

Falcon Flyer

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Happy Holidays from Carson PTSA!

Thank you for all your support in 2011. We look forward to bringing you and your children more learning enrichment programs in 2012.

Enjoy the break from school and we'll see you when school resumes on Tuesday, January 3rd.

Santa's Secret Shop and Holiday Bazaar

Thank you to all that attended our 3rd Annual Santa's Secret Shop and Holiday Bazaar. We had plenty of holiday cheer with secret shopping for the kids, festive gift items for sale, and treats and coffee for everyone. We want to thank our super volunteers that helped make this a special day, both the adults and all our 6th grade elves. We have enjoyed organizing this event for you for the past three years and know that the next years team will keep the tradition going strong.

Julie Carper and Sybil Lynch
Co-Chairs

International Night is February 9th

It's a fun night of community, culture and entertainment! Help us celebrate the diversity of our school by hosting a table for your country. Please contact [Irley Jarrett](#).

Nominating Committee Volunteers Needed

Ever wonder how our PTSA officers are chosen? It's the job of our Nominating Committee, one of the most important committees in our PTSA. We are now seeking at least 3 PTSA parents to do just that. New PTSA members are encouraged to join the committee, in addition to experienced PTSA members.

Being on Nominating Committee is a short-term task. It requires several weekly confidential meetings with other committee members to discuss potential nominees' leadership skills and request their desire to participate. Nominating Committee then presents the best qualified available nominee(s) for each elected office to the general membership for election.

If you are interested in volunteering for Nominating Committee, please contact [Livi Carpenter](#).

Caught in the Act!

More Carson families have been "caught in the act" of being generous and donating brand new wonderful books to our library. Thanks so much to Max L., Jack M., Kyra L., Mahima V., and Emma L. for enriching our beautiful library. Photos of these students and their book donations are posted on our Birthday Book Club Wall in the library.

If you would like more information about our Birthday Book Club, check out the [Rachel Carson Library link](#) and click on Programs and Events.

Thanks so much for celebrating reading and our spectacular Carson Library.

*Tina Ullom
Teacher-Librarian*

Save the Date!

Please mark your calendars for the next PTSA General Membership meeting on January 24th at 10:00. All PTSA members are encouraged to attend.

Ms. Cronin's Falcon News

Click [here](#) to read Ms. Cronin's December 15 issue of Falcon News.

Carson Cares Helping Hands Update

We have been overwhelmed by the generosity and support you have given to the Carson Cares Helping Hands program this holiday season. Thank you so much for going above and beyond with your participation. The receiving families will get the gifts later this week and are going to be so grateful when they see what has been donated.

Thank you again, and we hope you have a joyous holiday season.

*Liz Makofsky and Irene Russo
Carson Cares Co-Chairs*

Did You Know?

A documentary, "Finding Kind," will be presented at Samantha Smith Elementary School on Thursday, January 26th from 6:30-8:30 in the gym. Get more information from Ms. Cronin's December 15th newsletter [here](#) or from www.kindcampaign.com. The event is sponsored by Mead and Smith PTSA's.



Congratulations to Mrs. McElreath and our Rachel Carson Choir on their orchestral debut with the Sammamish Symphony! Your performance of our holiday favorites at the annual "Holiday Pops" was a wonderful experience. We are all very proud!

Mark Your Calendar

Dec. 19-Jan. 2: No School, Winter Break (note: no school Monday, January 2)

Jan. 16: No school, MLK Day

Jan. 24: PTSA General Membership meeting, 10:00am

Jan. 26: "Finding Kind" 6:30 - 8:30pm, Smith Elementary

Jan. 31, Feb. 2-3: Conferences, Half Days, 11:30am dismissal

Carson PTSA electronically distributes the Falcon Flyer to all Carson families and other interested parties each Sunday throughout the school year. This newsletter links you to the Carson PTSA Website -- your source for Carson PTSA news and information. Please submit article requests to Mary Lipinsky and Marilyn Bontrager, Carson PTSA Co-VPs of Communication. Submission deadline is each Wednesday at noon.

Our mission is to support and serve the Rachel Carson Elementary School and Community, and promote the wellness, safety, education, and enrichment of all children. Thank you for supporting Carson PTSA!

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