

Falcon News
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Lunch Accounts

Please be sure to keep your child's lunch account up-to-date. It's a snap, all you have to do is go on the district website and you can deposit money into your child's lunch account. Thanks.

Lost and Found

As the weather gets colder, our coats, jackets, and sweatshirts are getting stacked in the hall. I can't believe how many there are....aren't kids cold? And can you believe it, there are no names on the items.....We even have a pair of boots and socks. Please stop by and check the lost and found as all items will be given to a local charity before the winter break.

Rachel's Challenge

It's been almost five weeks since our Rachel's Challenge Assembly and I want to keep you updated on our kindness and compassion at school. Many classes are giving and receiving "chain links" for doing kind acts at school and home. I've gotten several notes from parents about things your children are doing/saying at home about kindness; we've got to keep the movement alive. How can parents help at home? Talk about kind acts you might see in a grocery store, on the soccer field, or at home. How might you include someone in a play date? Are there some acts of kindness you might do over the holidays? Go to the library and get a book about kindness, you can ask the librarian for recommendations. Maybe make cookies and take them to a retirement home, write letters to service men and women and send them to Fort Lewis. Maybe some has moved into your neighborhood and you can welcome them with some cookies.

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is my favorite time of year. I love the cool crisp air, the color of the leaves, the frost on the lawn and the chill of the wind. I love the smells of this time of year; turkey roasting, pumpkin pie, sweet potatoes, warm rolls baking, smoke swirling from the chimney. But most importantly the word itself, thanksgiving; giving thanks for all the wonderful things I have; family, friends, food, health, my dog, the staff at Rachel Carson, your children, and you! I am thankful for my wealth; I have a warm home, a big TV, comfortable bed, and food in my refrigerator. Some people don't have that. I am thankful to live in America and the freedom it signifies. I am thankful for the faith I have; spiritual and faith in mankind. Have a great Thanksgiving!

Plateau Kids Ham Club

There is a new kid's ham club being formed on the plateau. The first meeting was held this past Thursday at Eastlake High School. If you are interested you can contact Gregg Allyn at:

W7BXF@ARRL.Net

You can find out about the next meeting. There is also the Sammamish Plateau Amateur Radio club that meets monthly <http://SP-ARC.Org> for details about their meetings for both adults and children.

Tree and Menorah Lighting

Our Rachel Carson choir will be singing at the Sammamish lighting ceremony at the Sammamish City Hall on Wednesday, November 30th. Please check the city website for starting time. I know choir students need to be there at 5:00 PM.

Holiday Pops Symphony

Our school choir was invited to participate in the Holiday Pops concert on Saturday, December 10th at 7:30 PM and Sunday, December 11 at 2:00 PM at the Eastlake High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$11 for students and seniors and children under 10 are free. You can purchase tickets at the door or online at Ticketweb.com or call at 1-00-965-4827

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Santa's Workshop

Our PTSA is sponsoring a "workshop" for children on Saturday, December 10th from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM. During this time, children can go into the gym and purchase "kid-friendly" gifts for members of their family while the adults can shop in the commons where there will be vendors selling adult-type gifts. They will have sixth graders in the gym as elves to assist the children as they shop.

Entertainment Books

The PTSA has a few entertainment books they are selling for \$25 p/book. You can purchase them in the school office or contact Jennifer Fowler and she'll get one to you. They make great gifts!

Middle School Update

There will be a parent meeting for sixth grade parents at IJH on January 17th for incoming 7th graders. There will be a parent meeting for fifth grade parents at IJH on January 24th for incoming 6th graders. Both meetings will begin at 7:00 PM. After that parent meeting, the counselors from IJH will come over to Carson for student registration. Additionally, Mr. Patterson, principal at IJH holds parent teas once a month on a Thursday. Please check IJH calendar for specific time/date.

Math Clubs

To keep our math movement going, we have started lunch time math clubs. For grades 1-2 the club meets on Monday, grades 3-4 meet on Wednesday, and grades 5-6 meet on Friday. All club meetings are held during lunch recess. Kids are having a blast playing math games!

Important Dates

November 23rd – Students released at 11:30

November 24-27th – Thanksgiving Break

December 19-January 2 – Winter Break