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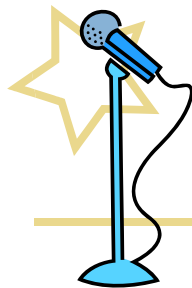
From Awnie Thompson, Principal

The **Annual Multicultural Potluck and Performance** is tonight! I hope I will see many of you here. This is always a wonderful event.

At this event we celebrate with our families as a school community. We have several other celebrations of the cultural richness of our school planned for this spring. Please continue to check the bulletins, backpacks and calendars and join us for as many of our events as you can. Families are always welcome at our assemblies!



The first **Student Reading Night at Starbucks** is Wednesday, Jan. 30 at Columbia City Starbucks. Sign-ups at 6:00 with readings from 6:30 - 8:00. Students can share their original writing and get a free hot chocolate.



Open Enrollment

Open enrollment continues through February 29. If you have a student who is entering grade K,

5 or 9, or know someone who does, this is the time to enroll for next year's school! If you know someone who is thinking about attending a Seattle Public School, the most important thing for people to know is to enroll on time before 2/29/08.

If you have a student who now has a Spectrum designation, you need to reenroll for next year as a Spectrum student even though the student is staying here. Take the letter to the Enrollment Center or call them at 252-0760.

Important Dates

- Jan. 29, Multicultural Potluck & Performances 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Jan. 30, School banking
- Jan. 30, Student Reading Night at Starbucks's 6:00 pm
- Feb. 1, Non-uniform choice day
- Feb. 2, Enrollment Fair at Mercer MS 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- Feb. 4, National African American Read-in Day, all day in the library and classrooms
- Feb. 6, Lion Dance and Fan Dance assembly at 10:00 am
- Feb. 6, Student banking
- Feb. 6, **Early dismissal for students at 1:15 pm**
- Feb. 7, Math Fest 5:00 - 8:00 pm
- Feb. 11, National African American Parent Involvement Day, Black History Month Assembly at 10:00
- Feb. 13, Student Banking
- Feb. 15, Parent's Night out

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Framework for Family Engagement in Seattle's Schools

Best practices for family and community engagement are positively related to improved student achievement. The use of culturally appropriate methods of communication and customer service by school and central office staff is critical to partnering with our diverse families. Partnerships with families and community organizations will utilize the following six components and other culturally relevant actions. These components are equally important and each type of involvement includes [many] different practices of partnership.

SPS Family and Community Engagement Framework

(Adapted from Joyce Epstein's Framework for Six Types of Involvement)

Family Support: Promote and support effective student readiness to learn. We learn from families and families learn from us

Communication: Regular and meaningful two-way communication between school and home [and vice versa]

Welcoming Environment: School and central staff will provide a welcoming environment to all. Support, assistance, and volunteering at school or from home are valued and sought

Student Learning: Create a supportive environment for learning at home, at school, and in the community that honors diverse cultures

Decision Making and Advocacy: All families are encouraged to be advocates and participate as partners in decisions affecting student success

Community Collaboration: Partnerships are developed and community resources are utilized to strengthen schools, families, student learning and the larger community

This framework provides a clear definition of Family and Community Engagement and demonstrates that research can be helpful in practice. The Family and Community Engagement Division provides tools, materials and guidelines, to school and central office staff, families, and community based organizations that help them plan exactly how they plan to approach student academic achievement through family engagement.

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Hello All! I wanted to give you all the address to the **John Muir Lions Homepage** for our **book fair in March**. Please visit and forward the address to family and friends. You will be able to see our school goal for this year, the schedule for the fair, sign up to VOLUNTEER, and preview the books which will be available at the fair.

Thank you for helping me to publicize the fair to make it a success for our school, the library and of course all of our kids.

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