



# FALCON FLYER

FAIRMOUNT PARK ELEMENTARY

## C A L E N D A R COUNSELORS CORNER WITH MS. PENDERGRASS

**2/01/17**

No School (Between Semesters)

**2/10/17 (5:30 - 7:00pm)**

Lunar New Year

**2/17/17**

Last day for Auction Donation Procurement

**2/20/17 - 2/24/17**

No School (Mid-winter Break)

**3/04/17**

FPE Great Gatsby Auction

2nd Step Lessons Update

This month I am regularly scheduled in most second grade classrooms. We're working through the social-emotional life skills of the Second Step curriculum: Learning Skills, Emotion Management (Self-Regulation and Empathy), and we will eventually get to Problem Solving. I am building on the good work already done by teachers as we dig deep into what a respectful learning community looks like. This week we considered how our feelings not only impact us as learners, but also how our actions and reactions affect others.

I am continuing to meet with kindergarten classrooms as well. This week we continued our discussion about comfortable and uncomfortable feelings, building that awareness for ourselves and as we grow in our communication skills. Great books help us make connections and of course, puppets Puppy and Snail bring real-life social situations to life.

Ms. Wilkie's fifth graders are deep into the Problem Solving lessons. They love to discuss the challenges typical fifth graders face and are eager participants in classroom role play. They know that in order to become problem solvers, they first have to calm down with deep breaths and positive self-talk: "I can do this... This isn't the end of the world... I need to walk away for a minute and think this through." This week they worked hard on how to say the problem without blame. We need to avoid the words "always" and "never," and it helps to start by stating the problem in a non-blaming way by saying, "Both of us want...".

Once we are calm and have stated the problem, we can think of solutions, explore consequences (hopefully finding a win-win!), and then pick a plan. This is the S-T-E-P formula for problem solving and our Falcons start learning this great tool as early as second grade.

Did you know collecting receipts from shopping at Thriftway raises money for the PTA?  
PLEASE RETURN THRIFTWAY RECEIPTS TO THE PTA FILE BOX AT SCHOOL

## **FAIRMOUNT PARK ONGOING FOOD DRIVE**

Please remember that our food drive is ongoing throughout the school year. The following are the designated weeks of giving:

- K/preschool: Week of January 30th
- 5th grade: Week of February 6th
- 4th grade: Week of February 13th
- 3rd grade: Week of February 20th
- 2nd grade: Week of February 27th
- 1st grade: Week of March 6th

Of course, you are welcome to donate at any time! Food is given to our families in need at Fairmount Park. The surplus is donated to West Seattle Food Bank.

The following items are always appreciated:

- Protein: Canned Tuna/Chicken, Peanut Butter and Beans
- One meal Preparations: Chili, Mac and cheese, Ramen, Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc...
- Cereal, Oatmeal, Rice
- Granola Bars
- Canned Fruits and Veggies

Thank you all to your commitment ending hunger in our community.

## **NEXT LOST AND FOUND COLLECTION DAY: FEBRUARY 3**

As a reminder, the lost and found overflows with items if it is not cleared out regularly. The next collection will take place Friday, February 3. All items that have remained on the racks for two weeks or longer will be donated to charity.

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## CALLING ALL CAKE BOSSES!

Are you a “cake boss” or connoisseur of fine bakeries?! The Great Gatsby auction is looking for YOU! The Great Gatsby Auction will feature a dessert dash as a fun and delicious way to raise money for our incredible school. The Dessert Dash table will feature desserts donated by generous local bakeries and Fairmount Park families. If you would like to donate one of your home baked masterpieces or a cake from your favorite bakery, please e-mail [auction@fpepta.org](mailto:auction@fpepta.org) by 2/17/17 for further information.

## WINE DONATIONS NEEDED

The Wine Wagon is back!

We need your donations of wine for the auction, to be won at the wine grab bag game. The Wine Wagon will be parked across from the front entrance to the school on Thursday, February 2nd (Groundhog Day!) and Friday, February 3rd at pick up.

No wine on school grounds, please.

And remember, if the groundhog sticks his head out and doesn't see wine, it means **sad attendees at the auction** (and less funding raised for PTA supported programs).

Thank you in advance for all of your support for the FPE students and community!

## LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Lunar New Year celebration is scheduled for February 10th, 5:30-7pm. We are in need of certain paper supplies and volunteers to prepare the supplies for activities. If you can either donate supplies or your time please [email volunteer@fpepta.org](mailto:emailvolunteer@fpepta.org). We will also be asking fifth grade students to volunteer during the festival.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL TOUR INFORMATION

### Madison Middle School

- February 7, 2017 from 9:30am - 11:00am
- February 16, 2017 from 6:30pm - 8:00 pm
- For more information call: 206-252-9200

### Washington Middle School

- January 31, 2017 from 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- February 8, 2017 from 8:30am - 10:00am
- For more info call: 206-252-2600



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## **Housing Choice Voucher Waitlist Lottery** (formerly known as Section 8)

February 6, 2017 at 8 a.m. - February 24, 2017 at 5 p.m. Pacific Time

The Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program is a housing subsidy for people with low incomes to help them rent an apartment in the private market. Seattle Housing Authority (SHA) will hold a lottery to place 3,500 households on a new HCV waitlist. You can only register for the lottery online.

### **There are 3 key pieces of information you need to know.**

1. You can only register for this lottery at [seattlehousing.org/waitlist](http://seattlehousing.org/waitlist)
2. Registration is free. If you are asked for money, you are not on the correct website.
3. For more information, visit: [seattlehousing.org/waitlist](http://seattlehousing.org/waitlist) or call 206-239-1674

Households without internet access can register for the lottery online using computers at some locations of The Seattle Public Library and King County Library System (may require advance sign-up). A list of locations is available at the website or phone number above.

### **Important!**

When you register be sure to write down the confirmation number the computer gives you in the space below and keep this page. This number is your proof of registration for the SHA waitlist lottery. Letters will be mailed by March 31, 2017 notifying all registered households whether or not they received a place on the new waitlist.

**Write your confirmation # here:** \_\_\_\_\_



Upon request, SHA will provide reasonable accommodations to people with disabilities so they can participate in SHA programs.

## **Frequently Asked Questions Who is eligible for the lottery?**

Registration is open to adults 18 years old or older or emancipated minors, no matter where they currently live, however successful voucher applicants will initially be required to use the voucher within the city of Seattle for a minimum of one year.

At the time an applicant is called off the waitlist the total household income must be 50 percent or less of area median income (AMI). Preference will be given to households that are at 30 percent or less of AMI. An AMI chart can be found at

<http://www.seattlehousing.org/housing/public/eligibility/>

## **Does it cost anything to register for the lottery?**

No. Registration for the HCV waitlist lottery is free, and any site asking you for money in exchange for placement on a waitlist is a scam. The only safe way to register is to type "seattlehousing.org/waitlist" into your internet browser's address bar.

## **What information do I need to register for the lottery?**

Once you begin the registration process you will not be able to save and return to it, so make sure to have the following information ready:

- The date of birth and social security number for each member of your household;
- Total annual income of your household;
- An email address so we can send you confirmation that you've registered; and
- A mailing address where you can receive U.S. mail so that we can contact you regarding the HCV waitlist lottery.
- If you are missing information or are unclear, please call the HCV waitlist hotline at 206-239-1674, after it is activated on February 6.

## **Should everyone in my household register for the lottery?**

No. The head of household is the only person who should register for the lottery. Multiple registrations per household may result in disqualification from the lottery.

## **How do I contact SHA if I'm having problems with the registration?**

Please use the online form available at <http://seattlehousing.org/waitlist> to report any problems or call the HCV waitlist hotline at 206-239-1674 after February 6.