

Sunny Hills E-News

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Just a note: When a pipe broke at school today, we had to turn off water to parts of the building for 2 ½ hours. We were unable to use some of our bathrooms and sinks during that time, but all students had access to restroom facilities when they needed them, all were able to wash their hands, and lunches were served without a hitch. Thank you to all students and staff for making an inconvenient situation go smoothly!

From Principal Sarah White: Parking Lot

Our goal is to have a safe and efficient drop-off and pick-up system in our lower parking lot. Here are some ways you can help:

- When you use the drop-off / pick-up lane, pull as far forward as possible. Do not load or unload along the grass and curb before the first crosswalk. Please wait until the crosswalk is clear, then pull as far forward as possible to drop off or pick up your child.
- Drivers should not get out of the car in the drop-off /pick-up lane. Use a parking space if you need to exit your vehicle to help your child load or unload.
- Use one of the crosswalks to cross from the parking spaces to the sidewalk
- Show courtesy to merging vehicles, reversing vehicles, and pedestrians
- Exit by driving around the complete loop. Do not cut across the parking spaces.
- Drive slowly
- Be respectful to staff that are there to help
- Use district transportation if it is available for your neighborhood

Thank you for following our new parking lot procedures and for being patient as we get everyone to school and back home safely.

Staffing Update

Sunny Hills is so lucky to have these talented, committed staff join our team! Please welcome the following new staff members to Sunny Hills: Diane Elliot, Educational Assistant: Ms. Elliot is working in our Math BEL and ELL programs as well as supervising students in the lunchroom and at recess.

Sue Kleiber, Educational Assistant: Ms. Kleiber is working in our Special Education and ELL programs as well as supervising students in the lunchroom and at recess.

Billie McCaffrey, Educational Assistant: Ms. McCaffrey is working in our Kindergarten programs as well as supervising students in the lunchroom and at recess

Katie Pinkelman, Teacher: Ms. Pinkelman will be teaching in our first and second grade classrooms. She will provide whole group, small group, and individual instruction that is aligned with our building continuous improvement goals.

2009 Holiday Program to help families in need: There will not be a separate District Holiday Program this year. If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, necessities, please contact your school nurse, Kim Rocco RN (Sunny Hills 837-7408 or Discovery 837-4042) ASAP to obtain information on the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program. The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact Kim Rocco RN before the end of October. School PTSA's desiring to participate in a "Caring through Sharing" program will receive their families to sponsor through the Issaquah Food Bank.

JOGGING CLUB: Jogging Club will begin Monday, October 19th AFTER school from 3:40 to 4:30. The joggers will set a goal to complete 25 miles of jogging by the last day of club on Monday, November 23rd. Students will meet in the gym after school on Mondays and Thursdays. Joggers will gain endurance, strength and excellent life long fitness skills. Kindergarten to 5th graders are encouraged to participate. Please refer to Mrs. Miller's website (<http://www.sunny.issaquah.wednet.edu/Teachers/millera/>) for further information and to **Sign- Up by Thursday, October 15th**.

FROM THE DISTRICT:

- ✍ The entire Issaquah School District community is invited to a reception from 3:30-5 p.m. Monday, Oct. 19, at the [administration building](#) to honor Connie Fletcher for her 16 years of service on the Issaquah School Board. Connie has been appointed to a position on the state Board of Education, and she deserves a grand send off! Please come with memories and well wishes as our community thanks Connie for her tireless work on behalf of Issaquah students.

- ✍ Caffeine and conversation: Superintendent Steve Rasmussen wants to hear from you—and he'll even buy you a cup of joe! Everyone is welcome to share their thoughts about education in general and in the Issaquah School District during an upcoming **Superintendent's Coffee**. For 2009-2010, they have been scheduled throughout the District at different times to accommodate a variety of schedules. Come to one or all: 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 3, at the [Administrative Center](#); 7:30-8:30 a.m. Tuesday, January 26, at the [Liberty High library](#); 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday, March

17, at the [Issaquah High library](#); and 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, May 17, at the [Skyline High library](#).

- ✍ Click on the [Community Fliers](#) link at the bottom of this E-news message to discover all kinds of enrichment opportunities. This is the online bulletin space where non-profit organizations are able to post family-friendly information and events such as art and language classes, athletic leagues, parenting workshops, and charitable drives. Groups represented include Girl and Boy Scouts, city parks and recreation departments, 4-H, Friends of Youth, Small Hands on Art, Eastside Enrichment, and many more. **Check your school's Community Fliers every time you receive an E-News to keep up to date.**

October Calendar of Events:

9	Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough orders due
19	Fist Day of Jogging Club @ 3:38
19 & 20	Art Walk - conference room
23	Enrichment Grant Application Due
26 - 30	Book Fair
26 & 27	Kindergarten Pumpkin Carving Nights - MPR

November Calendar of Events:

2	Last Day for Reflections Submissions
3 rd & 4 th	No School - conferences
5 th	PTA Meeting 9:45 AM
6 th	Student Picture Re-Take Day
9 th - 13 th	Thanksgiving Food Drive
12 th	Reflections Reception
13 th	Sock Hop
17	Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Pick Up
19 & 20	Art Walk - conference room

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PTA EVENTS CALENDAR

September 28 – October 9	Gift Wrap and Cookie Dough Fundraiser
October 23	Enrichment Grant Applications Due
October 26 – 30	Book Fair
November 2	Reflections Submissions – Last Day
November 12	Reflections Reception
November 13	Sunny Hills SOCK HOP
November 17	Gift Wrap/Cookie Dough Pick-Up

MANY THANKS!

Many thanks are due: Vision and Hearing went off without a hitch due to the fantastic leadership of **Teri Yoshimura**, all our kids looked dapper because **Kathy Candaux** directed her volunteers well on Picture Day, PACE is rolling because **Susanne Oberst** launched us right, the Sunny Hills PTA has *achieved 100% Membership* thanks to **Sydney Holderness'** stellar skills, and our PTA meeting last night was a success because of you who attended! The meeting minutes will be posted on our website soon (www.sunnyhillspta.org). Please read the full PTA eNews...the **logo winner** is announced below!

SALLY FOSTER FUNDRAISER NEEDS YOU!!!

Orders for Sally Foster Gift wrap are due **TOMORROW, Friday, October 9**. Every purchase provides the needed funds for PTA programs and additional classroom supplies. All proceeds fund **THIS YEAR'S** PTA programs including Artists in the Classroom, Science, Young Authors, Art Docents and more. Your support is vital to guarantee these activities. *CONTACT: Diane Salazar, tigger532@hotmail.com.*

CALLING ALL BOOK LOVERS!

The Sunny Hills Book Fair is one of our major fundraisers for the school which begins Monday, Oct. 26 and runs through Friday Oct. 30th in the school library. It directly funds the Eager Reader Program and puts books in the classrooms and library. Mrs. White will be doing a principal read-in on Monday and Tuesday nights at 6 PM! Come in after work! The hours are 1/2 hr. before school, 1 1/2 hr. after school each day. We will be open until 6:30 PM on Monday and Tuesday.

CONTACT Marquelle Morgan chrisandmarquelle@hotmail.com and Julie James jamesfamily94@yahoo.com

REFLECTIONS

Entries are due **Monday, November 2nd** -- Pick up entry forms in office, follow links listed below for forms:

[Student entry form](#)

[Dance and Choreography Rules and guidelines](#)

[Film productions Rules and guidelines](#)

[Literature Rules and guidelines](#)

[Musical composition Rules and guidelines](#)

[Photography Rules and guidelines](#)

[Visual arts Rules and guidelines](#)

Reflections is a National and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by

expressing themselves through their own original works. This year's theme is "Beauty is..." Only original works of art are accepted. The categories are: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual arts, Film/Video, and Choreography/Dance.

Program information can be found on the Washington State PTA website:

<http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html>

For more information, call Lynda Lindley 425-427-9708 or email sunny_hills_reflections_program@yahoo.com

GET INVOLVED WITH THE FEED THE HUNGRY PROGRAM

DATE Wednesday October 14

TIME 5:20-- 6:10

LOCATION Issaquah Fire Station - 190 East Sunset Street

BRIEF DESCRIPTION Bring your family and help serve a hot, delicious meal to the local patrons in need. The preset chicken dinner is divided amongst 4 Sunny Hills families. Each family prepares a portion of the meal at home and brings it hot and ready to serve to the fire station. The students are encouraged to help dish out the meal with the help of their parents. This opportunity can be such a valuable learning experience for our families.....to serve and share with those in need.

CONTACT: JoAnn Spears 206.465.8797 jtsspears@hotmail.com

PTA MEMBERSHIP – 100% ACHIEVED!

Congratulations! As of 10/7/09, Sunny Hills PTA has achieved 100% Membership!

Because of you, all 618 students have a voice. Thank you **Sydney Holderness** for all your hard work!

PACE

Thank you to the Sunny Hills families and teachers that have enrolled so far! We have 126 enrollees to date that will earn thousands for our school and for themselves! If you haven't enrolled yet, you can still do so by going to www.4PACE.com. Thanks again for your support of PTA and its programs.

If you have any questions about the program at all, please feel free to contact Susanne Oberst at suso@comcast.net.

POPCORN FRIDAY HAS STARTED!

Don't forget your quarters to buy popcorn on Fridays! *CONTACT Holly Hasselbalch, hchasselbalch@hotmail.com*

AND THE WINNER IS...

The winning design for the Logo wear is LOGO #1

ISF Calling for Kids Needs You!

Calling for Kids is in full swing. All families were mailed personalized letters of appeal on September 18th and 21st. Please look for the red envelope in the mail and give generously! *Calling for Kids* donations help the district provide our students with the comprehensive 21st Century education they need for success in school and life. This year's campaign goal is 100% participation. If every District family contributes, the Foundation can raise over \$1.4 million for our schools. ISF is asking families to:

- Join *Calling for Kids* with a \$50 donation, a \$5 per month gift via EFT or whatever they can afford.
- Renew and if possible, increase their previous *Calling for Kids* support.

High school students will call all families on October 20th and 21st.

Log onto www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org or call 425.416.2045 to make your donation today. Thank you!