

Principal's Newsletter | April 2023

Important Dates

April 14th District Mariner's Game
April 19th - Earth Day Celebration
April 20th - 6:15pm Poetry Slam at Chautauqua
April 28th - Dia del Nino
Children's Day



Principal's Message

It has been such a pleasure to be your principal these past seven years. I love Chautauqua, our parents, staff and students. At the end of the year I'll be moving on to new adventures and I am excited to welcome a fabulous new principal to Chautauqua. It was inspiring to see the high involvement in the hiring process and to see the dedication and interest of the candidates. I'm excited to welcome Julie Kangas (former Assistant Principal at Chautauqua) back to Chautauqua to take the helm as the next principal.



Artists in Residence

This spring we have several Artists in Residence projects throughout the school. Fifth grade is making copper bowls and large cardboard puppets, second grade made baskets, third grade made books, in specialists students made podcasts and zines, fourth grade is working on their bird project and one of our clubs are making books.



Specialists! We enjoy a variety of art, games, and music while at our specialists throughout the week.



Book Fair and more - Thanks FACE

Thank you to our family partnership, FACE, for hosting our book fair, keeping our popcorn Friday going and planning our upcoming Poetry Night and running a chess club. Everyone can come and participate in Poetry Night. Read a poem, bring one to share or choose one at poetry night.



Enroll in Kindergarten!

If you know any upcoming kindergarten students make sure they know to register for school next year! We need to know how many kindergarten students we will have so we know how many teachers we need. And, we like to know who's coming so we can make good classroom and friendship matches for our youngest learners.



Dia del Nino

We are excited to again celebrate Children's Day, a Mexican cultural tradition, with a presentation by our Latino families and classroom celebrations and activities.



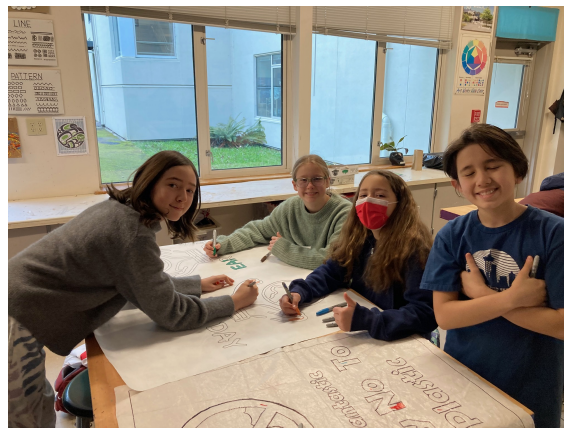
Wednesday Music

We are still loving Wednesday music.

It's a great tradition!

If you know a musician that would like to sign up, send them this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409054BAAAF2D6-music>



Green Team!

Our Green Team is going strong, planning Earth Day activities. They meet at least twice a week on Wednesday morning and plan activities to help our environment. They also took a field trip to see a movie about cleaning up a river, called American River at the VCA.

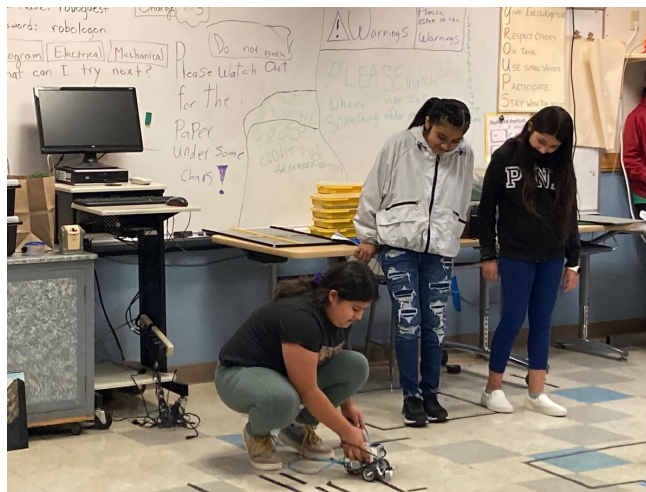


Spanish speaking interns in need of housing!

We are looking to line up housing for next year's interns!

Please let Rebecca know if you, or someone you know is interested: rgoertzel@vashonsd.org

Help support this important program in our school.



Fifth Grade Camp

Fifth grade is on the move! In addition to robotics, special art projects, clubs and visiting McMurray, our fifth grade is going to camp! They will spend three days and two nights overnight in May at Camp Sealth with a collaboration between Camp Sealth, our teachers and One Village running camp programming.



Counselor's Corner

We have wrapped up our bullying prevention unit K-5; ask your student about the 3 R's and how they can be a positive bystander. Social emotional learning in the classroom right now is all about problem solving and fair ways to play in grades kindergarten through 2nd grade. Upcoming social emotional learning ECEAP-5th will focus on child safety (recognizing unsafe situations, getting help from safe adults, etc.) A new round of targeted skill building groups has started in MA-5th grade and groups for K-2 start up after spring break. Transitions are a big theme as we enter spring, as we help students celebrate all their growth and the classroom communities they are in, while helping them get ready for change.

Our PBIS team is here to support you with a range of Social-Emotional (SEL) needs. Contact Kristina Miller (school social worker) about counseling, family support, resource needs, SEL curriculum and more. Lisa Radford (student support specialist) works with Ms. Miller focusing on student SEL skill building, General Education behavior plans and SEL curriculum.

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