



# Pathfinder K-8 Compass

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## Pathfinder K-8

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community  
by honoring  
all traditions*

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Pathfinder K-8 educates students to become passionate, lifelong learners, respecting themselves, others and the environment.

## David's News

Happy New Year, and I wish you the best in 2008! I hope that each of you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday season and winter break. I was able to relax, spend time with my family and friends and just enjoy some down time.



This is a very busy month with many activities and things going on at school. We began **enrollment tours** for the 2008-2009 school year this past week. We have more daytime tours set up for the next five weeks, and several evening open houses. On January 22<sup>nd</sup> we will be hosting a special 4/5 family dinner to present our 6<sup>th</sup> grade program to you as you look at your grade 6 options in West Seattle. A personal invitation will be sent to you with more details about this special night. January 24<sup>th</sup> is our K-5 open house and January 31<sup>st</sup> is our grade 6-8 open house. These two open houses are for families that are interested in enrolling their child at Pathfinder K-8. If you know families that are looking at schools for their children, please refer them to Pathfinder for a look.

**Writer's Workshop** is going very well at Pathfinder grades K-8. We continue to work with our school writing coaches and the staff developers from the Teacher College at Columbia University to improve our practice in teaching high quality writing to our students. Small Moments, Personal Narrative, Personal Essay, Writing for Many Purposes, Authors as Mentors, Realistic Fiction, and Memoir are all units of study that we are working on currently or in the very near future. Our students are becoming exemplary writers and the Writers Workshop model continues to be a critical element to our writing success. On January 28<sup>th</sup>, which is a non-student day between semesters, we will be attending an all day Writer's Workshop institute to continue to focus on the craft of good writing.

**Expeditionary Learning** is thriving at Pathfinder K-8. The K/1 team just completed an Expedition—Markets Around the World. The 2/3 team just kicked off an Expedition this past week—Story Telling Around the World. The 4/5 team will kick off an expedition next week—it is a surprise. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade just kicked off their Expedition—Space and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade continue to work on their Expedition—Response to Climate. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade is working on the Rite of Passage—preparing our students to transition from 8<sup>th</sup> grade to high school. Each Expedition is meaningfully planned by teaching teams and integrates many elements of core curriculum into them. Design principles used in planning an

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## Water Hall at Pathfinder K-8

The previous issue of *The Compass* included profiles of the Earth Hall staff members. This issue focuses on the Water Hall, although due to the winter break and the attendance of teachers at training this first week back from school, I was unable to get photos and profiles for all the teachers.

### Thomas Martin—Orca Clan Teacher

I received my Teaching Certificate and Masters in Teaching from City University.

My favorite children's book series is C.S. Lewis' *Narnia* series. When I was in fifth grade, I made it my duty to read them all. They had what I liked—outdoor adventure, fantasy, and drama.



This summer, I went with my wife, Stephanie, and our daughter, Bear, on a plane to Fresno, California. Stephanie's aunt and uncle were our hosts. I had casually mentioned that I hadn't been to Yosemite National Park when we were making plans earlier in the year. Aunt Janie and Uncle Hal surprised us with a drive to Yosemite, and even reserved a tram tour for the three of us.

My association with Pathfinder began twelve years ago, when my daughter Trista started here in fourth grade. She had a hand in planning and building the Eagle clan loft, her hand print is the one on the corner. My daughter Bear started Kindergarten the next year, and went on to complete eighth grade here. My wife and I were working for Blazing Trails, when two sisters came in the late fall. We took one home as a foster daughter. Krystal was in the group that started the move to K-8. She was in the first sixth grade class, the Impalas, in my current room seven. Grace was the second foster daughter for us to bring home from Pathfinder, so how many children in all? I became an Orca when I interned with Chris Quigley in 1998.



### Crissy Marshall—Otter Clan Teacher



Due to winter break and a busy first week back in January, both Crissy's photo and profile are missing. Look for them in the next issue of *The Compass*, along with profiles of the 6th, 7th and 8th grade teachers.



The Pathfinder staff want to hear from you with ideas, concerns or suggestions.

To reach staff by phone call 206-252-9710.

To reach any Pathfinder K-8 staff member by e-mail, go to the web site.

## Andy Darring—Eagle Clan Teacher

This is my eighth year as a teacher. I got my teaching degree from The Evergreen State College.

One of my favorite children's books is *Maniac Magee* by Jerry Spinelli. It is wonderfully complicated and rich in how it addresses human relationships and many of our flaws and gifts as people. It tackles tough issues, and gives a lot of hope in the process. I have read it aloud to classes many times, and I cry at the end every time. I think I always will.

When I was young (first and second grade in this case) my parents didn't have a lot of money. We were living in rural Louisiana at the time. One of those two holidays, my dad made me and my brother a small town from plywood to go with an old Lionel train set my uncle gave him (it was my uncle's from his childhood). The town had two levels, and was completely designed and painted by my dad. Dad isn't always a very handy person, but this creation was beautiful. I remember playing with it for hours. It remains one of my favorite childhood toys.

I have a wonderful wife named Emily. I also have a wonderful family, but sadly we all live in different places. My parents are in Mobile, Alabama (where I was born and mostly grew up) and my two brothers are married and both live in Virginia. I have two nephews and one niece. The youngest was born on December 31, 2007.



## Thank You!

Pathfinder community members help out in a variety of ways throughout the year. In this section of *The Compass*, we take a moment to recognize a few of those volunteers for their efforts.

### Pathfinder Clean Up & Pressure Washing Extravaganza

Thank you to all who devoted a chilly Saturday over winter break to help beautify the blacktop/portable area on December 29<sup>th</sup>! Lots of weeds pulled, moss scraped, leaves & trash collected, debris scooped up & discarded, and plenty of full-blown pressure washing resulted in a much more attractive space.

- Much gratitude to **Lynette & Rob Martin, Eric Reinhardt, Jen & Mike Giomi, Mike Harris, Shann Emerald, Amy Daly-Donovan, David Dockendorf, Julie Masonsmith, Joey, Chris, & Stella Harvey**, and **John Yeasting** (Alki parent and friend of Pathfinder!) for an amazing effort.
- We are also very appreciative for the donated time and service from **ProSweep**, a local West Seattle property maintenance service ([www.sweepup.net](http://www.sweepup.net)). **John Horton** spent the day with his professional equipment sweeping and scooping mountains of debris and bringing it to the dump for us (4-5 runs!). Thanks to **Wendy Nathan** for the contact.

# Link Up to 6-7-8

by Audrey Kaplan

Happy New Year! What an exciting time of year. With the cold winds and rain (and snow!), it's the perfect time to study harder! And studying is what our students are doing.

This month is the start of something VERY BIG in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The Falcons and Hawks will embark on a learning expedition about the Origins of the Universe. The expedition will include several custom tailored trips to the UW Planetarium and guest speakers. Students will participate in activities related to the electromagnetic spectrum. Denise and Marco are planning a culminating camping trip to the Goldendale Observatory in Eastern Washington where students will observe the night sky through a 48 inch telescope!

But we can't forget the small stuff! Marco's science students study cells and microorganisms and learn how to use microscopes. 6<sup>th</sup> graders learn how to take samples of bacteria, inoculate and grow bacteria colonies, while designing their own experiments. They learn to write scientific reports and present their results. The students will be introduced to the Periodic Table and some basic chemistry as well.

In addition, 6<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in a unit about the health of the human heart through the Hope Heart Institute. Students will learn how to take their own blood pressure, pulse and BMI. They will dissect a sheep heart. And once they know about the anatomy, students will learn how to take care of the heart, and how to eat a heart healthy diet, measuring out the amount of sugar and fat in an actual meal from a fast food restaurant. Ugh – do we really want to know???

The more I hear about our science program, the more excited I get – almost makes me want to go back to school myself! Almost...

Oh! And below is photo from the Falcon & Hawk trip to the UW Salmon Hatchery. Thanks Marco!

Also, for those interested in learning more about our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade for your 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade student, be sure to mark your calendar for **Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at **6 pm**. We are planning an evening full of information about our program, presented by staff and students, specifically geared to those looking at middle school options.

## Future Link Up to 6-7-8 Articles

As a parent representative to both the BLT and the PTSA Board, I'd love to hear from you. If you have a topic you'd like to hear more about, a question you need an answer to, or an issue you would like to discuss related to our 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please don't hesitate to call or write.

Thanks!



*Audrey Kaplan, mother of 7th grader Alyssa, and Pathfinder graduate Theo*

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Please complete the paper version of the Facility Survey at the back of this newsletter.

Or complete the online version, which will be sent via PTSA e-mail and posted on the Pathfinder website.

## Facility News

by *Jennifer Giomi*

At the beginning of the year the PTSA board created a Facilities Committee to figure out what our community could do to improve Pathfinder's physical spaces. The general consensus is that our physical spaces are a hindrance to Pathfinder reaching its full potential as a K-8 school. In addition, it does not currently appear that the school will move in the near future.

The committee decided to focus this year primarily on improving the black top playground and the portables. The first step in this process was to create a draft wish list of things the committee wanted to do. This list was then submitted to the BLT for additions and review. From this amended list a staff survey was created to find out the staff's priorities for facility improvement in these areas.

The results of the staff survey showed the top priorities to be placing clan names and new numbers on the portables, placing a directional map in the main entrance to the building, and painting the portables attractive colors. The portable signage and map are currently being worked on and the committee plans to meet with the District in January to discuss painting the portables. In addition, David got the District to pressure wash the portable roofs and the committee organized a clean-up day during the holiday break to clean up debris around the portables and clean the black top.

The next step is to take the survey to our community. We would love for everyone to give us their feedback on the list of improvements that's been created to date. We would also love to hear any ideas you may have that have not been imagined yet. We also want to know if anyone in our community has special skills to lend to these improvements.

**Please complete the facility survey on the back of this newsletter and return it to school, or look for the electronic version in e-mail or on the Pathfinder website!!** This is your chance to share your ideas about how we could improve Pathfinder's buildings and grounds.

Once the wish list is completed with community input, it'll be the committee's job to create a long range plan to make the changes happen. Some things will be easier to do than other things. Some things will probably require special grants and extra fundraising to accomplish them. This is why it is very important that everyone complete the survey ASAP.

We want to hear everyone's voice regarding priorities and fundraising before we begin creating a comprehensive plan to improve our portables and playground. The changes will be great, but if agreed to, they will also require our community's commitment. Thanks for taking some time to give your input on these issues. If you have questions or comments on this subject or want to volunteer your expertise, please contact Jennifer Giomi, [jgiomi@comcast.net](mailto:jgiomi@comcast.net) or 937-2247.



# First Grade Market

by Anne Von Feldt, Salmon Clan parent

The Sky Hall has been learning about markets around the world. As the culmination to their expedition, first grade students in the Salmon and Blue Heron clans participated in a “Market Time” where students brought in things to trade with each other.

Students selected any part of the world and researched food, recipes, crafts or other items from that part of the world. Then they bought, cooked or made something from the place they had chosen and prepared it for market. For example, someone could learn how to make croissants like in France, or make colorful beads like they wear in part of Africa.



On December 21<sup>st</sup>, the students took over the cafeteria and set up their marketplace. Students took turns looking around for items they wanted, while others sat behind their goods and prepared to barter. The market place was a wonderful mix of goods—delicious foods, cakes, cookies and breads (including vegetable dumplings and sushi), and crafts such as worry dolls, friendship bracelets and paper snowflakes. The shave ice table was a big hit. One industrious student offered a song on her violin in exchange for items in trade. It was all that much more special because everyone dressed in their PJs for pajama day.

Thanks to the Sky Hall teachers and volunteers who helped create this educational and memorable event!



Mark your calendar for Culture Night!

**Thursday  
February,  
7th at 6 pm**

## David's News *(continued from page 1)*

Expedition include: hands-on, project based approaches to learning, many field trip opportunities to get students out into the field and authentic assessment to celebrate new learning. Expeditions have a "Big Idea", a major 'surprise kick-off' and a stimulating culminating event at the end. We have many more Expeditions to come! Stay tuned....

Please remember that if I can ever be of any assistance to you and your family do not hesitate to contact me. The year is going by so quickly and before we know it will be June. Have a great January and once again, Happy New Year!



### Student Pick-Up and Drop-Off Procedures

We are having many pick-up and drop-off challenges on 51<sup>st</sup> at the top of the Earth Hall stairs. As many of you know, I have been coming out onto 51<sup>st</sup> at the end of the day to help stop many of the problems at this pick up area. I ask that you not double park to wait for your child to come outside and that you not park in the load/unload section of the curb and leave your car to come into the building. I also ask that you not park in front of the fire hydrant.

Another frightening issue is when parents stop on the west side of 51<sup>st</sup> and have their child run across the street to get into the car. All of these issues are contributing to a major concern that we all need to help to be part of a solution. Please follow the guidelines and help make this area safer for all.

A few ideas to avoid this area would be to designate a different spot to pick up at the end of the day, come a few minutes later to avoid the mad rush or to have your child ride the school bus, which would save you gas and time. I appreciate your assistance in helping solve this problem

### Associated Student Body (ASB) Leadership Council's Successful Penny Harvest

The Penny Harvest, sponsored by the ASB was a huge success. Our goal was to raise \$1,000 by November 21. On November 21<sup>st</sup> we had successfully raised **\$2,901** in grades K-8. I want to thank all of our students who worked hard collecting pennies, other coins and money for the Penny Harvest Drive. The ASB challenged each Clan to raise at least \$100 and for those that were successful, the Clan earned an ice cream or popcorn party hosted by the ASB Leaders. Every Clan in the school succeeded! Way to go!

The next phase of the Penny Harvest is to decide as a school where we wish to donate the money earned. The ASB Leaders will attend a training on January 26<sup>th</sup> to teach us how to take our student body through a process to designate our charity/charities of choice. You will hear more about this in February.

This picture is of our ASB Leaders in front of the Penny Harvest thermometer showing that we reached and exceeded our goal.



## Auction Countdown — 9 Weeks to Go!

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** is the date! Mark your calendar now, line up a baby sitter, and plan to have some fun. The annual “Pathfunder” Auction is our biggest fundraiser and community event of the year – this year will be a lot of fun with a circus theme - Under the Big Top! We are very excited to welcome back, for the 3rd year, the dynamic auctioneering duo of Shira Rosen and our own Andy Darring (Eagle Clan teacher)!



Our goal is to raise **\$40,000** after expenses. You should have received a packet full of information in the mail before the winter break. It included a flyer with general information, a ticket registration form, Frequently Asked Questions, procurement ideas, and procurement forms. If you did not receive it, please contact Amy Daly-Donovan ([amy@dalydonovan.com](mailto:amy@dalydonovan.com) or 923-3234) and we'll get one to you right away.

Now's the time to start thinking creatively about how EACH OF US can help to make this year's event the best ever! Here are a variety of ways that all can be involved – it doesn't require a lot of money or time, just a commitment to put your talent and energy to use in the way you enjoy most.

### Prior to Auction Day

- ◆ Procure items – we are happy to start accepting items and procurement forms right now. Be creative, ask family/friends/service providers, think of unique items or services ... and don't forget, 'tis the season for re-gifting! ☺
- ◆ Help with the database – we especially need someone to be in charge of the final catalogue.
- ◆ Help us create beautiful centerpieces for sale at the auction.
- ◆ Bake or procure tantalizing desserts for the ever-popular and quite lucrative dessert auction (last year our collective sweet-tooths brought in \$2,000)
- ◆ Help organize the Art Walk (March 6<sup>th</sup>), previewing Clan Art up for sale at the auction
- ◆ Co-lead the Decorations Committee – help to create the vision and execute on Auction Day.
- ◆ We have partnered with several other West Seattle schools to share ideas & volunteers. We need folks to help with cashiering/check-out at Schmitz Park's auction on March 1<sup>st</sup> (at the Hilton downtown) and Madison Middle School's auction at the Hall at Fautleroy on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Your observations and ideas from that experience are extremely helpful as well. This is a great opportunity to learn as well as build our West Seattle school community!

## On Auction Day

- ◆ We need lots of helpers to make the space festive and well organized! This involves unloading all items, packaging and display of items for both the silent & live auctions, assuring all paperwork and forms are in order, decorating, and general set-up tasks.
- ◆ At the auction, there are a lot of “behind the scenes” tasks that make the auction run smoothly. The Brockey Center staff handles all serving and clearing – we need folks to be “bid runners” (capturing final bids on paper and bringing them to the bidder for signature), closing out silent auction tables, organizing items for take-home, etc.
- ◆ And, of course, break-down/clean-up duty!

We would love to receive your paid registration early this year, this helps enormously with planning and budgeting. Hurray to Brent & Mary Morgan for being the first to buy tickets! **A free drink coupon (or \$5 toward the dessert auction) is waiting for The Morgans and the next 5 registrations received!** Let’s set a record for early registrations this year.

If you are unable to attend the auction but would like to make a (fully tax-deductible) financial contribution, that is most welcome and counts toward our goal. Checks can be made payable to Pathfinder PTSA; please note “auction donation” in the memo.

Please contact any of the following with your ideas or offers to help. March will be here before we know it!

### Auction Co-Chairs

Akemi Hart	makeupbyakemi@earthlink.net	850-5415
Lilith Lysistrada	lilithl@mac.com	932-9483

### Committee Leads

Procurement	Tammy Kaiser & Mo Makein
Kid Art	Leslie Cole
Decorations	Naoko Barker
Cashiering	Brent Morgan
Database Entry	Leslie Peterson
Publicity	Laura Staley & Laurie Levy
Communications	Amy Daly-Donovan
Packaging & Display	Jennifer Kocir
Staff Events	Janice Marshall
Thank You Process	Ruth Herman-Dunn

Ticket Sales/ Promotion	Darlene Williams
Reservations/ Site Liaison	Sheila Boyer
Day Of Set-Up Volunteer Coordinator	Elliott Toler-Scott
Catalog	<b>Your name here?</b>
Clean-Up Coordinator	<b>How about you?</b>
Dessert Auction	<b>A delicious opportunity for you?</b>
Centerpieces	<b>Can you lead this?</b>
Day After Audit (review all receipts/accounting)	<b>Are you good with numbers?</b>

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# PTSA

## PTSA News

*By Eric Baer and Heidi Jindrich*

What a busy and successful fall we had! We wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped and/or participated in the many PTSA activities and events September through December. Here's a quick snapshot of what we have accomplished so far this year:

- ◆ Significant membership increase over last year
- ◆ Had an extremely successful wreath-making and selling season
- ◆ Funded a school wide tutoring program
- ◆ Hosted the third annual Dessert Social at Tully's
- ◆ Published Pathfinder Family Directory and compiled volunteer lists for committee chairs and staff
- ◆ Funded the Culture Studies Artist-in-Residence program and the terrific Salmon Homecoming celebration
- ◆ Significantly revamped the Pathfinder website

Our goal is to continue to grow our membership base, so please invite your friends and clan-mates to join PTSA – it's never too late! (*see page 12*)

We are already actively recruiting for PTSA officers and key committee leads for next year! Please talk to any board member for more information. The PTSA is gearing up for more work and more fun as we launch the new year. Mark your calendar for the following upcoming evening events:

- ◆ Math Night                                      Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ PTSA General Meeting                      Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ 2nd Annual Science Fair                  Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>
- ◆ Pathfunder Auction                          Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

We still need lots of help for the science fair and other events! In particular, the spaghetti dinner for Math Night on January 25<sup>th</sup> still needs a "Lead". Please contact Heidi Jindrich if you can help (e-mail [hgjindrich@mac.com](mailto:hgjindrich@mac.com), or call 850-8809 or 932-9483.

## Wreath Sales

We are still finalizing the records and hope to announce the final tally soon! But we made and delivered about 50 wreaths that have yet to be paid for, meaning nearly \$1,000 in sales has yet to be submitted. **PLEASE** check your records, jog your memory, and send in any funds due immediately. Much effort went into making those wreaths and we want all clans to enjoy the full financial benefits.



The next PTSA  
General  
Meeting will be  
on  
**Tuesday,  
January 29th**

## P.E. News from Lou

### Fitness Night at Pathfinder

On December 4<sup>th</sup>, Pathfinder hosted 150 students and parents as we celebrated Fitness Night, sponsored by Communities in Schools, an organization that is committed to helping kids stay in school and prepare for life.

The featured guests were Seneca Wallace from the Seattle Seahawks and two members of the Seattle Seagals, the cheerleaders for the Seattle Seahawks. Mr. Wallace spoke about the importance of staying healthy by being physically active and by eating a balanced diet filled with nutritious foods, signed lots of autographs and the Seagals worked with students on dancing and exercising.

In addition, excellent entertainment was provided by the newly formed Hi Jax team and the Pathfinder Unicycle team.

Special “thank you”s go out to Petrina Fisher and Karen Deitrick from Communities in School for helping to organize the event and bring it to Pathfinder, to Subway for providing food for 150 and the many student and parent volunteers who helped make the night a great success.



### Middle School Basketball Team



The Pathfinder Boys and Girls Basketball teams both won their first game of the year beating Summit on December 20<sup>th</sup>. Though both teams have not won as many games as we would like, I am extremely impressed by the overall improvement by both teams and their willingness to play hard right until the end of the game regardless of the score.

### Unicycle Team

The Unicycle team had their first 2 performances of the year at Fitness Night and at the Elder’s Luncheon and did their usually excellent job.

The team is now going to work on improving their basketball skills as the Unicycle team will provide the halftime entertainment, playing a basketball game on unicycles, on Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at Seattle University’s basketball game. Coincidentally, January 26<sup>th</sup> is the one year anniversary of our halftime performance at the Seattle Sonics game.

I invite you all to come to Seattle University to support the Unicycle team, as well as come to watch Seattle University’s very good basketball team. The basketball game will start at 7:00 pm and our performance will probably start around 7:45 pm.

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## PTSA (continued from page 10)

### Are You a Member Yet?

Join Pathfinder School PTSA Today! Your dues support our students in many ways. Membership dues fund a variety of classroom and school-wide activities and programs music program, Culture Nights, Artists-in-residence, family support, publications, and childcare for PTSA events. A portion of your dues goes to the Washington State PTSA which supports all PTSA-related activities throughout the state. Membership also entitles you to vote on PTSA elections, budgets, and expenditures.

We welcome everyone. We are happy to assist with dues for anyone who wants to be a member, but may be short on cash. Annual Membership Dues are \$25 for a family (two or more adults) and \$12 for an individual. Please sign up to join and give what you can. If you can afford a little more, please do that to help cover all who want to be included.

Please return the PTSA membership form (*available on the web on the PTSA page and at the front desk*) to school, along with your check made payable to Pathfinder PTSA, as soon as possible. Thank you!



### Junior League's Northwest Art Collection at Pathfinder

You don't need to go downtown to see amazing Northwest Art! Pathfinder is hosting an exhibition of original art from the Junior League of Seattle's Northwest Art Collection. Seventeen artworks by outstanding Northwest artists will be on view **January 8<sup>th</sup>** through **January 24<sup>th</sup>** in the school's library. Each clan will participate in a 45-minute interactive discussion about the art led by a Junior League Art Docent. These lessons will include guided interactive exploration of the artwork, active discussions, and an individual, or small group extended-looking exercise. The art includes sculpture, painting, sketches and posters in a variety of styles and media.

The Junior League's Northwest Art Collection: An Art Museum in a School, specializes in original art from the Northwest. Since its inception in 1960, the Junior League's Northwest Art Collection has toured schools in the greater Seattle area exposing thousands of children to some of the region's most outstanding artists. Included in the Collection are artworks by Northwest masters Mark Tobey, Morris Graves, Jacob Lawrence, Dale Chihuly, Sherry Markovitz, Barbara E. Thomas, and Fay Jones to name a few. This unique program enables students to look at original art from the region first-hand in a school setting, and to learn about the artistic process under the guidance of trained art docents.

Everyone is invited to come to the library to see these remarkable works first hand. Thanks to the **Junior League** and **Nicole Penoncello**, our art teacher, for facilitating this exhibit and setting it up!



### Pathfinder Auction Art Preview

Get ready for the first annual Pathfinder Auction Art Preview! This free community-building event takes place on **Thursday, March 6<sup>th</sup>** from **6 pm to 8 pm** in the Pathfinder cafeteria. We're featuring your clan art and we would also like to include any other art that is to be auctioned on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to have your art projects ready to set up in the cafeteria by March 6th.

We're still looking for student, parent, and teacher volunteers for this exciting event. Our first planning meeting is **Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>** at the school. I promise no more than three meetings, and homemade treats at every meeting. Come join us for some fun! Call Leslie Cole at 354-9139 with any questions.



A copy of this newsletter can be found on the News & Events page of the Pathfinder K-8 website at

<http://www.seattleschools.org/schools/pathfinder/news.html>

## PE News from Lou *(continued from page 12)*

### Hi Jax Team

Hi Jax are mini stilts and are very popular among students of all ages. After a non stop barrage of requests to create a performing Hi Jax team, I finally agreed, based on the promise that the team would have regular practices and would put on quality performances.

Much to my delight, over twenty 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade students showed up to practice and promptly put on outstanding performances at Fitness night, Elder's Luncheon and at a Monday Morning Meeting.



The skills that the students display on the Hi Jax are amazing. The team has grown so popular that I happily have ordered more Hi Jax to keep up with the demand.

### Editor's Blurb

#### Request for Submissions

In keeping with the school-wide focus on writing this year, I would like to feature writing by Pathfinder students, staff and community members each month. The submissions can be creative writing, news, reporting on school events and field trips, or anything else students, staff or community members would like to share with the Pathfinder community.

#### Submission Timeline & Guidelines

The next issue of *The Compass* will be published and sent home on **Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>**. Please submit your writing no later than **Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>**. There are no restrictions on length, but the work may be edited, as necessary, to fit into available space.

#### Contact Information

Send your feedback, suggestions, and submissions to:

Beth Bakeman, [bbakeman@comcast.net](mailto:bbakeman@comcast.net), 206-605-1327

## Pathfinder K-8 January Calendar

### Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

Classroom science fair visits

### Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup>

K-5 school tour, 9 am to 10:30 am

### Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup>

6th Grade to University of Washington Planetarium

### Tuesday, January 15<sup>th</sup>

K-5 school tour, 9 am to 10:30 am

Science Fair idea session, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

### Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>

6-8 school tour, 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm

8th Grade to State Capitol in Olympia

### Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>

K-5 school tour, 9 am to 10:30 am

### Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

No School — Martin Luther King Day

### Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>

Pacific Science Center Visits Pathfinder

### Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>

K-5 School Tour, 9:00 am to 10:30 am

6-8 School Tour, 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm

8th Grade to Experience Music Project

K-5 Open House, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

### Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>

Math Night, 6 pm to 8 pm

### Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>

No School — Day Between Semesters

### Tuesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>

PTSA General Meeting

### Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

6-8 School Tour, 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm

### Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup>

K-5 School Tour, 9:00 am to 10:30 am

6-8 Open House, 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm

Science Fair help session, including free materials, 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Great writers take risks.

Great writers keep writing.

Great writers do their best and move on.

Great writers know they can change  
or fix their writing later.



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