

Sockeye Express

Parent Newsletter

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Sunset Elementary School

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Third graders Gage, Maria, Kelsey and Griffin (bottom) enjoy spending time with friends at recess.



DAD'S AT RECESS DAY

Friday, October 2

Lunch Recess

Have fun with your child and other
Sunset students!



EAGER READER BEGINS ON OCTOBER 5TH.

Encourage your child to spend time reading each day to earn prizes. The Eager Reader Program is a reading incentive program sponsored by Sunset PTA. It is a voluntary program that runs October 5, 2009 - April 9, 2010 and is designed to improve students' reading skills and to develop a love of reading. Our school-wide total has increased every year for the past six years! If you have questions, please contact co-chairs Lindsay Krienke at lindsaykrienke@msn.com or Anjuman Nyman at anjman_nyman@yahoo.com.

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SEPTEMBER

9/28/09	M	Birthday Lunch with the Principal-September	Lunchtime	Sockeye Café
9/28/09	M	Flu Shot Clinic	2:30-5:00 PM	Staff Lounge
9/30/09	W	Gr 3 Field Trip to Issaquah Salmon Hatchery		

OCTOBER

10/2/09	F	Gr 4 Field Trip to Corn Maze Farm, Snohomish		
10/2/09	F	Dad's at Recess Day	Recesses	Playground
10/3-4/09	Sat/Sun	Issaquah Salmon Days		
10/5/09	M	PTA Eager Reader Begins		
10/5-9/09	M-F	School Bus Ridership Count Week		
10/12/09	M	PTA General Membership Mtg	7:00 PM	
10/13/09	T	School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill	9:00 AM	
10/13/09	T	Vision & Hearing Screening	All day	Library & Music Rm
10/14/09	W	School Board Mtg	7:00 PM	Admin Board Rm
10/15/09	Th	SAGE Curriculum Night	6:30-7:15 PM	Portable 3

RIDE THE BUS TO PROTECT CLASSROOM DOLLARS!

We need all regular bus riders to make sure to ride the bus October 5-9. Drivers will count each student who



rides the bus in the morning and each student who rides the kindergarten bus at midday. These rider numbers determine the amount of funding our Transportation Department receives from the State of Washington. Already, we use local levy dollars (about \$3 million last year) to backfill the gap in transportation funding because the state's formula does not cover actual costs. The levy dollars also directly fund classroom expenses, such as curriculum and salaries. So by ensuring all regular bus riders are on the bus during the "count" week, our District can recoup the maximum amount of transportation funding to which we are entitled—and preserve more dollars for the classroom. Thanks for your help!

Counselor's Corner

Elizabeth Johnson

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I am very excited to join the warm and inviting Sunset Community! My husband, Eric, and I moved from Portland this past summer so that he could begin his pediatrics residency at Seattle Children's Hospital and I am currently in my fourth year as an elementary school counselor. I love my job and enjoy running, baking, singing and camping, hiking and traveling. I feel very fortunate to have found this opportunity at Sunset and am loving getting to know the incredible students, staff and families here!

During September, I visited all K-5 classes and introduced myself to the students. It was very fun to meet each of them and share a bit about myself. As part of my comprehensive guidance curriculum, I will be teaching monthly lessons in all classes addressing academic, personal/social and career development.

Beginning in early October, I will start a variety of small counseling groups. We work on developing skills including: building friendships, impulse control, anger management, academic solutions and addressing changing families (including divorce, grief, or other changes in living situations). If you are interested in having your child participate, please feel free to contact me or your child's classroom teacher.

Please stop by my office and I look forward to meeting more of you!

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Getting to Know You

Fourth Grade Teachers

Mary Alfheim-1st year at Sunset; loves hiking, skiing, nature walks, Japanese and Mexican foods, the color blue; husband Steve; children Connor, Jakie & Matt; pet dog, Cole.

Sydney Herzberg-6th year at Sunset; loves Thai food, purple, cooking, shopping, violets and being with husband Michael and son William; collects pigs; traveled to Latin America, Europe.

Gina Montgomery-5th year at Sunset; loves Cold Stone ice cream, spending time with sons Kyler and Logan and hubby Kevin, watching Disney movies, country music and has taught kindergarten, 1st and 5th grades.

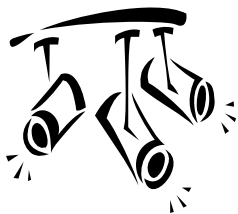
Danielle Ness-3rd year at Sunset; loves Coho Café, dark chocolate, pink, plumerias and lilies, photography, wakeboarding, volleyball, tennis; married to Kyle; traveled to Australia, Africa, Europe, Malaysia, Caribbean, Bahamas, Mexico.

Stephanie Snyder-9th year at Sunset; loves Scooby Doo, cala lilies, dark blue, laughing whenever she can, India Bistro in Ballard, labs Harrison and Cali, baseball and football and collects Wizard of Oz things.

Lisa Stix-21st year at Sunset; loves supporting USC, University of Oregon, tennis, golfing, Tiger Woods, trips to Hawaii and Mexico, supporting daughters Jessica and Kayli and husband Nathan; rat terrier Lexi.



Front: Stephanie Snyder, Danielle Ness. Back: Gina Montgomery, Lisa Stix, Mary Alfheim, Sydney Herzberg



SUNSET TALENT SHOW COMING. Get ready to shine! The Sunset Talent Show, starring the students of Sunset Elementary, will be held on **Friday, November 20, 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room/Gym.** Now is the time for students to start working on their individual or group acts. The sky is the limit with singing, dancing, martial arts, hula-hooping, jump-rope, instruments, comedy, and magic just to name a few. As students are preparing for this event, please keep in mind that acts can be up to **1 minute 45 seconds** long and music must be age appropriate. For complete details and to download

an entry form, please visit the Sunset PTA Website, www.sunsetsockeypta.org. The Sunset Talent Show entry form can be found under "Forms" on the top of the PTA Website home page. **Entry forms are due by Thursday, November 5, to the office.** We are limited to the first 40 acts that we receive. Questions or if you would like to volunteer for this event please contact one of the committee chairs: Pam Zollers at 425-641-5490 or pzollers@comcast.net; Kristin Behn at 425-653-5476 or k.behn@comcast.net; or Marie Surprenant at 425-746-0333 or surprenants@comcast.net.



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PTA REFLECTIONS IS NOW UNDERWAY. Young artists get involved in Reflections through the Sunset PTA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six art areas are:



- *Literature* - works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, prose, drama, short stories and lyrics.
- *Music Composition* - original musical composition, with or without words.
- *Photography* - prints up to 11 x 14 inches in color or black and white, including techniques: photogram, retouched, montage, sandwich and multiple exposure.
- *Visual Arts* - drawing, painting in tempera, oil, acrylic, watercolor & t-shirt paints, computer generated art, two-dimensional collage, printmaking, needlework & leather tooling.
- *Film/Video* - original works, with or without sound, of animation, narrative, documentary, experimental or music video/film.
- *Choreography/Dance* - originally choreographed dance composition.

The theme this year is "**Beauty is...**". A student's piece of art must reflect this theme. If your child is interested in participating in this year's Reflections program please email Julie Mickey, Julie.mickey@gmail.com or return the form you receive through kidmail by Friday, October 9. Important dates to remember:

Friday, October 9 Reflections registration form due

Tuesday October 27 Projects due at Sunset Elementary

Tuesday November 10 Evening reception honoring Reflections participants.

If you would like more information regarding the program guidelines and rules for projects go to <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html> or contact Julie Mickey, Julie.mickey@gmail.com or Deena Eastern, djeastern@comcast.net. Watch for a flier coming home in kidmail! Thank you, we look forward to enjoying all of the wonderful art projects.

HELP SUNSET EARN FREE MERCHANDISE WITH THE E-LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM. There's a new e-labels for education program for people with a QFC Advantage and/or Fred Meyer Rewards cards. For each person that registers, our school will earn **100 bonus points**. **Please help our school by signing up now.** Go to www.elabelsforeducation.com and click on SIGN UP NOW. Set up your account by entering your Shopper Card Number(s). Then choose the school to receive your points. If you search for Sunset in Bellevue, you'll find our school. Every time you purchase eligible Labels products, points will be automatically credited to our school. To help earn even more points, QFC is offering **200 labels bonus** certificates at checkout for purchasing 8 participating products (more info. can be found in the QFC ad), and all registered e-labels users will receive an **additional 200 points** in their account. This offer is valid through 10/6/09. Please continue to save boxtops, labels for education UPC's and Matthew's Thriftway receipts and drop them in the collection bags in the atrium. Questions? Contact Andrea Winterbauer at winterbauer@comcast.net or 206-419-7811.

5TH GRADE ORCHESTRA REGISTRATIONS are being accepted for 5th grade students to participate in orchestra classes held at Issaquah Middle Schools. Classes are held on Mondays and Fridays, 7:30-8:00 AM beginning in October. Information and registration forms can be obtained at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/Programs/orchestra.aspx>.

PTA CO-VP OF COMMUNITY PROGRAMS NOMINATION. The 2009-2010 Sunset PTA Nominating Committee submits the nomination of Barb Dolliver for Co-Vice President of Community Programs. The election will take place at the Sunset PTA General Membership Meeting on October 12.

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