



Lion's Den Newsletter

May/June 2016

Principal's Message

We are still in the middle of SBAC testing and it is going well. Thank you for getting your students to school on time each day. It really helps them feel settled and successful!

A BIG Thank You



Everyone had such a fantastic time at our Spring Auction! What a fiesta!! A very special thank you to Aimee Ledwith and Aryn Harris for their hard work and HOURS of dedication to our school. Great job Ladies!

Summer Games to Support Learning

We know that most children lose skills during prolonged summer vacations. Sustaining skills does not have to be painful or of the drill and kill variety. Parents may not realize that educational skills can be nurtured and retained through enjoyable family activities. The goal of summer activities is not necessarily to teach new skills but to prevent the previously learned ones from weakening through disuse.

- Go places- real or imagined, physically or virtually
- Play games
- Do things (museums, hikes, farms)
- Make things
- Read
- Use real life math
- Technology sites:
 - Tumble Book Library
 - Scholastic Summer challenge
 - Barnes and Noble Summer Reading is Fun
 - Public Library!



I have also attached a link for fun educational games that you can play with your children.

http://www.educationworld.com/a_lesson/archives/learninggame.shtml

Framed Art Event

The framed art event has been such a huge success! A BIG thank you to Erin Clark and her dedicated team. Not only did they give our students wonderful art lessons, but they spent many days/hours framing the art for our families. We are so lucky to have this high quality program at our school. You may pick up your order starting at 5:00 at Open House!

Upcoming Events

May

- 6 Home & School Club Meeting, MPR, 8:00am
- 11 Open House, 6:00pm - 7:30pm **Food Trucks will be here at 5:00, you can pick up your framed art and get an early start on the book fair!**
- 17 Spring Concert, MPR - 1st Grade, 6:00pm
2nd Grade, 6:45pm, 3rd grade, 7:30pm
- 17-20 5th grade Science Camp
- 23 School Site Council, 2:15pm, RC
- 23 ELAC meeting 6 PM. RC
- 24 Spring Concert - Kinders 6:00pm, MPR
- 24 Volunteer Appreciation
- 27 Lion's Den
- 27 Home & School Club Budget Meeting, MPR, 8:00am
- 30 **No School, Memorial Day**

June

- 3 5th grade Slide Show - MPR 8:30am
6th grade Slide Show - MPR 10:00am
Last Day of School, Minimum Day, Release time 12:50pm

Home and School Club News

We are coming close to wrapping up the end of the school year. It is hard to believe there is less than one month left! With that said there are a few loose ends to tie up.

LOST & FOUND You may not have even realized you've lost it, but guaranteed, we've found it! Please stop by the MPR room and peruse our own "Nordstrom Rack" Any items left unclaimed by May 13, 2016 will be donated to Cecilia's Closet.

Open House May 11th, 2016 Come see what our children have been busy learning and working on this year! Open House will be held from 5-7pm. In conjunction with Open House, stop by and visit the **Book Fair** and don't forget, if you have purchased **Framed Art**, it will be available for pick up. For your convenience, we will be offering an array of food and sweets for purchase from a variety of food truck vendors. *Come, have dinner and make a night of it!*

Extra, Extra Read All About It! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Nordstrom. Stock up on some of the classics or explore new titles and authors for summer reading! The Book Fair will run Monday, May 9th through Friday, May 13th with special hours during Open House. Don't miss your last chance this year to build your child's library!

Spring Auction = Huge Success Thank you to our Fiesta Auction Hosts and Coordinators Aryn Harris and Aimee Ledwith. They made sure the night was full of fun, celebration and success. Thank all of you who have attended and helped us reach and exceed our auction goals! A wonderful night was had by all!

Lastly and equally important, as we come to a close this year, the Home and School Club would like to give a heartfelt "**thank you**" to the following people and families for their dedication, commitment and countless hours of support they have given the Home and School Club, children, teachers and school over the years. We wish them much continued success as they move on to middle school. **Best wishes!**

Andrea Accord --- Jennifer Allen --- Dana Bruning --- Sue Coakley --- Helen Rhee --- Kelly Schriefer
--- Wendy Sullivan --- John Verhoeven