



# Sockeye Express

Parent Newsletter

October 5, 2009

## Sunset Elementary School

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Linda Smith, Nurse  
Elizabeth Johnson, Counselor



*Second graders Kamryn and Brendan study different types of soil in the Wetland Plants science unit. The Science-To-Go unit is funded through the Sunset PTA 2009 Auction "Raise the Paddle" special fund raiser for science activities.*



## Eager Reader begins today!

Read daily  
Read for fun  
Read to learn  
Read for prizes  
Read to enjoy reading  
Just read, read, read



## RIDE THE BUS THIS WEEK

October 5 - 9

Bus count determines state funding for bus transportation to Issaquah School District. Last year, \$3 million in local levy dollars helped fund bus transportation costs. Help preserve local dollars for classroom use.

## Sunset PTA General Membership Meeting

Monday, October 12  
9:30 a.m. Portable 4

*"Caring to learn and learning to care."*

## OCTOBER

10/5/09	M	PTA Eager Reader Begins		
10/5-9/09	M-F	School Bus Ridership Count Week		
10/9/09	F	PTA Reflections form due		
10/12/09	M	PTA General Membership Mtg	9:30-11:00 AM	Portable 4
10/13/09	T	School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill	9:00 AM	Sunset Bus Depot
10/13/09	T	Vision & Hearing Screening	All day	Library & Music Rm
10/14/09	W	Gr 2 Field Trip to Lake Sammamish State Park	9:00 AM-12:00 PM	
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
10/19/09	M	Birthday Lunch with the Principal-October	Lunchtime	Sockeye Café
10/21-22/09	T/W	Issaquah Schools Foundation Calling for Kids		
10/21/09	W	Student Council Mtg	8:00-8:55 AM	Flex A
10/22/09	Th	Site Council	8:00-9:00 AM	Library
10/22/09	Th	Kindergarten (Skroch, Pacheco AM) to Jubilee Farm	9:15 AM-12:15 PM	
10/22/09	Th	Kindergarten (Townsend, Pacheco PM) to Jubilee Farm	12:40-3:30 PM	
10/22/09	Th	Picture Retake Day	10:00-2:00 PM	MPR
10/23/09	F	PTA Spooky Spaghetti Night	6:30-8:00 PM	MPR/Gym

**VISION & HEARING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.** Several more volunteers are needed for **Vision and Hearing Testing** on Tuesday, October 13. Our school nurse, Linda Smith, needs help testing all Sunset students' vision and hearing. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. It's a fun and easy way help at the school. To sign up to be a Vision and Hearing volunteer contact Caren Connor at [carenc@me.com](mailto:carenc@me.com). Thank you for your support!

**FLU PRECAUTIONS.** Students are starting to get sniffles and upset stomachs, but we have not seen anything unusual thus far. District administrators continue to be in weekly contact with health experts, who have a consistent message: H1N1 is just a flu subtype comparable to the other seasonal flu strains we experience annually. Parents should assume that H1N1 is in their schools and communities, take it seriously, and act vigilantly—however, health experts say parents should not be overly concerned with whether their child's sickness is actually confirmed as H1N1 or some other strain. A doctor should be consulted if the symptoms become severe. To prevent the spread of the flu please: **Keep children home when they are not feeling well (until 24 hours after a fever has passed), wash hands frequently, get vaccinated for H1N1 and the seasonal flu, and cover coughs with tissue or sleeve.** Parents should make a plan for back-up child care in case their students cannot go to school. The District's pandemic flu committee has been meeting regularly and has authorized extra hand sanitizers and sanitization machines for each school. [More resources for families are online.](#)

**NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY.** Did you know that the King County Sheriff's Office operates an [online search tool to keep community members aware of registered sex offenders](#) who live nearby? While these offenders have met their legal obligations and are aggressively monitored by Sheriff's Officers, you have the ability to check your own community and even sign up for alerts triggered when an offender moves close to a certain address, such as your home or school. [The Sheriff's Office also provides safety tips for families.](#)

**THE PTA HUMANITARIAN COMMITTEE COAT DRIVE** has come to a close. Many thanks to everyone who donated items to support the Issaquah Food Bank and families in our community!

Deena Eastern and Joanne Wrightson

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## Getting to Know You

### Third Grade Teachers

**Dixie Allison**-21st year at Sunset; loves Ray's Boathouse, Nordstrom Grill, shopping for antiques and books, roses, carnations, Gary Cooper, Tony Curtis, Russian ballerinas, cookbooks, bird watching, and family; BA-Florida State University; BA-Seattle U.

**Kristina Burns**-5th year at Sunset; loves mountain biking, skiing, farmers markets, yoga, trying new foods at restaurants, family; hubby Jared is a vitner/wine maker; pet black lab, Rowdy; BA-UW; MA-City Univ.

**Rosemary McPhail**-16th year at Sunset; loves Jak's Grill, reading, time with family and friends, swimming, cooking, gardening; husband Larry (29 years); daughters Katie and Elizabeth; pet dogs Wrigley and Soldier; BA-Coe College; MS-Northern Illinois University.

**Marty Merrill**-3rd year at Sunset; loves Chinese food, burgers, Ebay, Gonzaga hoops, Seahawks, Mariners, UW, Stanford, Seinfeld, Simpsons, classic rock, Bruce Springsteen, Star Wars, Lord of the Rings, Harry Potter; wife Rachel (3 years), daughter Jane (10 months); pug Denny, cat Taco; BA-Seattle U; MA-City U.



Third grade teachers Rosemary McPhail, Dixie Allison, Marty Merrill and Kristina Burns.



**REFLECTIONS** is a national PTA Art Competition where children can show their artistic talents through drawing, painting, photography, computer graphics, and writing. Enjoy the beautiful examples of past projects displayed in the atrium! The theme this year is "**Beauty is...**" Please sign up to

participate by Friday October 9<sup>th</sup>, by sending an email to Julie Mickey at [julie.mickey@gmail.com](mailto:julie.mickey@gmail.com). When you sign up you will receive registration information as well as program rules and guidelines. Reflections projects are due October 27th! Contact Deena Eastern, [djeastern@comcast.net](mailto:djeastern@comcast.net) or Julie Mickey at [julie.mickey@gmail.com](mailto:julie.mickey@gmail.com) or visit [www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html) if you have questions.

**E-LABELS FOR EDUCATION.** 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](http://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 [winterbauera@comcast.net](mailto:winterbauera@comcast.net) or 206-419-7811.

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