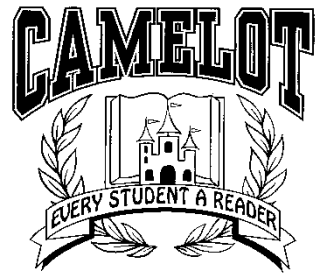


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November 4, 2009

From the principal



Dear Camelot Families,

Recently we had our first Celebration Assembly for the year. As we began the ceremony I took a moment to remind kids about our theme for the year, the Mountaintop. I reminded them that the goal is the mountaintop for all of the glory and sense of accomplishment it would bring. I also reminded them that climbers don't sprint to the top. They set smaller goals and once they reach that goal they set the next goal. On Mt. Rainier, climbers would have their first goal be Camp Muir. After that they would set goals as far as they could see. Near the summit each step is celebrated as it gets so difficult.

Like climbers, our children need to set personal goals that are attainable. They can't expect to sprint towards end of year standards. I encouraged them to work towards meeting their goals set at conferences, but not be disappointed when it doesn't happen immediately. It takes patience and hard work, but when they reach their academic goals they will feel great.

Our goal as educators at Camelot is not just to get kids to standards, but to help ALL students make progress. We take them where they are and help them learn what they need to learn next. If they are behind, we try to help them make more than a year's worth of progress within a year's time so they are caught up before they leave us.

Please help us celebrate PROGRESS that kids make. Help them set goals and celebrate when they reach them. Every goal reached is a celebration of learning, and kids will only continue as lifelong learners if they feel gratified doing it. At Camelot we have shown through the years that by the time kids leave fifth grade, more than 90% are at standard in reading and 70%+ in math. Our kids have a lot to celebrate!

Sincerely,

Paul Marquardt

King Arthur Award

A number of students were the first ever to receive the King Arthur Award at our Celebration Assembly on Tuesday. This award goes to an individual in each class to recognize student academic effort. This may go to a child that is working hard on his/her school work, reaching academic goals, or showing great academic progress. An outstanding student will be chosen from each class for each celebration assembly. This award was developed as a result of conversations with the community about the need to acknowledge the academic efforts of our students.

The King Arthur recipients for November 2009 were:

Student Name

Caruthers, Aitana
Vdovenko, David
Zuev, Inna
Du, Melody
Vasylchuk, Yevgeniya
Karplyuk Diana
Johnson, Liam
Harasymczuk, Riley
Seumae, Chance
Speelmon, Jenny
Williams, Isabel

Teacher Name

Ms. Boswell
Ms. Kuldaneck
Mrs. Judd
Mrs. Steighner
Mr. Johnson
Mrs. DeMarco
Ms. Smith
Mrs. Borg
Mrs. Wright
Mrs. Cole
Mrs. Sanders

Dates to Remember

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

November 19
Math Night
6:30p

November 25
ADK - 5 Early Dismissal 1:20p
Extended Day PK --
Dismissal 11:50a
NO PM Preschool

November 26 - 27
Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL



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



**Intelligent Behaviors of the Month:
Originality**

Enjoys making and doing original things

Knight Awards for October 2009

Boswell

Caruthers, Aitana
Palichuk, Anna
Yastrebova, Sophia

Nelson

Antrim, Abi
Bankson, Alyssa
Bugaychuk, Esther
Eidsness, Noah
Fishburn, Tian
Fletcher, Caitlyn
Kravets, Liana
Shelton, Sole

Kuldaneck

Flores, Max
Harasymczuk, Austin
Juarez, Erika
Martinez, Andrea
San Jose, Rheana
Solomonyuk, Diana
Vdovenko, David

Weichert

Bokov, Stefan
Cretti, Abby
Dacosta, Alisia
Dechabert, Asia
Kamyshin, Mark
Korzuk, Melanie

Steighner

Du, Melody
Neal, Kelsey
Roehr, Skyler
Semeling, Colby

Judd

Demyanova, Anastasia
Eidsness, Maggie
Elisa Aguiniga
Kim, Caleb
Ortiz, Lidia
Riestra, Kimberly
Zuev, Inna

DeMarco

Genson, John
Karplyuk, Diana
Korzuk, Christina
Mathis, Tre
Medina, Nathalie
Mendoza, Esmeralda
Seumae, Chaz
Symchuk, Sofiya

Johnson

Ellerbusch, Jasmine
Latu, Romeo
Mandeville, Callie
Vasylichuk, Yevgenia

Smith

Brewer, Darian
Bugaychuk, Evelina
Egal, Mohamed
Grebennikova, Angelika
Herrera-Ortiz, Valerie
Luu, Brandon
Suggs, Alex
Winter, Kayla
Egal, Mohamed
Grebennikova, Angelika
Herrera-Ortiz, Valerie
Luu, Brandon
Suggs, Alex
Winter, Kayla

Borg

Huttenlocker, Payton
Ibrahimi, Mehria
Mekuria, Hermon
Polinkevych, Roman
Ramirez, Lesli
Soun, Alison
Spurgeon, Sophie
Stakhov, Dima
Westover, Sarah
Yetter, Echo

Falkenhagen

Bernal, Antonio
Ducay, Aristotle
Ellerbush, Corey

Sanders

Anderson, Aubrey
Bernard, Albert
Nelson, Nathaniel
Ogu, Eddie
Ruiz, Estevan
Sampson, Lacey
Scozzafave, Marleena
Williams, Isabel

Cole

Speelmon, Jenny
Stillgebauer, Evie
Velez, Brendon

Wright

Corrales, Samantha
Cretti, Chase
Jimenez, Samantha
Jimenez, Aracely
Seumae, Chance
Speelmon, Jenny
Stillgebauer, Evie
Velez, Brendon

Search for new superintendent begins

Superintendent Thomas R. Murphy's announcement that he intends to retire at the end of the 2009-2010 school year has triggered a search for a new superintendent to take the helm of Federal Way Public Schools next fall.

The Board is creating a transparent, inclusive, and efficient process for hiring a new superintendent. This process begins with listening sessions in November for community members, staff and students. These sessions are designed to give our Board members the opportunity to hear from our stakeholders as the Board moves through this very important process.

Dates and locations for the community to offer input to school board members are:

- Nov. 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Decatur High School, 2800 S.W. 320th St., Federal Way, WA 98023
- Nov. 5, 6:30 - 8 p.m., Federal Way High School, 30611 16th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003
- Nov. 9, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 4248 S. 288th Street, Auburn, WA 98001
- Nov. 12, 6:30 - 8 p.m. at Todd Beamer High School, 35999 16th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003

"We look forward to hearing what the community wants for their schools as we embark on this exciting journey," Board President Suzanne Smith commented. "In our search for a new superintendent, we are committed to building on our success with a process that is transparent, inclusive and efficient for parents, teachers, staff, students and the community. Our primary search criteria for a new superintendent are founded on a commitment to academic excellence, innovation and community engagement," she added.

Following the conclusion of the listening sessions, the board will also appoint an advisory committee to provide feedback throughout the superintendent search.

Math Night is Coming!

Mark your calendars now for Camelot's Math Night on Thursday, November 19th from 6:30 PM- 7:30 PM. Join us for an evening of exciting math games, prizes and fun. You'll get to play different math games, estimate for prizes and get great ideas for making math practice fun at home.

