

Falcon Flyer

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Helping Hands: Carson Cares Holiday Giving Program November 28 - December 9

Carson Cares has launched our holiday giving program called "Helping Hands". You still have another week to help families that are in-need by taking a "hand" from the wall in the Rachel Carson foyer. Purchase the item requested on the "hand" and return the unwrapped item to school by Friday, December 9th.

The program is simple and anonymously helps families in the Sammamish area. Click [here](#) for more information. Contact Liz Makofsky at liz@makofsky.com or Irene Russo at imrusso@hotmail.com with any questions.

Yo Plateau Day - Tuesday, December 6th

Mark your calendars and take your family to Yo Plateau on Tuesday for "Carson Benefit Day". Just remember to mention "Rachel Carson" when you are paying and they will donate 10% of your purchase back to our school!

Santa's Secret Shop and Holiday Bazaar Saturday, December 10th, 9am-2pm

Santa's Secret Shop and Holiday Bazaar is back again this year! This PTSA-sponsored event is a holiday shopping opportunity for everyone in the family. Santa's Secret Shop offers a fun and secretive way for children to choose special holiday gifts for their family and friends. All gifts are moderately priced to fit every child's budget.

Some of the gifts offered will be jewelry, coffee mugs, tools, licensed sports items, licensed gift items and personalized items for mom, dad, grandma and grandpa. Adults can browse the many vendors selling holiday gifts in the Commons area and enjoy a latte from the coffee cart.

Our 6th grade students will volunteer their time as "Elf Helpers" to assist children through Santa's Secret Shop. They will also be selling tasty treats with the profits going toward the spring 5th and 6th grade outdoor education camp. Its going to be a Carson family event that you won't want to miss!

We are still in need of a few good elves!

- Friday, December 9th from 3-5pm. We will need to turn our gym and commons into a Winter Festival!
- Saturday, December 10th: 8-2pm: With over 600+ people expected, we will need parents to help coordinate. We will have over 12 vendors, a Bake Sale and of course, the shopping itself. At least 4-5

parents will need to be in the Secret Santa Workshop room in shifts for this entire time.

- Saturday, December 10th, 3-4pm: Tear down - yes, this is the fun part! The more helpers, the faster we can go home!
- If you know of someone who would like to participate as a vendor in this event, please email me at the address below.
- We will once again have the bake sale to help raise funds for the 5th/6th grade camp. If you can donate any baked goods, we would really appreciate it!

If you are able to give even one hour of your time, we would appreciate it so much. Please email Sybil Lynch at csmglynch@comcast.net if you are able to help.

Spirit Gear Update

Short and Long Sleeve T-shirts will be delivered Monday; some of you may have received them on Friday. Sweatshirts are on backorder and we hope to have an update next week. Extra T-shirts and Stainless Steel Water Bottles will be available at Santa's Workshop on Saturday December 10th. Any questions please email Dawn at dcmccutcheon@yahoo.com

A special thank you to Redmond Trader Joe's for donating the bags for our deliveries.

Mark Your Calendar

Nov. 28 - Dec 9: Helping Hands Holiday Giving Program
Dec. 6: Carson Day at Yo Plateau
Dec. 10: Santa's Secret Shop and Holiday Bazaar, 9am-2pm
Dec. 10 (7:30pm) and Dec. 11 (2pm): Holiday Pops Choir Performance
Dec. 19-Jan. 2: No School, Winter Break (note: no school Monday, January 2)

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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