some interesting information and came home and shared about it with you. There were amazing presentations throughout the building, thanks to many generous and supportive businesses & volunteers. Thank you Grace Dublin for helping support this, and the many volunteer parents who helped as well.

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## ESCRIP = easy \$\$

Turn your weekly grocery shopping into \$\$\$\$ for our school. It's easy:

stop by the eScrip table outside the office before or after school next week (November 16-20th) and register your Safeway club card and/or Visa debit or credit card. Participating merchants contribute a percentage of purchases each time your family makes a purchase using those cards. Thanks to all those who have already registered: your names are posted on the wall next to "oinkers". The membership drive continues this week: every new name registered will earn an eScrip penny and treat (delivered to your child's classroom). ANYONE can participate; friends, family, teachers so please spread the word! Questions: Catherine Holland [pnholland \(at\) Comcast \(dot\) net](mailto:pnholland@comcast.net) or go to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com)

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## PTA Links

Here are some PTA web links for you to check out!

The **PTA Website**, with the new message from your Co-Presidents:

<http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/laurelhurst/pta/index.html>

The **PTA Auction Website** is great to follow as the donations continue to come in! The link is:

<http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/laurelhurst/pta/auction/index.html>

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## SCRIP! What Is It & How Can You Help?

Scrip is a year-long fundraiser. It is an easy way to make money for Laurelhurst Elementary School. Gift cards are purchased by the school at a discount and sold to you at face value. The school receives anywhere between 5% and 20% depending on the retailer. Just by purchasing your groceries or dining in local restaurants, you can donate a percentage back to the school. Other schools in our area have raised anywhere between \$16,000-\$80,000 with this program. Right now we are only selling Scrip for Metropolitan Market (5% donated) and Varlamos (20% donated). If you frequent these establishments, please consider buying the Scrip cards from us! Simply print the order form from our school website [www.seattleschools.org/schools/laurelhurst](http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/laurelhurst) and send your order form and check made payable to The Laurelhurst PTA to school. We will do our best to get your order filled and sent home within a couple of days.

### Frequently asked questions:

#### Can I use my credit card?

Sorry, cash or checks only. Due to the high credit card fees and bank charges, this program would not be very profitable if we accepted credit cards. Half the money made selling Scrip would end up in the hands of the bank, instead of ours.

#### I only purchase groceries with my credit card for airline miles? How can Scrip work for me?

Consider purchasing Scrip the next time you plan on ordering pizza from Varlamos! Or buy a Met Market Scrip card to use for your daily latte at their espresso bar. Every purchase makes a difference.

Thank you to all the families who have participated in the Scrip program so far. We have sold over \$7300 in Scrip and have made almost \$600 to date. The busy holiday season is approaching; please consider purchasing Scrip cards as gifts or to purchase groceries. If we can get more families to participate, we can grow the program and start offering Scrip for more shops and restaurants. If you have questions, please contact Wendy Rogerson at [wprogerson \(at\) comcast \(dot\) net](mailto:wprogerson@comcast.net)

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## Health Advisory Committee Update

King County Health Dept has set up a website [www.kingcounty.gov/health/H1N1](http://www.kingcounty.gov/health/H1N1) that lists all pharmacies and times that the H1N1 vaccine will be/is available. Check it out!

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## Early Registration For New Students in 2010-11 Continues Through January 15, 2010

Early Registration will not have any impact on a child's school assignment for next year; however, families of new students are encourage to participate in the early registration process. New students who register by January 15 will receive information in February about assignments for 2010-11. More information can be found at:

[www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/earlyreg.html](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/eso/earlyreg.html)

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## Laurelhurst Golf Tournament Glasses For Sale

The office now has some great tall drinking glasses for sale. They have the Laurelhurst bear (as seen on page one of this newsletter) and say Laurelhurst Golf Tournament in black on them. Available for \$5.00 each. Cash or check payable to: AFE – Laurelhurst Playgrounds and proceeds benefit the ongoing playground renovation projects. Great gift idea, or to “package” a gift in for the holidays. Could be used to package a gift card or certificate, or small items such as gloves or even a golf towel or golf balls (still available from previous years' tournaments!).

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## L.A.S.E.R. News and Update

### Upcoming Events:

- November 20th (Friday) - Parent Night Out, 6:15pm-11:15pm. Dinner, movie, snack, group games, arts and crafts! \$20 first child, \$15 for additional child. K-6th Grades.
- November 23rd-25th (Mon-Wed) - Day Camp, 7AM-6:15pm, K-6th grades. Sign-ups will be available at LASER starting Nov. 9th.

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## Before & After School Enrichment Classes

**You don't have to be affiliated in any other way to LASER to participate in the before and after school enrichment classes.** They were formerly run by the PTA, but this year LASER has taken over the coordination and administration of the classes. They are now referred to as LASER Leaps Classes. Deadline to register for Winter Session is coming right up. Here is a link to the LASER website to get more information about the classes and registration.

### Upcoming Events:

- Registration for Winter Session is still available. Winter Session is from November 30th to February 12th. **Registration deadline is Wed, Nov 25th!** Pick up registration forms @ LASER or on the LASER Leaps bulletin board outside the school office.
- November 20th (Friday) - Last day of fall session.
- November 30th (Monday) - Winter Session of LASER Leaps Enrichment classes begins.

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## Join a Fun Adult Walking Group – Right Here From School!

This is an open invitation to come and join a newly forming and informal walking group every Wednesday morning right after dropping off kids (around 9:15 am). Cancel only if it's pouring. Meet on the north playground. Walks will be around the neighborhood for exercise and new friendship. Children are welcome. Questions? Contact Ming-Ming at [littlebugmte@hotmail.com](mailto:littlebugmte@hotmail.com) or 206.321.1502.

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## Lost & Found

The Lost and Found is over-full again. One reason is simply...you forgot to label the removable and loose items with names. Sharpie pens available for use any time from the office. The odds of having an item returned, that is labeled, are about 95%; odds of having an item returned that is unlabeled are closer to 5%. We will be bagging up and donating the undaimed, unlabeled items after Thanksgiving, so please take a look through our bounty soon, or when you are here for your Parent-Teacher Conference. Thank you!

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## Laurelhurst Community Blog <http://thelaurelhurstblog.blogspot.com/>

Check out Laurelhurst neighborhood and school news and events. Including update on Sandpoint Golf Tournament, Mr. Howard's recent award and pictures, Carnival pics and more. Stay tuned for a post written by one of Mr. Howard's students coming this week.

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## Greenlake Elementary 24th Annual PTA Holiday Tree Sale

The Green Lake Elementary PTA will hold it 24th Annual Holiday Tree sale starting November 27th. This fundraiser has enabled the PTA to support education enrichment programs over the years and your support is greatly appreciated. Tell your fellow parents, friends and neighbors.

**Hours: Monday through Friday 4 PM to 8PM, Saturday 9 AM to 8 PM, and Sunday 10 AM to 7 PM**

The sale is at Green Lake School, 2400 N. 65th Street (on 65th just four blocks west of I-5). Trees and wreaths will arrive weekly. The sale continues until December 20 or until sold out. Thank you for your support. Questions, call Conrad Smith @ 206-909-2101.

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## Laurelhurst Community Art Sale

**December 11 & 12 at Laurelhurst Community Center**

**December 11, Fri. 1 - 8:30 p.m., December 12, Sat. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**4554 NE 41st ST Seattle \* 206-684-7529 \* [laurelhurst.cc@seattle.gov](mailto:laurelhurst.cc@seattle.gov)**

**Professional artwork by local artists.** Purchase a unique gift that will be treasured. You'll find Ceramics, Hand Woven Items, Prints and Holiday Cards, Crystal and Fused Glass Jewelry, Water Color Paintings and Prints, Hand Made Holiday Decorations

### **Festivities for Adults and Children**

Luminary Walk and Marshmallow Roast at Laurelhurst Park (Friday 6-8 p.m. only)

Purchase a Gift •• Musical Entertainment •• Refreshments •• Holiday Crafts for Kids

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## The Bear Essentials Bulletin Deadline

To submit news for the next edition of *this* publication, please send your electronic information to: [Irl\\_schoolnews \(at\) seattleschools \(dot\) org](mailto:Irl_schoolnews(at)seattleschools(dot)org) by the **weekly deadline of midnight this Thursday.**