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CalendarofEvents

IMPORTANT DATES

October 9	No School – Staff Work Day
October 14-16	11:15am Early Dismissal for Conferences
October 20	PTA Meeting 7pm
October 23	Harvest Festival 6pm



HARVESTFESTIVAL

Please remember the date! Parkwood celebrates its annual Harvest Festival Friday October 23rd from 6:00 to 8:00pm!

Come celebrate the harvest season with our Parkwood families and share in the community spirit--there will be games and prizes, plus food and soda available for purchase and "trick or trunk" is back! Please contact Leah Bender at Leah.Bender@Nordstrom.com if you didn't sign up but would like to help.

ThankstoallwhojoinedParkwoodPTA!

WarmthankstoallwhojoinedParkwoodPTAandthosewho sentindonationsalongwiththeirmembershipdues. Wehave **89** **members**sofarandtheschoolyearhasjustbegun.Your supportisgreatlyappreciated!Ifyouhaven'thad achanceto joinyet,extraenvelopesareavailableinthemain office,or contactLisaat llkrhayes@yahoo.com.

Thank You

News and Events



VOLUNTEER NEWS

Parkwood loves its volunteers! Please consider spending time assisting in a classroom, accompanying a field trip, working with individual students, or joining a PTA activity. Our school remains strong and vibrant largely due to generous parent involvement and participation. The more people involved in our students' success, the better!

Thank you to all Back to School BBQ Volunteers!

The PTA Board would like to thank Eddie Pate and the parents, staff, and student volunteers who made BBQ such a great success. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated and there are too many of you to mention by name. The PTA was pleased to sponsor this event which provided free hot dogs for everyone. We will do it again next year and the whole school is invited!

Your links to volunteering for PTA activities or school-wide programs are Jan Avotins and Charlene Farkas, Co-VP's for School & Community Services.



Cut and Chat news

Hello everyone and welcome back to the school year! I would like to invite you to our weekly Cut and Chat gatherings. **We meet every Wednesday in the Parent Center from 8:45-11:00** where we work on projects for our wonderful staff and teachers. Sometimes there is a lot of work to do, sometimes not. It's a time to meet new parents, or the butespecially to help ease some of the workload of the classroom or office. We do special projects, copying, sorting newsletters, every helping hand is valuable. Young children are all welcome as long as they are supervised. We have to keep them occupied. Please feel free to stop by anytime, stay as long as you like or are able. Non-ed to make a weekly commitment or let us know if you're coming or not; we'll be happy to see you whenever you have time. This is an important service to the Parkwood staff and your time is very much appreciated!

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Jan Avotins at javotins@comcast.net or (206) 719-4438 or Christie Kirk at chelansite67@yahoo.com or (206) 440-1815. Hope to see you soon!

Reflections

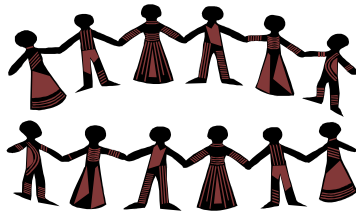
Reflections is a national art competition for grade 5K-12. The categories are: Photography, Literature, Dance / Choreography, Music Composition, Visual Arts and Film/Video. All works must be original.

The theme for the 2009-2010 year is "Beauty Is". **Entries are due November 2nd.** Please turn them in at the office with a reflections application form included. Each category has rules that can be found in a binder in the office.

Please contact Kim Barlow if you have any questions. Email is the best way to reach me and my email address is fotocrazyme@gmail.com.

For more information about upcoming events: www.parkwoodPTA.org

ParkwoodPTANews



JoinPTATodayandSupportParkwoodKidsandFamilies

GreetingstoallParkwoodfamiliesoldandnew,

Wetrustyourschoolyearisofftoagoodstart. Wewantedtointroduceourselvesandtellyoualittle aboutwhatwe'veplannedsofarthisyear.OurPTA isverycollaborativeandopentoanyhelp,ideas and suggestionsthatyouwanttooffer!Wetakeonboardpositionssothatwecanoperatelegallyasanon-profit,butweallpitchintoreachourultimategoalofbuildingcommunityandincreasingstudentlearning.

Herearesomeofthe **highlights** fromourmeetingsinAugustandSeptember:

- Lastyearweraisedalmostasmuchaswespent,an dwereleftwithanicecushion(fromprevious years)togetourprogramsgoingthisyear.We've agreedtoraiseourscholarshipbudgetand donate\$1600totheschoolforspecialassembliesuchasanauthor-in-residenceoramusical performance.Ourfinalbudgetisbeingpreparedand willbevotedonsoon.It'sopentoanyonefor review—contactourTreasurerNatalieLecherat natalieelp@q.com.
- Returningfamilieswillnoticethatwedidn'tstart thisyear'sfundraisingeffortsrighaway.We wantedtounderstandourneedsfirst,andalsorespondtofeedbackaboutthebestwayto approachourfundraising.Pleasewatchforaparentsurveythatwillcomehomesoon.
- Thankyouallforyourwonderfulresponsetoourvolunteeringquestionnaire.Ifyousignedupto helpwithanevent,you'llbecontactedbytheevent'schairandcanletherknowyourschedule.

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PTAscholarshipsareavailablefortheseactivities. PleaseseetheFamilyAdvocate(GidgetTerpstra) for aprivatediscussiononeligibility.

Pleasevote tosupportourschoolsintheupcomingelection! Ourkidsdeservethebesteducationwecan offer,eveninthesedifficulttimes.Weexpectto havemodelsofthenewhighschooldesignsavailableat ourHarvestFestivalinOctober.

PrincipalLauraPloudreupdatedusonthedistrict's effortstokeepushealthy.Pleasereadthenotices regardingH1-N1carefullyandkeepyourchildrenhomewhensick.

The **emergencykit** informationhasbeensenttoyourhome.Ifyoupurchasedafiveyearkitlastyear, youdoNOTneedtopurchaseanotheroneanditwill bemovedtoyourchild'sclass.However,because everychildneedsakitandthePTAfundsarounds200thatdon'tgetpurchased,pleaseconsidermaking a donationtocoverthesecosts.

OurHarvestFestivalhasbeenscheduledfortheeveningofFriday,October23rd.Thisannualeventisa hugefavoritewithkidsandparentsalike—wewear costumesandplaycarnivalgamesand“trickortreat” intheparkinglot.

Our PTA Board meetings are scheduled for **7pm** on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. Meeting minutes are posted on the school website within a few days. Our next meeting is October 20. EVERYONE is welcome to attend.

EMERGENCY KITS

SPECIAL OFFER:

If you buy a kit now, you will not have to think about buying one again for five years!

Every student needs to have an emergency kit. Kits contain food, water, emergency blankets and rain ponchos. They are there to support your child in case of an emergency including an **earthquake** or a **school lock-down**.

You can either supply a kit yourself, or you can purchase a kit through the PTA.

Purchasing from the PTA:

This year the PTA is purchasing kits that have a 5 year shelf life. Kits cost **\$8.00**. We will make sure your child has a kit next year. Expired kits will be disposed of at the end of their shelf life. If you would like to prepare a special message for your child please feel free to send it in. Send it to the PTA-EHS. Special messages should be clearly marked with your child's name and their teacher's name so they can include a note, picture or information such as phone numbers.

Donations for those who cannot afford a kit are always welcome.

Making your own kit:

If you choose to make your own kit, please clearly mark it with your child's name and their teacher's name. Kits should include an emergency blanket, garbage bag or rain ponchos, 1 liter of water and 2-4 energy bars or protein bars. You can also include comfort notes, light sticks, or a small flashlight.



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THE PARKWOOD PTA ROAR is the monthly newsletter of the Parkwood Elementary PTA. If you would like to submit announcements, events and other information that is applicable to our children at Parkwood, please email **Jane Powers** at jpowers87@hotmail.com or drop off the information in the PTA Newsletter box in the Parkwood office. All submissions should be in by the last day of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition.