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CalendarofEvents

Oct20thand27th

HealthScreening

Oct21st

PictureRetakes

Oct24th

HarvestFestival

Nov4th

ElectionDay

Nov6th

FamilyMathNight7:00PM

Nov7th

Veteran'sDayAssembly

Nov10th

Non-StudentTeacherWorkday–NOSCHOOL

Nov11th

Veteran'sDay–NOSCHOOL

Nov21st

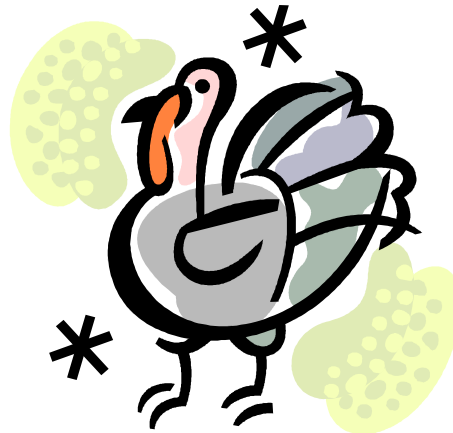
PrincipalLunchBunch

Nov26th

EarlyRelease

Nov27th–28th

ThanksgivingBreak–NOSCHOOL



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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 the generous parent involvement and participation. The more people involved in our students' success, the better!

Mrs. Servais has placed a request for volunteers in her **ELL** (English Language Learners) class. She is in need of a volunteer to help kindergarten students work on letter identification and sounds. A volunteer is needed each morning, Monday through Friday, from 8:45-9:45. Would one of these mornings work for you? Contact Mrs. Servais at mary.servais@shorelineschools.org

Wow, what a turnout! Many thanks to our **Walk-a-thon** volunteers, Lisa Hayes, Kelly Hayes, Maria Prado, Jan Avotins, Janice Scott, Jill Smith, Cynthia Senter, Michelle Manis, Carla Prosch, Natalie Williams, Florence Corneiros, Katie Frisbie, Jeffrey Altice, Kamie Davidson, Mary Johnson, Gemilla Mahinan, Terry Coe, Goey Measho, and Anuj Mehta. You have helped make our field trips a reality!

Don't forget **Koffee Klatch** every **Monday, Wednesday** and **Friday mornings**. It's been great to see familiar faces, and to meet new parents and relatives as they drop in. Come by to say hi to other moms and dads—or just to grab a cup of coffee or tea.

In the interest of the **safety** of our children, all parents must complete a Washington State Patrol background check before volunteering in the school or on a field trip. Sadly, **last year's background check doesn't count**; the WSP form needs to be completed every year. Extra copies are in the school office.

VOLUNTEER COORDINATORS:

Your link to classroom and in-school volunteering are Patty Lyden and Jan Avotins. Their e-mail addresses are: patty.lyden@shorelineschools.org and jan.avotins@shorelineschools.org.

Office hours are posted on their office door, **Room 23**.

Your link to volunteering for PTA activities or school-wide programs are Natalie Williams and Renee Iverson, Co-VP's for School & Community Services.



UPCOMING PTA EVENTS

HARVEST FESTIVAL THURSDAY OCT 23, 6PM

Please remember that on **Thursday Oct. 23, 2008** we celebrate Parkwood's annual **Harvest Festival** at 6:00pm. This year we will be having "Trick or Trunk" in the parking lot.

Also please bring your Safeway Club cards to sign up for ESCRIPT to help Parkwood earn money for your money spent each time you shop at Safeway. There will be a sign up sheet at the festival.

The cost of admission to the festival is **\$1.00 per person** or **\$3.00 per family**. Come celebrate the harvest season with our Parkwood families and share in the community spirit. **For more information** please contact Sarah Howard-Morgan @ 425-205-9301. See you all there!



PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Monday Oct 20th and 27th: Health Screening from 8:30am-12:30pm at Parkwood. Come help measure height, weight and sight of all our students.

Tuesday, Oct 21st: Picture Retakes. Come anytime from 8:45am-1pm. Contact Natalie Williams, actionjackson14@juno.com with times you are able to help out.

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Just A Cup of Coffee (Food Drive)

A few years ago I attended a workshop on "A Latte or Charity-Shopping with Charity in Mind." The basic premise was choosing to purchase for food banks by spending a 'latte' or cup of coffee a paycheck. There are **three main times of need for food** by families on the Federal Food Program; **Winter Break**, **Spring Break** and **summervacation**.

Here is how it works. Purposefully plan to get as much as you can with your \$2-\$3 each time you do your major shopping. Use coupons, buy-one-get-one free offers, shop sale items. Have a box in the garage or floor of your pantry to store these items. Over the approximately 3 months of purchasing you should have a large box full of food to give to the seasonal food drives or just before school's out.

Money may seem tighter... it is in my house... a dollar a week or a "latte" a paycheck does not feel like too much of a hardship. My family has a large "banana" box from Costco we are working on for the "Holiday Baskets" PTAC Council project in December. It is a so great project for kids. Let them scour the search week looking for the best way to spend the \$2-\$3.

Why not join me? Let's work together to continue to provide the level of service we have in the past to the increasing number of families needing help this December, **one cup of coffee at a time**.

Sarah-Ann Woodfield
Shoreline PTAC Council, Co-VP Family Services

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AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Chess club and **piano lessons** are going to be available this year! Watch for notices regarding student activities being held after school. While they will take place at Parkwood they are not district or school sponsored. Rather, they are **organized through the PTA**.

Both piano lessons and chess club **notices will be coming home in your student's folders**. We hope you will join us! If you have a suggestion for an activity or would like to teach an activity please let me know. Thanks!

Natalie Lecher, VP Student Enrichment for Parkwood Elementary

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EMERGENCYKITS

SPECIAL OFFER:

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

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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**.

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

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Purchasing from the PTA:

This year the PTA is purchasing kits that have a 5 year shelf life. We will make sure your child has a kit next year. Expired kits will be disposed of at the end of their shelf life.

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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 for with your child's name and their teacher's name and can include a phone number, pictures or information such as phone numbers.

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

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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 or protein bars. You can also include comfort notes, light sticks, or a small flashlight.

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