



FALCON FLYER

FAIRMOUNT PARK ELEMENTARY

C A L E N D A R

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

Lunar New Year

2/17/17

Last day to accept procurement items for the auction

2/20/17 - 2/24/17

No School (Mid-winter Break)

3/02/17

Dr. Seuss Book Swap Birthday

3/02/17 (6:30pm)

Budget Q&A with Ms. Breidenbach

3/04/17

FPE Great Gatsby Auction

A NOTE FROM MS. BREIDENBACH

If you have an incoming kindergartener for 2017-2018, please begin preparing for open enrollment, which is February 13-24. Gather the required documents and fill out the application form. I always suggest that you submit the application in person at the district headquarters and ask for a receipt stamped with the date of the application. I've heard dozens of hard luck stories from families who assumed that the US mail and electronic system worked, only to find that there is no record of the application. It's also wise to keep a copy of your application forms.

The upcoming budgeting/staffing process for 2017-2018 could result in significant changes for FPE, and I am deeply concerned. Preliminary staffing models would eliminate the .5 district provided counselor as well as the .5 assistant principal position. I'm also concerned that we will not be able to cover the cost of the additional support that provides instrumental music instruction for all 4th and 5th students. I will receive the final budget documents on Monday, February 27th and will schedule an evening presentation for Thursday, March 2nd, at 6:30pm in the lunchroom. I will go over the initial allocation and seek feedback from parents based on those projections. I will do my best to find a staff member willing to provide childcare, but it will be limited. So, please, send just one parent from two-parent households, and try to find childcare if you are a single parent. Thanks. Please email me directly if you are a single parent unable to find childcare. It's highly likely that we will need nearly \$130,000 in PTA funding to maintain the counseling and instrumental music we have had this year. I honestly don't know if this a reasonable goal and really want and need your feedback about what we cut should the worst case scenario become our reality.

Are you ready for an early start next year? The school board approved the addition of 20 minutes to the school schedule for 2017-2018. The first bell will ring at 7:40, and classes will start at 7:45 sharp. School will dismiss at 2:15 on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Dismissal will be at 1:15 every Wednesday next year. I feel for all of you night owls. Let me remind you that

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I had no part in this decision; I'm only the messenger. I am taking a duck-and-cover stance for this schedule change.

And at the risk of sounding like a nag, please do not use 38th if you are using a motorized vehicle. I've noticed traffic increasing down that street and have had a couple of neighbors complain. Fairmount Park School is not allowed to use that city street for drop off or pick up purposes. Period.

The office has an abundant supply of the royal blue FPE sweatshirts. See Lori or Kathy if you would like to purchase one. Sweatshirts are \$20 for student sizes and \$25 for adult sizes. We ask that you make the purchases in person so that you receive the correct size.

A final reminder to all parents that weapons (real, fake, or toy) are not allowed on school property. Many of you may have guns, bow/arrows, knives, and other weapons at home. Please make sure you have such items locked away securely and that students know to never speak of those items 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:

- 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.

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AUCTION NIGHT FALCON PJ-PIZZA PARTY

Do you want to attend the FPE auction on March 4 and party like the Great Gatsby? Drop your kids off at Fairmount Park Elementary from 4:30 PM until 10:00 PM for the amazing cost of \$50 per child. While you are enjoying the auction, your school-age child(ren) can spend the evening with Ms. Ensign, Ms. McDonald, Ms. Britt, Ms. Hitch, Ms. Wilkie, Ms. Maude, and Mr. P.

This is a PJ pizza party. We will enjoy cheese pizza and a few healthier nibbles while wearing our most comfortable pajamas. Your child will also decorate a cookie for their dessert-eating pleasure. Of course, kids can bring their favorite stuffed animal and a blanket or sleeping bag for their own late-evening comfort.

While you are placing bids, "oohing and ahing" over the possibilities, and helping raise funds for Fairmount Park, we will be playing games, enjoying art/craft projects, participating in STEM challenges and building activities, and delighting in reading, story-telling, and other literacy-based activities.

At 8:30-ish, we will snuggle into quiet activities to let our tired participants rest, relax, and grow calm for the late evening. You can pick your contented kiddos up at 10:00 tranquil and ready for sweet dreams in their own beds.

There are only 70 spaces available ... [be sure to secure one for your favorite Falcon!](#)

Questions? [Email kdpeterson@seattleschools.org](mailto:kdpeterson@seattleschools.org)

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.

WINE DONATIONS NEEDED

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 TODAY, Thursday, February 2nd (Groundhog Day!) and TOMORROW, 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!

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CALLING ALL AUCTION VOLUNTEERS

We have sold out of tickets to this Year's Great Gatsby Auction ... YAY ... and now we are calling on you for some help to make the event as successful as possible.

[Please visit SignUp Genius and check out all your choices.](#)

Can't wait to see all of you there!

There will be an online auction as well that will "launch" March 4th offering our amazing experiences - some with teachers - some out n about around town. Stay tuned for more info.

Questions? Concerns? [Email auction@fpepta.org](mailto:Email_auction@fpepta.org)

Have something to donate or know someone who might? [Email procurement@fpepta.org](mailto:Email_procurement@fpepta.org)

BOX TOPS AND THRIFTWAY RECEIPTS

Our annual Box Tops submission is almost due! They should be turned into the office by Friday, February 24th. Please continue to clip and submit, as every bit will help us reach our goal.

Please don't stop clipping after the deadline! We'll need plenty more Box Tops for next year. Thanks for all your contributions. Happy clipping!

And remember to drop your Thriftway receipts in the box in the office as well. Every little but helps us get closer to our fundraising goal! Thanks!

LUNAR NEW YEAR CELEBRATION

The Lunar New Year Celebration is coming up on Feb. 10th at 5:30pm and parent volunteers are needed to make this event great.

There are 3 categories for sign up:

1. **"Materials Needed"** - things that would be awesome if someone could donate that material. *We will need these things first in order to do the Prep and Activities at the event.
2. **"Prep Needed"** - jobs that volunteers could do from home or come in to do at school.
3. **"Volunteers Needed"** - volunteer shifts for the evening. Becky Christl's 5th graders may also come and help at a few of the stations.

[Sign up to help out today!](#)

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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

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

MORE CAKE BOSSES NEEDED

The Great Gatsby auction is still searching for more “cake bosses” or connoisseur of fine bakeries!

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 by 2/17 for further information. Thanks!

DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY BOOK SWAP

On Thurs, March 2, we will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday at Fairmount Park. Schools all across the country will be celebrating Dr. Seuss in a program called “Read Across America”. This year, our Fairmount Park Book Swap will happen on Dr. Seuss' birthday to honor his contributions to generations of readers. Our book swap is a great way to clean off your shelves at home and get good books into the hands of all of our students!

We are asking for donations of gently used books for readers from kindergarten to fifth grade. Please place book donations on the shelves in the hallway between room 203 and the library starting today! The more books donated, the more books for each and every child to take home! (The books are not limited to Dr. Seuss books. We are collecting all types of books that are appropriate for kindergartners to fifth graders.)

Thank you!

Ms. Hare, FPE Librarian



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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
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 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.