



PTA Roar

Parkwood Elementary PTA Newsletter

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SAVE THE DATE:

- **Teacher Appreciation Week**, April 11-15, see also page 4
- **PTA General membership meeting**, April 27, 6:30 - 7 pm
- **Annual Parenting Talk: 'Taming Backtalk'**, April 27, 7 pm, Library, see also page 3
- **Parkwood Elementary PTA Family Night at Safeco Field**, May 6, 7:10 pm, see also page 2
- **Embrace Shoreline** May 14, see also page 2
- **Talent Show**, June 3rd, 7pm, see also page 2

PTA Presidents' Message



We still have one trimester left of this school year, but already we're looking ahead to 2011/12 to ensure that we can continue providing the many enrichment activities, programs and events that enhance our students' school experience.

We need YOU!

Our nominating committee has been working hard to fill the board positions and we don't want to miss anyone who may be interested. If we haven't grabbed you in the hall, called you, or knocked on your car window in the parking lot—it's time to step up! **Our most pressing need right now is a Treasurer, and we simply cannot function without one.**

If you have experience in accounting or bookkeeping, this job will be a piece of cake. If you don't have experience, but you are detail-oriented, organized and willing to learn—we will provide you with all the support you need! If you would like more information on the time commitment (or anything else), please email our current treasurer Natalie Lecher at natalie.lecher@gmail.com.

We are also still looking for **volunteers to help with fundraising and family activities**. All of these "jobs" are collaborative and fun—and provide an immeasurable service to our school community.

Contact Natalie Williams at actionjackson14@juno.com or Jill Smith at jillheineysmith@comcast.net for more information on how you can help.

~ Jill and Natalie

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Mr. Parks!

Parkwood 2nd Grade Rocks!

"Ok let me tell you that 2nd Grade is the best Grade ever! It is a great Grade! Evrey time I walk in the class I smile! I apsulootty love it. I love the teachers, I love the stoodints, I love the staf, I love every thing! 2nd Grade is beter then 1st Grade and Kindergarten and Preskool.

But the best thing about skool is my friend Megan. I mean I love her. She is my role model. I love, love, love, love her!

I allso love my teacher, Miss Byrd! Miss Byrd is the nicest teacher in

Parkwood! She gives out awards because she loves complemeting kids! It is rely cool to have her as a teacher!



Our Princibell is the nicest princibell you could ever have! She walks around the lunch room and talks to kids and teachers. I love 2nd Grade!"

~ Abi Brittle, Age 8, 2nd Grade, R 1

5th Annual 'Embrace Shoreline'

An effort between churches, the school district, neighborhood associations, community members and the PTA, 'Embrace Shoreline's' goal is to beautify the grounds of our local schools.

JOIN US on Saturday, May 14, 9 am—12 noon at Parkwood school (East Parking Lot) to weed, mulch and clean up the grounds.

Bring your own hand tools and gloves and we'll provide snacks, drinks and pizza lunch.



No need to sign up! Just come. Children are very welcome!

Questions? Contact Marion Mohrlok at 206-706-5746 or mmohrlok@hotmail.com.

"The best inheritance a parent can give a child is a few minutes of time each day." ~ O. A. Battista

Parkwood Elementary PTA Family Night at Safeco Field

CHICAGO WHITE SOX VS. SEATTLE MARINERS

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2011, 7:10 PM

VIEW SEATS FOR \$14.00

Bring out your family and friends and join our school at Safeco Field to watch some exciting Major League Baseball action! We have a large block of seats reserved for the game, so join us for a fun night at the ballpark!

Special Treat: If you arrive early you might be able to luck out because it is an Ichiro "Hit Counter" Bobblehead giveaway night!

To order tickets, fill out the flyer coupon at the school office and return it to the school office with a check made payable to Parkwood Elementary PTA by April 4, 2011.

Watch also out for a flyer to come home with your child.

Questions? Contact Lisa Hayes at 206-368-0695 or llkrhayes@yahoo.com.



2011 Talent Show

The date for the annual Talent Show has been set ~ mark your calendars:

Auditions: Week of May 16

Rehearsals: Week of May 31

Performance: June 3, 7pm

Watch your kids' notebooks for more information on this hugely popular Parkwood tradition. This will also be our big spring fundraiser and we'll be raffling baskets and auctioning items during the event. If you have any great ideas to share, would like to help with the event, or have donations for the auction, please contact Lisa Hayes at llkrhayes@yahoo.com.

Want to receive the Parkwood PTA Student Phone Directory?

In an effort to save costs and in order to keep our phone directory as updated as possible, we've decided to send out our Parkwood PTA Student Phone Directory via email.

If you would like to receive your copy, please send an email with names of the parent, student and teacher to John Fahey at johngfahey@hotmail.com.

We are also starting to build our email list so that we can communicate more quickly with you. If you wish to be included in this email directory, also please email John Fahey. THANK YOU.

"To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today." ~ Anonymous

Parenting Speaker at Parkwood: 'Taming Backtalk'

Mark your calendars for our annual Parenting Talk on **Wednesday, April 27, 7 pm in the Library, right after our PTA General membership meeting, which starts at 6:30 pm. We hope to see you for both.**

Cubba Reese will speak and answer your questions on the topic "Taming Backtalk."

Parents will learn why kids talk back, what fuels it, and how to respond more effectively.

About the Speaker:

Cubba Reese, MSW, has worked for the Parent Education program at Bellevue College since 1999 as both a children's teacher and Parent Education Instructor. She works privately with parents of children of all ages, helping them develop new ways to address their parenting concerns respect for themselves & others.

"Parents need to fill a child's bucket of self-esteem so high that the rest of the world can't poke enough holes to drain it dry."

~ Alvin Price

Are You Prepared & Ready?

Being prepared is not a thing to take lightly these days, when almost daily we are confronted with news about volcanoes erupting, earthquakes striking, or floods evolving.

Emergencies and disasters happen more often than we like to think about. The topic of Emergency Preparedness is being talked about more and more often.

All of which leads to one question: Are YOU ready?

Pacific Medical Center recommends to start by thinking in threes:

1. Pull together a three-day supply of food and water.
2. Follow the suggestion of government agencies and prepare three emergency kits—one at home, another at work and another in your car.
3. Finally, put together a family communication and meeting plan.

Everyone has to build their own kit and make plans according to their

own risk tolerance. Since the whole topic is about preparing for things that may or may not happen, each person has to decide how much time, energy, and money they want to devote to it. It can be easy to get overwhelmed and just do nothing, but that really is the worst thing to do.

How to get started:

- Set aside time and think about: What if you hear a knock on the door and were told, "You Have Five Minutes to Evacuate". Would you know what to do next? Do you have a bag ready to go with all the essentials?
- Check out the WA State 'Prepare in a Year' website [www.emd.wa.gov/preparedness/prep_prepare_year.shtml] with useful information (including videos) and a month by month implementation plan for emergency preparedness.
- Talk with your children about emergency preparedness and



have them help with planning and preparing. Great resource to look at with your children: www.emd.wa.gov/kidz/kidz.html.

- Check out www.redcross.org, a great website with a sample check list for building an emergency kit and lots of information about emergency preparedness in various disaster situations.
- Read a book: *The Handbook to Practical Disaster Preparedness for the Family* is a very practical approach to disaster preparedness.
- Plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster. Know your neighbors' skills (medical, technical). Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as elderly or disabled persons.



Parkwood Volunteer Appreciation

BIG THANK YOU's to:

Kalyn Burmeister for organizing the Family Heritage Festival in January.



Charlene Farkas & Lisa Hayes for volunteering at The Works in March .



John Fahey for doing the PTA Student Phone Directory.

Parkwood Volunteer Opportunities

Cut and Chat - Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30 in the Parent Center. Want to help out our hardworking Parkwood teachers & get to know them better? Want to feel comfortable around the halls of Parkwood & know your child feels safe & happy? Want to connect with other parents at Parkwood? We do & we love it! Come join us at CUT & CHAT. Come whenever you can, come for a half hour, just come! You won't regret it.
 Contact: Rebecca Brittle at 206-779-8997 or rebecca@rebeccabrittle.com.

Parkwood 'Green Team'

Skip your Saturday morning workout & join us for an hour or two to help make the Parkwood grounds weed free! Bring your own utensils & tools & help us weed, cut, sweep, ...
 Next dates: **Saturdays, April 16, and June, 11, 10-noon.**
 Contact: Marion Mohrlök at 206-706-5746 or mmohrlök@hotmail.com.

Get Involved! Teacher Appreciation Week is April 11-15th!

We have an incredible group of teachers at Parkwood who deserve to be celebrated. We are planning a wonderful week for them with notes and gifts and love from our children, ending with a wonderful lunch served to them towards the end of the week. **To make this all happen, we really need your help!** Please volunteer.

Here are few ideas in what way you can become involved:

- ♥ come up with a fun little gift or note or candy that we can leave in the teachers' boxes one day
- ♥ bring flowers to classrooms
- ♥ work with a class of kids on a gift for their teacher
- ♥ make food or shop for the lunch
- ♥ ask a fellow Parkwood parent to join you in serving, etc.

Please contact Rebecca Brittle with ideas and what you would like to do to help. 206.779.8997 or rebecca@rebeccabrittle.com.

"I appreciate all of our teachers because I feel like all of us have a good education and a lot of love."

~ Joshua Fahey, 2nd Grade, Room 1

Do you Know our School?

Tell us where this picture is located in our school and you might be one of **three lucky winners to win a \$10 credit toward your child's cafeteria account.**



Drawing will be announced in our March PTA Newsletter.

Congratulations to our last winner, **Tiffany Veeder** (3rd grade/ Mrs. Mesler).

How to win?

- Take your child and go on a scavenger hunt through the school if you don't know where it is already.
- Just cut out this part of the newsletter & submit by April 15 to the PTA box in the office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

PTA March 2011 Newsletter picture is taken at:
