

Sockeye Express

Parent Newsletter

September 14, 2009

Sunset Elementary School

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Wayne Hamasaki, Principal
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Martha Snowden, Office Assistant
Linda Smith, Nurse
Elizabeth Johnson, Counselor

PTA Back to School Family Dinner

Sunday, September 20 5:00-7:00 PM Back Patio

\$5.00 Chicken Dinner
or Hot Dog

Share your favorite
potluck dish, enough
for 10.

Families with last
names beginning with
A-E—bring a dessert
and F-Z—bring a salad.

For further information, contact
Anissa Hickey, 425-502-7002 or
Kathy Lorenz, 425-747-4187



*5th Grader Carly wears the newly
designed Sunset t-shirt available for
sale at Curriculum Nights.*



Curriculum Nights

6:30 – 8:00 PM

Multi-Purpose Room/Gym

Monday, Sept. 14 - Grades 3-5

Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Early Childhood
Education, Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2

Meet your child's teacher

Visit the classroom

Learn about the curriculum, class procedures and homework

Sign up to volunteer

Meet the rest of the teachers

Parents only, please. No child care provided.

This will not be a time for individual parent conferences due to the time allotted and confidentiality of discussing personal information in the presence of others. You may call your child's teacher to address individual concerns.

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SEPTEMBER

9/14-18/09	M-F	PTA Scholastic Book Fair		Atrium
9/14/09	M	PTA Board Mtg	9:30-11:00 AM	
9/14/09	M	Curriculum Night - Gr 3-5	6:30-8:00 PM	MPR/Gym
9/16/09	W	Curriculum Night - ECE, Kindergarten, Gr 1-2	6:30-8:00 PM	MPR/Gym
9/17/09	Th	Site Council	8:00-9:00 AM	Library
9/17/09	Th	Constitution Day		
9/20/09	Sun	PTA Back to School Family Dinner	5:00-7:00 PM	Patio
9/21/09	M	Birthday Lunch with the Principal-August	Lunchtime	Sockeye Café
9/23-10/14/09		Gr 2 Developmental Reading Assessment		
9/23/09	W	School Board Mtg	7:00 PM	Admin Board Rm
9/28/09	M	Birthday Lunch with the Principal-September	Lunchtime	Sockeye Café
9/30/09	W	Gr 3 Field Trip to Issaquah Salmon Hatchery		

OCTOBER

10/1/09	Th	Elementary Principals' Mtg-Wayne	12:30-4:30 PM	Admin Board Rm
10/2/09	F	Gr 4 Field Trip to Corn Maze Farm, Snohomish		
10/2/09	F	Dad's at Recess Day	Recesses	Playground
10/2-3/09	F-Sat	PTA Legislative Assembly		Sea Tac
10/3-4/09	Sat/Sun	Issaquah Salmon Days		



PTA Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is here, Monday-Friday, September 14-18. Shop at lunch 11:20 AM—1:05 PM or after school until 4:30 PM (Wed. to 2:45 PM). Students are welcome to shop after school, but only with a parent (so they don't miss the bus!). Of course, students may purchase books during their lunch on their own. Some teachers have a "wish list" available for those who are interested in purchasing materials for the classrooms. Thank you for supporting our students and school. **GO READ!**

WASL RESULTS AVAILABLE THROUGH FAMILY ACCESS. WASL results from spring 2009 testing is available in Family Access for students who tested in grades 3-12. Forgotten log-in or password information for Family Access may be obtained from the Sunset office. Families without internet access may request paper copies from their child's school. High school score reports, including 10th grade science scores, will be mailed home on September 16. The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has created one-page summaries of learning expectations for students in grades K-10 called Your Child's Progress. These summaries may be viewed or downloaded at the following link on the OSPI website www.k12.wa.us/resources/default.aspx.

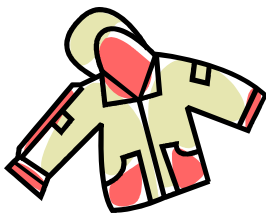
SCHOOL LUNCH MENU. Correction from the last issue. Our school lunch menu is available online at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/lunch.aspx.

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VOLUNTEERS OF ISSAQUAH CHANGING EDUCATION (VOICE) MENTOR PROGRAM.

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with Issaquah students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteer commitment is one hour per week through the school year. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff. *Volunteers routinely state that they make a strong bond with their student and "get more than they give."* VOICE strives to make the students and mentors time together meaningful and valued. Placements are made based on the mentors' interests. Whether a mentor's passion is literacy, ESL students, math or another area, there is a place for you in Issaquah schools. *Please help recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor.* VOICE is funded by the Issaquah Schools Foundation in cooperation with the Issaquah School District. For further information contact Susan Gierke, VOICE Mentor Director, via email at VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu or phone, 425-837-7139.



ANNUAL COAT DRIVE FOR THE ISSAQUAH FOOD BANK. The Sunset PTA Humanitarian Committee is starting off the year with our Annual [Coat Drive](#) to support the Issaquah Food Bank. The coat drive will run from Wednesday September 16th to Wednesday September 30th. In addition to bringing COATS, HATS, GLOVES and SCARVES the food Bank is in need of NEW underwear and socks for boys and girls (children and teens). Please put your donations in the **BIG BLUE CHEST** which is located

in the hall across from the main office. This is a great opportunity to reach out to families in our community! Thanks for your support.

Humanitarian co-chairs, Deena Eastern and Joanne Wrightson

ART DOCENTS WANTED. We are seeking parent volunteers who have an interest in sharing art experiences with your child's class. It's a once-a-month commitment that requires no art "talent" using a curriculum created by past art docents. You're encouraged to sign up with a friend on Curriculum Night next week and also to attend an introductory meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 12:00-1:30 PM in the Library.

THANK YOU SUNSET PTA BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE! Because of their hard work, the school grounds looked great for back to school. Members pulled weeds, raked leaves, deadheaded rhododendrons and planted flowers. Dad Larry fixed the outdoor musical toy and did maintenance to other playground equipment. Thank you Audrey, Brenna and Jessica Anderson; Margaret and Allison Chalfant; Charlene, Siena and Nick Gaston; and Karla, Larry, Lauren and Joey Reising. If you are interested in helping with the PTA Beautification Committee, please contact Jessica Anderson at jessica.t.anderson@gmail.com.

Getting to Know You



Elizabeth Johnson
Counselor

Our new counselor loves the outdoors (hiking, camping, biking, running-she's a marathoner!), singing, baking, reading, the Food Network and discovering new restaurants. Mrs. Johnson enjoys fresh fruits and veggies from farmer's markets, She has a Master's degree in School Counseling from Lewis & Clark College and a Bachelor's degree in History from the University of Puget Sound. For the past four years, she worked in Portland and Beaverton, OR. She's traveled to many countries in Europe, Middle East and Central America. Mrs. Johnson has been married for six years to her husband, Eric, and they're getting a dog soon. Next July, the Johnsons will be in Malawi (SE Africa) volunteering in a school and hospital. Ask her about getting lost at 3 years old in the Tokyo Airport. Welcome to Sunset!

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