

# Home Bulletin October 6, 2009



From Awnie Thompson, Principal

We are almost a month into the new year, I continue to be amazed at how fast the school year goes by!

Good news regarding the **Mandarin program** for grades K - 4. We are expecting our teacher from China shortly and will be restarting our program. I regret the delay and appreciate all the words of support I have heard regarding this program.

Thank you for supporting our fall fund raising efforts. The Entertainment Book sales were a great success. All the funds go to the PTA, they use all their funds to support school activities. The book fair was also very successful, it was packed every minute. I saw many good books in the hands of students and the money raised will go to the library for even more books - you can't have too many good books! Special thanks to all of the volunteers who organized both of these events, we could not do this without you.

Starting today, we will have our last fall fundraiser; the gift wrap and gift sale. 100% of the proceeds from this event are used to make it affordable for all students in grades 4 and 5 to attend the 4-day outdoor learning program at IslandWood. We ask families at all grades to support this sale, not just grades 4 and 5, knowing that all students will have this special opportunity in time.

A note for your calendars: there will be no school November 23 - 27 for conferences and the Thanksgiving holiday!

As always, call or come into the office if you have questions, comments or concerns.

## WASL Scores and AYP

We are very excited about this year because **our WASL scores did meet state standards for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2008-2009 school year.** AYP status is determined by the WASL scores of our school and by our unexcused absence rate. While we as a district are working with our colleagues at the state level to ensure accurate and complete test data for the entire district, we are required by law to notify you now of preliminary results for our school.

WASL scores for students who are now in grades 4 or 5 will be coming home with students this week. If you do not receive yours, please check the backpacks then call the office for a copy.

## Important Dates

- Oct. 6, Powerful Schools classes begin at 3:45 pm
- Oct. 7, 1st *Walking Wednesday*
- Oct. 8, PTA Meeting 6:00–8:00 pm
- Oct. 8, Spectrum nomination forms are due in the office
- Oct. 9, **NO SCHOOL** for students (Professional Development Day for staff)
- Oct. 14, 21 & 28 *Walking Wednesdays*
- Oct. 21, Last day for Free/Reduced lunch applications
- Oct. 22, Mathways workshop, see flyer
- Oct. 28, **Early dismissal** at 1:25 for students

**The *Powerful Learning Centers* after school programs from Powerful Schools will be starting October 6 and run through December 7. Classes are filling quickly, sign up right away! Classes are Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

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JOHN MUIR SCHOOL

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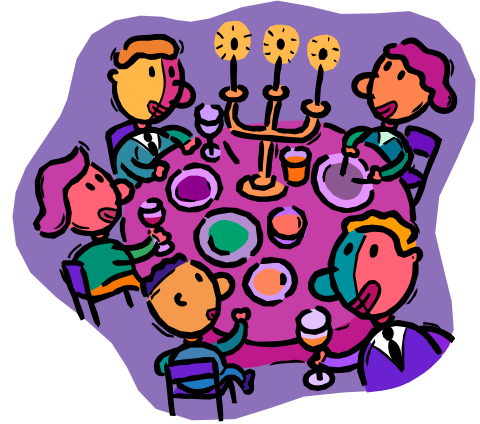
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**John Muir School  
3301 South Horton St.  
Seattle, WA 98144  
Attendance Line**

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## GLBT Families Dinner this Week!

The tenth annual gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) Families Dinner will be held Thursday, October 8 from 6:00-8:00 pm at NOVA/BOC (the old Meany Middle School). Superintendent Goodloe-Johnson and members of the school board will be there to welcome GLBT families and their friends. All District families and staff are welcome to attend! This donation-funded event is brought to you by the Health Education Office. This year's dinner and entertainment will be provided through community donations. To reserve space at this popular event, please RSVP with the number of people in your party to Lisa Love in the Health Education Office at 252-0982.



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## Annual Asbestos Notification – 2009/2010

In accordance with the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), the Seattle Public Schools notifies parents, teachers, and other employees each year of the availability of Asbestos Management Plans and actions the District is taking to maintain asbestos containing materials in its buildings.

The District conducted an initial inspection of all school buildings for the purpose of identifying asbestos-containing building material in 1988 and a management plan detailing the findings of the inspection was developed for each building. Since then, appropriate actions have been taken to ensure that asbestos containing materials are removed, repaired, encapsulated, or enclosed as necessary.

A periodic surveillance of asbestos-containing materials is conducted every six months and a complete reinspection of each school building is conducted every three years. The next reinspection is scheduled for the summer of 2010.

The Asbestos Management Plan includes the results of each periodic surveillance and the most recent reinspection as well as documentation of asbestos related activities. The Asbestos Management Plan is maintained and available for review in the administrative office of each school or at the John Stanford Center for Educational Excellence located at 2445 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave South.

If you would like additional information regarding the District's Asbestos Program contact Troy White at 206-252-0528 or [twhite@seattleschools.org](mailto:twhite@seattleschools.org).

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**Walker/Biker Safety:** We are delighted to have Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Charles back as crossing guards this year; they are out front each day in all kinds of weather to help keep everyone safe. We also welcome Kathleen Ahmad, our new crossing guard on McClellan! Thanks to the work of Mrs. McManus and Ms. Shorr, we now have student crossing guards as well. These responsible students take their jobs very seriously! Please be alert for crossing flags and follow the directions of the adult and student guards. To ease congestions and increase safety, please do car pick-ups from the playground gate on Hinds.

I have had reports of students being in danger because of not using the crosswalk when called by a parent to cross the street. Please give us 100% support in keeping students safe by having them cross with the crossing guards and by modeling that as adults. We cannot take chances with safety!

