



FALCON FLYER

FAIRMOUNT PARK ELEMENTARY

C A L E N D A R

TODAY

Dr. Seuss Day, Book Swap

TONIGHT, 6:30-7:30pm

2017/18 Budget Discussion
with Ms. Breidenbach at FPE

3/04/17, 5-10pm

FPEPTA Great Gatsby
Auction Event

3/05/17, 4-5:30pm

Advocacy Round-table at
S. Park Neighborhood Ctr.

3/10/17, 4:30-6:30pm

3rd Grade Cohort Event,
West Seattle Bowl

3/22/17

2-hr. early dismissal (12:05)

3/24/17, 4:30-6:30pm

2nd Grade Cohort Event,
West Seattle Bowl

3/31/17

Last day for yearbook orders

4/10-4/14/17

Spring Break, no school

FROM MS BREIDENBACH, BUDGET MEETING AND MORE...

First and foremost, please remember to join me tonight from 6:30-7:30pm in the school lunchroom. I will share the 2017-18 budget and staffing documents and explain the cuts and changes that are anticipated. It's going to be a challenging budget/staffing period and your feedback is needed. I ask that one parent please attend per household. K-5 student care will be available for single parents or households where the second parent is unable to be home with their children. Please be sure to have your child bring reading materials to occupy them during this time. Ms. Ensign and Ms. Christl will supervise students in the music room. I do want to speak candidly during this meeting and ask that children not be present in the lunchroom.

Monday was an all-time favorite day in the lunchroom with K-3 students. A dozen or so students presented their newly acquired library cards. Yes!!! During break they had heeded my call to "bug" their parents for a trip to the library to sign up for their very own library cards. Every child should have one and should use it at a branch library a few times a month to check out great books and use the computers to access DreamBox. Our country's public libraries are truly a national treasure. Please use them frequently!

Tremendous thanks to the PTA for funding Book-It Theatre's performance of *Goin' Somewhere Special* on Friday, February 17th. The story put a human face on and brought human feelings to the effects of the Jim Crow laws of the 1950s. Please take a few minutes to ask your child to tell you more about the story and the subsequent classroom discussion.

I would also like to thank the team of dedicated auction volunteers who have poured hundreds of hours into planning our upcoming auction. Thank you, thank you, thank you! In my thirty-three years in K-12 public education I have seen a gradual decrease in support services, especially in recent years. Having a counselor in every school should not have to depend on auctions and annual drives, but the support is highly valued in the meantime. We simply wouldn't be a functional building without it. I continue to have faith that the McCleary Decision will reverse this trend in the near future.

The closure of I-5 on Monday certainly taught us a thing or two about having emergency plans in place. It is imperative that the most current phone numbers, addresses, and contact information are in our student information system. Please notify the office (Lori or Kathy) if any of your contact information changes. Classroom teachers cannot update the system.

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FPEPTA'S 2017 GREAT GATSBY ONLINE AUCTION IS NOW OPEN!

Anyone can bid on items after creating an account. You may have already created an account if you registered for the Gala event this Saturday. Check out a host of items from vacation getaways to gift cards to local stores and restaurants. There is something for everyone! Remember, all proceeds support our kids' school and dollars in excess of fair market value are tax-deductible!

[CLICK HERE NOW TO CHECK IT OUT AND SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!](#)

NOTE: auction is open through Sunday, March 5 at 4pm. Thanks for your support! - auction@fpepta.org.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER WITH MRS. PENDERGRASS

10 Things to Say to Kids Every Day

Upon returning from this past mid-winter break, I sure noticed how our kindergartners have gotten bigger! They're obviously growing as learners as well. Through Second Step lessons, they are most definitely developing and practicing social-emotional skills such as understanding and showing empathy. They are learning how to use words to repair relationships and how to go beyond just noticing feelings by offering help, or even just a kind word.

I know plenty of adults who could benefit from the social skills lessons Fairmount Park kids are experiencing! Our world would be a more peaceful place if we'd all take a moment to consider what it's like to "walk in another's shoes," to be ready with a word of encouragement rather than criticism, to step up and help someone in need, or perhaps even to be willing to make a new friend.

While connecting or reconnecting to others can be difficult, sometimes our greatest challenges are due to negative communication ruts with the people with whom we do everyday life. Some of us need to start by looking at the person in the mirror. Are we expecting respectful tones from our kids when we take rude or bossy tones with them? Do we forget to say "please" and "thank you" while we demand to hear it? I remember taking a big bite of dinner once and then promptly barking at one of my sons to please stop talking with his mouth full! Oops!

Beyond our tone, there are plenty of things we should stop saying to and around our kids as well, whether it is name-calling or using inappropriate language in their presence. I'm sure you don't need those words spelled out! Instead, check yourself on these 10 positive things kids need to hear every day, and note why:

- Thank you – Acknowledges effort
- Tell me more – Show you are listening and that you would like to hear more. This encourages conversation without judgment or giving immediate advice.
- You can do it! – Say you believe in them.
- How can I help? – Let them know you are willing and available to help.
- Let's pitch in! – Demonstrate you're willing to collaborate and believe in teamwork.
- (Hugs) – Show of affection: pat on the back, high 5's... much needed human connection.
- Please – The "magic word" acknowledges that you are asking for a certain behavior that will help you and/or make you happy.
- Good Job! – Encourages self-respect – rewards effort. Say, "You should be very proud of that," as well as "I'm proud of you."
- It's time to... – We need structure to our daily lives.
- I love you – Everyone needs love and affection and feeling of acceptance and belonging. We can't assume they know (or believe) this.

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K-3 MATH NIGHT NEXT THURSDAY

Please come to enjoy Math Night here at Fairmount Park on March 16, 2017. The event runs from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM and will feature math activities, games, and strategies from many of your favorite FPE staff members.

You and your K-3 child will be able to visit multiple rooms and enjoy an evening of mathematics with other students at this evening event. As you move from one activity to the next, your child will collect four or more stamps on a special math passport. Students who collect at least 4 stamps will be able to exchange their passport for a mathematical goody bag that includes a deck of cards and dice for at-home game playing opportunities.

Whether you are interested in some of the activities we enjoy in class, or discovering some of the latest and greatest commercial math games, or in seeing some games created by FPE students, please join us for a mathematical evening that is "calculated" to be fun and informative for students and their favorite adult!

FPE YEARBOOK ORDERS

Yearbooks are on now on sale! You may order a yearbook for your child online at yuenluistudio.com or via the yearbook order form (and drop it off in the main office). If you have any questions or if you have photos to contribute, [please contact the yearbook team](#). Thank you!

The deadline to order is Friday, March 31. [Place your order today!](#)

PTA PRESENTS THE GREAT GATSBY AUCTION & GALA

- The event is this Saturday at The Hall at Fauntleroy - 9131 California Ave SW, Seattle, WA 98136!
- Doors open at 5:00 PM - Dinner and live auction to follow.
- More volunteers are needed to make it a success. [Sign up to volunteer](#) (go to the sign up for Auction Preparation and/or Auction Night).

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Do you have 20 minutes (or more) a week that you could spare to help Kindergarten learners?

Ms. Lamb has some young students who could flourish with a little extra support! If you have some time, or know a retired grandparent or family member, please contact her now! She needs patient volunteers who would like to read or play word games with her Kindergarteners. Interested? [Email Ms. Lamb today!](#)

FAIRMOUNT PARK 2nd AND 3rd GRADE COHORT BOWLING NIGHTS!

Attention Fairmount Park 2nd and 3rd grade families! Your cohort teams invite you and your kids to meet up for a fun evening of Friday night bowling at West Seattle Bowl (SW Oregon / 39th Ave. SW). Cost is \$10 for up to two hours of bowling and includes shoe rental.

- 3rd Grade event takes place March 10 from 4:30-6:30 pm.
- 2nd Grade event takes place March 24 from 4:30-6:30 pm.

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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:

- 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, "ooing 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

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR MATH CURRICULUM ADOPTION COMMITTEE

Seattle Public Schools is beginning the process for evaluating instructional materials for grades 6 - 8 mathematics. An adoption committee will be formed, and its work will begin in March 2017 with the goal of having new instructional materials in use during the 2018-19 school year.

[Learn more about the Grade 6 – 8 Mathematics Instructional Materials Adoption Committee.](#)

COMMUNITY DISCUSSION AT SOUTH PARK NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER: ADVOCACY 101

Join community members this Sunday, 03/05, from 4-5:30pm at South Park Neighborhood Center (8201 10th Ave S, 98108) for a roundtable discussion about how we can advocate for our rights at the local and state level. This event will have a general focus on public education, but the strategies provided will be applicable to immigration, reproductive rights, and other civic issues you may be concerned about. Our panelists include: a labor attorney, school member, area PTA leadership, and local activists. There will be how-to's, general discussion and time for Q & A in Spanish and English. Spanish interpretation provided.

Panel Members:

- Lauren Berkowitz, Burien City Council
- Lisa Herbold, Seattle City Council
- Liza Rankin, SCPTSA/SFT
- Leslie Harris, SPS Board of Directors
- Summer Stinson, WPD
- SebRena Burr, SCPTSA
- Carolyn Leith, Education Blogger
- Eden Mack, SCPTSA
- Luis Herrera-Perales, WA CAN



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2016-2017 FAIRMOUNT PARK ELEMENTARY YEARBOOK ORDER FORM

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Order Deadline: **March 31st**

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- 1) Go to www.yuenluistudio.com and click on **School / Sports / Yearbooks**
- 2) Select **Order Yearbooks**
- 3) Click **View Gallery** for **2016 - 2017 Fairmount Park Elementary Yearbook Prepay**
- 4) Complete the online order process

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Please fill out completely. Enclose exact payment of cash or check payable to Yuen Lui Studio in envelope. Bring this envelope to the Main Office.

Student Information

Student First Name

Student Last Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Grade

Home Phone #

Email

School Name

Teacher Name(s)

Yearbook Qty

Payment:

Cash

Check

Total Amount Enclosed

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