



FALCON FLYER

FAIRMOUNT PARK ELEMENTARY

CALENDAR A NOTE FROM MS. BREIDENBACH

2/17/17

Last day to accept procurement items for the auction, "Bubbly Buggy"/ Wine Wagon across from school during pick up

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 reminder to all that we do not have school next week. However, a week away from school is not a week away from reading. Children must read 365 days a year. Please make a trip or two to the public library and browse through their amazing assortment of books. The public library receives designated funding for the 'hot new reads' and often have new books before we do.

Open enrollment runs through February 24th. Here are some important details:

- Our current 5th grade students are automatically assigned to their pathway schools. No application is needed. You must complete an application if you would like your child to attend a non-pathway school.
- Enroll 2017-2018 kindergarten students now, even though you have a guaranteed attendance area assignment. Staffing adjustments are made based on actual applications, so the sooner the better!
- Submit the form in person or at least make sure you receive an email confirming receipt.
- I am not sure what space will be available for siblings who are out of the attendance area. All siblings were admitted our first and second years, while none were admitted last year. It all has to do with availability once attendance area students are assigned.
- Are you appealing a decision for HCC? You still need to submit the application form during open enrollment and list "FPE HCC" if you would like your child placed in the program. We are not yet the guaranteed pathway so your child could be denied a seat if you wait until after open enrollment.
- We filled some open HCC seats this year with AL (formerly known as Spectrum) qualified students. You will need to submit an open enrollment

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form to get on that waitlist. However, your child will follow the same curriculum including two years ahead in math.

- Let me share an observation about AL qualified students. Very few are able to meet the HCC demands of working two years ahead in reading and math. The overwhelming majority of AL qualified students can be served in general education rooms with acceleration offered as needed/appropriate.
- Questions? Contact me. Classroom teachers are not expected to keep up with the yearly changes to the assignment plan.

I have been very frustrated lately with all the FP traffic that is on 38th Avenue. Our school is not to use that 38th Avenue for any school related traffic. I am also exceptionally frustrated with those who continue to use the front of the building for drop off in the morning. Please arrive early and drop off along Fauntleroy or park a block or two away from the building and walk in. Could we all agree that no one here has special privileges? A parent walking her child to school reported that one of her children was nearly hit in the crosswalk by a quickly moving vehicle using the fire zone as a drop off. Safety must not be compromised.

Does your child bring lunch from home? Please use a lunch box or container other than a plastic or paper bag. The lunch bins sit outside in the courtyard during lunch recess. A highly capable crow has successfully absconded with a roast beef sandwich that was in a Subway Sandwich plastic bag. That same crow went after a brown paper bag last week. That crow can't get into lunch bags or boxes that are latched, zipped, or have Velcro. I guess I should be thankful that the coyotes are too shy to venture into the courtyard for lunch!

ENRICHMENT NEWS

The first round of Girls on the Run registration will close this Friday, February 17th. The program begins March 7th and is open to girls in grades 3-5. Scholarships are available. [Please register online](#) or [email enrichment@fpepta.org for more information.](mailto:enrichment@fpepta.org)

WINE WAGON UPDATE

The Wine Wagon will be making another appearance tomorrow (Friday the 17th) at pick up only under its new name ... "The Bubbly Buggy". Champagne is encouraged, but we will certainly welcome other varieties of wine as well. Thank you to the many people who have donated wine to the auction!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Book Swap: Volunteers needed for the Book Swap- Set Up March 1st & Swap March 2nd.

- [Sign up to volunteer for Book Swap!](#)

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

- [Sign up to volunteer at the auction.](#)

4th-5th GRADE COHORT PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

The Fairmount Park 4th and 5th grade cohort group invites parents of 4th and 5th graders to enjoy a night out on **TONIGHT**, February 16. Call the babysitter and come join the fun!

Where: Mission Cantina, 2325 California Ave. SW

When: 7:00pm -10:00pm

What: Grown-up time and meeting up with your fellow FP parents!

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

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:

- 2/20 week is break week ...
- 3rd Grade - Week of February 27th

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- 2nd Grade - Week of March 6th
- 1st Grade - Week of March 13th
- Pre/K - Week of March 20th
- 5th Grade - Week of March 27th

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.

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 snuggly 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.

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

Questions? [Email kdpeterson@seattleschools.org](mailto:kdpeterson@seattleschools.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 bit helps us get closer to our fundraising goal. Thank you!

MADISON SCHOOL TOURS FOR INCOMING FAMILIES

Please join us for a tour of the building and visit a few classrooms. Meet principals and counselors as they host Introductions and Q & A. • **TONIGHT**, February 16 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Students and adults welcome. No need to RSVP.



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