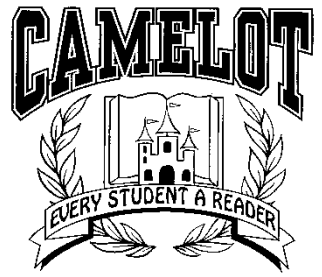


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From the principal



Dear Camelot Families,

I look forward to seeing all of you at our fall conferences next week. These conferences are critical for us to all come together (student, parent, and teachers) to discuss goals and plans for kids. Our mission is to ensure that each student make the greatest progress possible each year. At the conference your child's teacher will also talk about the school compact. This document, which is being sent with this newsletter, shares strategies for the parents, students, and teachers to BEST work together to meet the academic needs of our kids.

What is my role as a parent in Student-Led-Conferences?

The parent's role is critical for the success of student led conferences. The parent's first role is as a listener. When your child explains learning to a parent it gives the student a powerful reason to learn and work hard.

The second role is to talk with the student about their work. This will help you gain a better understanding of your child's expectations, what your child knows about them, and how you can help your child to meet their greatest potential.

Some questions to ask during conferences may include:

- What did you learn from this assignment?
- What skills are you learning?
- How will you improve in ...?
- What are you proud of?
- What are your goals?
- How can I help you meet those goals?

Together we can make sure that students are making progress and enjoying school. We will see you Oct. 29th or 30th for conferences. Please contact your teacher if you have not yet received an invitation.

Sincerely,

Paul Marquardt

Reflections - An Arts Program for Students

The Reflections program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Each year, Reflections challenges students to create art that supports a specific theme. This year's theme is "Beauty is..." Young artists get involved in Reflections through their local PTA. A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas. Only original works of art are accepted. The six arts areas are: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video and Choreography/Dance.

We will be having three meetings to go over information and guidelines for Reflections, and three sessions to work on projects. Please see the "Dates to Remember" section for dates and times. The deadline for entries is November 12th, and no late projects will be accepted. Please contact Dani Smith (253-945-2523 or dasmith@fwps.org) or Linda DeMarco (253-945-2522 or ldemarco@fwps.org) for more information.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Student Led Conferences

October 29-30

Dates to Remember

Reflections Info Meetings

Room 109, 3:30-4:30

October 26-Grades KG-1

October 27-Grades 2-3

October 28-Grades 4-5

October 26

Student Council meeting

3:20 pm -4:15 pm

October 27

Green Team meeting

Room 110, 3:20p-4:10p

October 29-30

Student Led Conferences

NO SCHOOL

Reflections Work Sessions

Room 109, 3:30-4:30

November 2-Grades KG-1

November 3-Grades 2-3

November 4-Grades 4-5

November 3

Celebration Assembly

Great Hall, 9:30 am

Mail in your ballot!

November 9

PTA Meeting, Library

4:15p-6:15p

November 10

Veteran's Day Assembly

Great Hall, 9:30a

November 11

Veteran's Day Holiday

NO SCHOOL

November 12

Reflections Entry Deadline

**Reading Strategy for the Month:
Monitoring Comprehension**



**Intelligent Behaviors of the Month:
*Persistence and **Risking**

*Keeps trying, doesn't give up easily
**Willing to take on new challenges, not afraid of making mistakes

Remember to Return Your Ballot

Don't forget to exercise your rights as a citizen and vote in the upcoming election. This is a mail-in ballot election, so please get your ballot in the mail by November 3rd. Make sure your voice is heard!

Camelot Elementary is going "Green" and invites you to help!

Last spring, Camelot Elementary joined the King County Green Schools Program. This free program provides schools and districts with all kinds of resource conservation assistance—from help with recycling and waste reduction to help reducing energy and water costs to educating staff and students. The goals of the Green Schools program are to save resources and to involve the WHOLE school community in environmental stewardship. That's where YOU come in!



We had our first meeting Wednesday, September 23rd, but it's not too late to get involved. To help with Camelot's Green Schools Team, please contact Dani Smith dasmith@fwps.org or 206-945-2523. To learn more about the King County Green Schools Program, visit www.kingcounty.gov/greenschools.

Get Ready To Do Battle

Yes, our Battle of the Books list and books are ready for your students. If they would like to read books from the list and join a team of 4, please encourage them. We will be forming teams after the holidays. Third, fourth and fifth graders are invited. And do look forward to purchasing some of those great books at the Annual Scholastic Book Fair, which will be held December 10th-16th. Thank you Mrs. Rachel Johnson for chairing the Book Fair this year and also a big thank you to Mrs. Midori Johnson for chairing last year's Book Fair. See Mrs. Harkness in the library for details or call 253 945-2516. Happy Reading!

Attention Parents of Preschool Aged Children!

We still have openings in both our morning and afternoon preschool classes. Camelot offers an integrated preschool program with an emphasis on building social skills and pre-academic skills. For more information please contact the preschool teachers:

Lily Tharp
253)945-2553

Jessie Keeney
253)945-2551



Please contact the Tower with information regarding tuition and enrollment:
253)945-2500

Right Turn Only Out of the Parking Lot

Some of you may have noticed that there is a sign posted at the exit to our parent parking lot that states: Right Turn Only at Arrival and Dismissal. There are several good reasons for this:

- There is poor visibility with the hill coming from the left.
- There are many kids walking, and it is harder to see them when turning to the left.
- Left turns can back up traffic into our parking lot and dramatically slow down clearing out the parking lot before and after school

The King County Sheriff's Department is going to be patrolling our parking lot periodically to help ensure people are obeying the posted sign, so you may see them out there directing traffic. We also request that you do not stop in the driveway, blocking the flow of traffic. We have had several complaints about this recently. It can cause children to be late arriving to class and many frayed nerves. Please be sure you are complying with the signs posted and being considerate of other parents in the parking lot. Not only will this facilitate a good flow of traffic, it also will set a good example of following the rules for your children.

We understand that our driveway situation can be frustrating. Please help us make the best of it. We appreciate the patience you have demonstrated. Also, please remember using the church parking lot is another option.

Health Room Reminder

We're sure you have all been hearing many news stories about the H1N1 virus (also known as swine flu). It has always been a school district policy that students who have a fever (100 degrees or higher) should be kept home. They should not return to school until they have been fever-free for a 24 hour period, with no medication to help bring the temperature down. With the heightened concern about flu this year, it is more important than ever to follow this policy.



Please help us ensure the safety and health of all of our students and be sure to keep your child home until they have not had a fever for 24 hours. Also please remind them to wash their hands often, especially after using the restroom or playing in the dirt outside. We want all of our students to have a happy and healthy year this year!