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Calendar

3/12: **Daylight Savings**
Spring Forward!

3/13 - 3/17

Voyagers Week Trips Underway!

for Grades 4 - 8

3/17: **Jumping Mouse**
Carpe Diem

3/20: **Late Start at 10AM**
Grades 4-8 Only

3/31: **Jumping Mouse**
Carpe Diem

Voyagers Week Presentations
Grades 4-8

4/07: **Jumping Mouse**
Carpe Diem

4/10 - 4/14

SPRING BREAK

No School

4/21: **Grandparents & Special Friends Day**
Community Potluck Luncheon at Harbor School
NOON DISMISSAL

5/05: **Noon Dismissal**
All Grades

5/09: **Rising Up Day!**
3rd Grade visits Upper Elementary and 5th Grade visits Middle School

Corner Art: Close-up of "My Backyard" by Katherine Ellison, grade 6, that she created for Voyagers Auction.



Oh, what a night! (Left to right) Teacher Andrea shows off her picnic-style dinner, alumni Natalie Abel '01 was the final bidder on an 8th grade student art project, and trustee Charley Rosenberry brings Norine, former board chair and interim head, to the stage!

Thank You Voyagers Auction Supporters!

A big heartfelt thank you to everyone who attended and supported our 2017 Voyagers Auction: *In Our Own Backyard*. In one single night, we raised over \$121,000 toward our students and programs. It was a fun-filled event with guests arriving in their own fantastic "backyard" costume interpretations as they browsed our Silent Auction items, took in the colorful student art projects, threw darts at our Voyagers Pack Game wall, and competed for a chance to win one of three Raffle prizes! Yes, we even had a trampoline that went home with a family who were super excited to surprise their kids!

Because of you, our night's special appeal brought in \$37,500 that will directly benefit the Financial Aid programs that support families across all our grades - allowing many of them to receive tuition assistance. Our featured alumni, **Summer Peet**, Class of 2008, spoke eloquently in our night's video about her

own experiences as a student and why Financial Aid is important.

For those of you who missed attending or wish to see the video again, just click on the image below:



Again, thank you for supporting our 2017 Voyagers Auction.



Harbor School presents
2017 Voyagers Auction
IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

This year's Voyagers Auction dessert dash really "takes the cake!" Seriously, we had 20+ desserts in all shapes and sizes, with backyard themes a plenty! They were gorgeous to look at and delicious to taste!

Auction Gratitude & Thanks

Thank you to the following parents and friends who gave their time and energy to help load-in, set-up, assemble, dismantle, and clean up BEFORE, DURING and AFTER last Saturday's big auction. It really does take a village!

ALEX ARCHARO
 PAM STENERSON
 ERIC ODEGARD
 TREVOR DENHERDER
 MARTHA ORMSETH
 SHANNON JOHNS BECK
 CARY BRAN
 JASON WILLIAMS
 ANDREW BECK
 WENDY KEARNS
 ERIKA ELLISON
 KATHERINE ELLISON
 CALLIE DEEGAN
 PATRICK DUNN
 RICK PRATT
 BRENDA BACHMAN
 MELINA PRATT
 LINDA & KEVIN CRAYTON
 TOM HUGHES
 INDIGO LEWIS
 JACKIE MOLLISON
 LISA & CHRISTIAN PEARSON
 GERRIT VAN ROEKEL
 SETH ZUCKERMAN
 BARBARA THAL SCHROEDER
 JENNIFER OLSEN
 STACEY HINDEN & JEFF STEVENSON

CONNOR HYNES
 OAKLEY REID
 MIKE CALVERT
 LEDA & MATT LANGLEY
 ANITA & KELLY ROBINSON
 PEGGY RUBENS-ELLIS
 KIRSTEN FRANSDEN
 LILI HELSBY
 JAMIE CLAPPERTON
 SARAH OLDHAM ALEXANDER
 MARIA GLANZ
 JULIE GRUNWALD
 ELLIOT ELLINGSEN
 ANTHONY SAWYER
 STEPHANIE HALSTEAD BAKER
 MARIETTE SPENCE
 MARY O'LEARY
 AIMEE VAN ROEKEL
 ELLEN PARKER
 WES CHERRY
 JEFF REID
 EMMA HATHAWAY
 JENNIFER & SAM BRENNER
 JASON STACZEK
 PETER WALKER
 VASHON ISLAND ROWING CLUB MASTERS

Thank You Auction Team

We wish to thank this year's Auction committee and team members for their expertise, dedication and endless hours of work in planning and executing a fantastic event!

ALLISON REID	EMMA HATHAWAY
NIAMH PRINCE	ELLEN PARKER
TINA SHATTUCK	MARK MCGOUGH
SHANNON JOHNS BECK	STEPHANIE HALSTEAD BAKER
MARTHA ORMSETH	ERIKA ELLISON
WENDY KEARNS	ALICE DORR

Auction Fire Sale!

There are several Voyagers Auction items that were not sold on auction night - either because they didn't make it onto the floor, they were included in one of the three remaining Voyager Packs that did not get purchased, or folks missed seeing the bidder sheet.

If you would like to purchase one of the items listed below, we are offering them at a reduced value to the first person who emails office@hARBORSCHOOL.ORG.

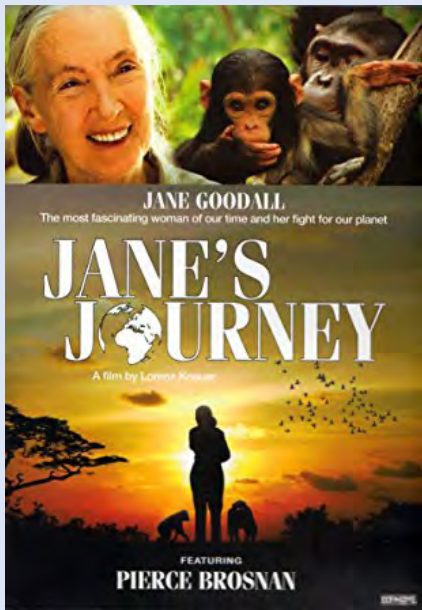
- > **One Hour Note Reading Lesson with Annie Roberts**
PRICE: \$35 (Value \$65)
- > **Tacoma Comedy Club - Admission for 12**
PRICE: \$100 (Value \$240)
- > **Pioneer Square's Cafe Nordo Dinner & Show for Two**
PRICE: \$100 (Value \$180)
- > **One Hour Note Reading Lesson with Annie Roberts**
PRICE: \$39 (Value \$65)
- > **Tacoma Comedy Club - Admission for 12**
PRICE: \$140 (Value \$240)

All items will be available for one week and then returned to the donors if they do not sell.

Race Equity Parent Group Meeting Report

The parent group focused on race equity in our school community met again last Tuesday evening. We had a great turnout; thank you to the parents and to Mark for attending!

After receiving initial support at the March 1st meeting of the Board of Trustees as well as from Head of School Mark McGough, we are moving forward to draft a Diversity Policy to present to the board this Spring. We are looking at the current Harbor School mission and the Cornerstone Values, as well as reaching out to other schools in the area to begin to articulate what might be impactful and will suit our school community. Our goal is create a policy that will directly translate into meaningful actions, to support teachers in their existing efforts to bring varied perspectives to their classrooms, and to foster an active and engaged parent community.



In addition to drafting a policy, the group plans to remain focused on hosting community events intending to elevate the voices and experiences of underrepresented people in our culture. Following up on last month's Black History Month movie and book reading, we are planning a Women's History Month movie showing of **Jane's Journey** (a movie for all ages about Jane Goodall). **View the trailer here.** In addition we will

host another nonfiction picture book reading on March 28th. Please keep an eye out for details coming soon.

Finally, **Leah Mann**, Carpe Diem parent, will serve as a liaison to the Vashon Public Schools Race Equity Group and attend community meetings hosted by the Vashon Island School District on March 15th and April 6th. All are welcome to these meetings.

Next meeting will be Tuesday April 4th at 6:30pm

Please contact current parents **Rebecca Lamphear** at rebecca@noumatic.net or **Jan Williams** at jwfarm01@gmail.com for more information. *We hope you'll come join the next conversation!*



The picture above captures the culminating moment of *Our Children Can Soar* during the Black History Month book reading hosted by our Race Equity Parent Focus Group at the Vashon library this past February. With poetic action statements this inspirational book highlights the achievements of select historic figures. **Rebecca Alli Lanphear** read *Our Children Can Soar* as **Leah Mann** led parents and kids in actions presented in the book. "Jesse sprinted..." "so Martin could march. Martin marched...."

The RAW Homegroup Fundraising & Service

Harbor School students raised \$240 for alumni **Rhea Enzian's** senior high school project which included raising funds for *Azul Wasi* orphanage in Oropesa, Peru. Rhea attends SAMI at Point Defiance. The RAW homegroup sponsored a bake sale with the goal of earning \$200 - we were delighted to surpass that goal and are proud to be able to support the good works of this orphanage and Rhea's important and thoughtful project. A big shout out to The RAW and our school community for supporting this effort.

Grandparents & Special Friends Addresses Needed

If you have a special friend or grandparent your child would like to bring to our annual "Grandparents & Special Friends Day" Celebration and Luncheon on Friday, April 21, we are getting ready to mail invitations in the coming week. Chances are, unless they've attended in the past, we may not have their mailing address. Please email **Allison Reid** at allison@harcorschool.org and provide the contact details and address so we can be sure to send them an invite!

Upcoming Field Trips

Science Center - March 16

On our field trip to the Science Center next Thursday, we will be taking the 9:40AM boat over and the 2:45PM boat home. It is a bit later pick up than usual as we wanted to utilize our time at the Science Center. We will be exploring the center and watching an interactive movie on the I-Max called Soundscapes as well. We will be back at CD around 3:15PM. We wanted to give you a heads up in case your child has a lesson or practice that day.

Seattle Children's Theatre - April 18

We will be putting out a call for chaperones later this month for our April 18th trip to Seattle Children's Theatre. We just want to give everyone a heads up in case you need to rearrange your schedule if you'd like to come.

Spanish with Profe

We read part of our story, *La semana de Ana*, this week and reviewed weather with a picture dictionary and our song *¿Qué tiempo hace hoy?*

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/Las+Semanas+de+Raquel+y+Ans>

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/Weather>

Playground Project

Carpe Diem teachers are putting a call out for stumps to enrich our playground area. Stumps they can use for physical play but also small stump rounds that can be used for stacking disks or making fairy houses. If you have any wood pieces that you think would benefit our play area, please contact Jaffrey, Joleen or Andrea and let them know. We've googled a few photos below to give you an idea of the kinds of stumps we're in need of:



Photos: Anya's large blanket (circa 1997) and the smaller photo is one done at Carpe Diem this year!

Some things are worth holding on to!

Alumni Flashback

Anya Perret, THS & CD Alumni, contacted the school last week to share a project she had created back in 1997 while attending Carpe Diem - *apparently students were divided into "clans" or pods much like our Owls and Hawks!*

Anya has been helping her mother downsize her home and found a treasure trove of artifacts from her early years. She has re-gifted this amazing blanket back to the school and we are hoping to find a good way to display it! Big thanks to Anya and her mom Kristine Adams for donating it to the school.

Let The Voyage Begin...

Harbor School students in grades 4-8 begin their week-long Voyagers Week trips starting tomorrow. Parents will receive updates during the week via email but be sure to check our school facebook page for snapshots of their adventures. We'll be posting photos all week long!

March 2017 Voyagers Week Trip Information

TRIP	COST	LEADERS	DEPARTURE	RETURN
Santa Fe	\$1,280	Lauretta Hyde Alisara Martin	Sunday, March 12, 2017 Meet at THS @ 2:15 PM, heading to 2:50 PM Fauntleroy ferry Alaska Airlines Flight #794 - Departs SeaTac @ 5:25 PM - Arrives Albuquerque @ 9:25 PM	Friday, March 17, 2017 Alaska Airlines Flight #794 - Departs Albuquerque @ 8:50 AM - Arrives SeaTac @ 10:58 AM Pick Up at Airport
Digital Photography	\$625	Mark McGough Ray Pfortner Christine Beck	Monday, March 13, 2017 Meet at THS @ 9:00 AM, heading to 9:55 AM Southworth ferry	Friday, March 17, 2017 Pick-up at THS @ TBD Southworth > Vashon Ferry [12:25 PM Direct, 1:10/2:25 PM via Fauntleroy]
Snowsports	\$585	Leslie Blair Erin Blaser Todd Wooster Jaffrey Clark Captain James Hyde	Group A: Monday, March 13, 2017 Meet at THS @ 12:15 PM Group B: Sunday, March 12, 2017 Meet at THS @ 2:10 PM	Group A: Friday, March 17, 2017 Pick-up at THS: 2:30 or 3:30 PM [Returning on 1:40 or 2:40 PM Pt. Defiance - Tahlequah Ferry] Group B: Friday, March 17, 2017 Pick-up at THS: 1:15 or 2:30 PM [Returning on 12:35 or 1:40 PM Pt. Defiance - Tahlequah Ferry]
Animal Adventures	\$325	Zoe Hughes Russ Ray	Monday, March 13, 2017 <i>Woodland Park Zoo</i> Meet at THS between 8-8:15 AM Tuesday, March 14, 2017 <i>Port Townsend Marine Science Ctr</i> Meet at THS @ 7:00 AM Wednesday, March 15, 2017 <i>Whale Watch</i> Meet at THS between 8-8:30 AM Thursday, March 16, 2017 <i>Reptile Zoo/Arlington Horse Farm</i> Meet at THS between 8-8:30 AM Friday, March 17, 2017 <i>Arlington Horse Farm</i> N/A, still at Arlington Horse Farm	Monday, March 13, 2017 Pick-up from THS @ 3:10 PM Tuesday, March 14, 2017 Pick-up from THS @ 5:00 PM Wednesday, March 15, 2017 Pick-up from THS @ 5:15 PM Thursday, March 16, 2017 N/A, overnight at Arlington Horse Farm Friday, March 17, 2017 Pick-up from THS @ 12:30 PM

Have A Great Voyagers Week Everyone!

Calendar

- March 21:** Duwamish Bridge Tour + WS Bridge sketch
- March 23:** I-90 bridge walk + Fremont Troll visit
- March 29:** Tacoma Narrows Bridge walk + sketch session
- March 30:** Meet 'n Greet, 8:00-8:20ish
- March 31:** All School Service Learning
- April 3-4:** Deception Pass overnigher!
- April 6:** Bridge Strength Test!

Travel Study

As you can tell from the calendar, *Team Pizzazz* will be out and about exploring a variety of the amazing bridges that Washington State has to offer. We are in need of a chaperone to come along March 21st and March 23rd, driving some students in your car to and from our destinations. We have had an outpouring of amazing offers to come along on March 29th to Tacoma Narrows—are you available instead the week before? We'd love to have you join us! Please let me know ASAP which trip/s you're able to come along on.

For our overnight camping excursion, we will be heading up to the glorious Deception Pass bridge on Whidbey Island. We'll be learning a bit about its history (*check out this link if you want some info yourself: <http://whidbeycamanoislands.com/things-to-do/heritage/history-of-deception-pass-bridge/>*), exploring on and around the bridge, and camping at the state park for the night. Parent Jenny Sorensen and teacher Leslie Blair will be coming along on this adventure as chaperones extraordinaire. We will be exploring the bridge from the top, walking across the bridge and hiking around it. Additionally, we will get to see the Deception Pass bridge from a more unexpected view: a boat! How does the landscape impact this bridge? Do currents and tides have an impact? How about wind, sun and rain? We will find out as we tour around the bridge on the water below.

Art with Alisara

Pizzazz started their integrated arts projects for their Bridges unit. We are building dream bridges and starting masks that represent our inner mythological troll.

Bridges

Students' resumes grew again this week, as they've officially added "Civil Engineer" to their working document. Students are collaborating in teams to design and build a bridge for strength using only lumber (*poppsicle sticks*), cement (*hot glue*), and cables (*string*), hoping that ultimately it will be able to hold the weight of our head of school, Mark! The engineers have settled on the type of bridge they plan to build, taking into consideration the environmental, budgetary, and time factors they're dealing with. They are working on crafting blueprints to depict their plans, and then will begin buying supplies from Porter's Lumber Company to start work on their bridges.

Make sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, April 6th as this will be the day of the big Bridge Strength Test. Can a bridge made of only glue and sticks hold 50 pounds of weight? 100? 300? Come to Vashon's premier bridge test event to find out!

Writing & Vocab

Visual Vocabulary: To boost their understanding of bridges themselves, it is important to speak the language of bridges. Students this week focused their spelling efforts on building their bridge vocabulary. They created a picture dictionary that includes the word, its definition, and a picture that matches.

Selma: On Tuesday, which happened to be March 7th the anniversary of *Bloody Sunday*, students learned about the Edmond Pettus bridge in Selma, Alabama, and the reason as to which it is important. Fifty-two years ago was what is known as *Bloody Sunday*, a march across the bridge to the capital of Alabama in Montgomery to demand that their right to vote be protected. While these marchers did cross the bridge, they were met with violence from the police and they were not able to finish the march to Montgomery, even though they were marching nonviolently and were unarmed, and they had to turn back. Eventually, they were able to cross the bridge weeks later and continue their march. What was the big problem here? What were the two sides of the conflict? What happened after, or because, *Bloody Sunday*? How was *Bloody Sunday* a bridge of its own? Students discussed and pondered these questions and more, and did some writing of their own on this topic.

Bridge Builders: What is a bridge builder? Pizzazz decided it was a person, group of people, or organization with deep integrity or passion that forge ahead with something, therefore creating a bridge of opportunity for others to use in the future. This bridge will likely never be used by the builder themselves, but instead is created unselfishly and with a purpose of helping others stand up for what they believe is right. Come check out our Bridge Builder Wall of Fame tomorrow at the Meet 'n Greet to see who our class views as bridge builders.

Math

Students have been working at their own pace to boost their skills in the area of long division. All students have learned the basic algorithm, with a song to help them remember the steps (*to the tune of the Lumineer's song: Ho Hey*); some students have learned other strategies to help them tackle these problems, like the "hangman" method and the "find a friendly number" method.

Spanish with Profe

We started reading a new story, *La semana de Ana*, this week.

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/Las+Semanas+de+Raquel+y+Ans>



Feels like Spring is here!

Spanish with Profe

6TH Grade

We started reading a new story, *La cabra se llama Auggie*, this week. Everybody loves goats, right?

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/La+Cabra+se+llama+Auggie>

7TH Grade

We finished our novel, *Las aventuras de Isabela*, this week. CONGRATULATIONS! We will review and take a test the week we return from *voyaging*.

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/Las+aventuras+de+Isabela>

8TH Grade

We finished our novel, *Las aventuras de Isabela*, this week. CONGRATULATIONS! We took a test over the novel this week.

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/Las+aventuras+de+Isabela>

Social Studies with Laurretta

6TH Grade

Using poetry as a way to teach what is learned, students wrote poems using key words and phrases from what they learned about their particular ancient Roman topic of research. We practiced reading our poems aloud and made a poetry packet which was then read and highlighted for key points. We also watched a documentary about Pompei and played a geography/ancient civilizations game that reviewed material we have been learning all year.

7TH Grade

This week we attempted to come to an understanding of the roots of the Arab-Israeli conflict. Your students were fantastic listeners and contributors to these discussions/lectures. For the most part, they were left feeling very conflicted - which I explained was a perfect response.

8TH Grade

We wrapped up the African American experience this week by talking about the roots of the civil rights movement. When we return to A Place at the Table, we will briefly discuss women's issues focusing on women's suffrage in America.

Math with Leslie

MATH 6

Sixers have begun **Chapter 8: Algebraic Expressions** where we write and evaluate expressions in which letters stand for numbers; write expressions to represent and solve real-world problems; simplify algebraic expressions and find equivalent expressions. In order to explore making and identifying and forming algebraic expressions our first couple of days have been playing *Clue* to find out who dismissed 'Mr. X PreSSION' and matching algebraic expressions and word problems.

MATH 7

Coming off a fantastic performance on **Chapter 4: Ratios, Rates and Proportions** we jump into **Chapter 5: Percents** where we compare, order, and convert between fractions, decimals, and percents; solve percent problems using equations and proportions and use percent to solve real-world problems.

PRE-ALGEBRA

We have just completed **Chapter 6 Ratio, Rate and Speed**. The test and chapter work will be sent home on our next day of school. Please enjoy, sign and return. We begin **Chapter 7: Percentage** where we express one quantity as a percentage of another; compare two quantities by percentage; solve word problems involving percentages greater than 100%, reverse percentages, percentages increase and decrease quantities, and discount and sales tax.

Geometry with Kim

We read an article about how GPS works and the difference between locating position by trilateration and triangulation. Here is the link:

<http://gisgeography.com/trilateration-triangulation-gps/>

Then, to simplify the GPS model, we plotted 3 circles that appear to intersect in a single point, and we formed equations for each circle. Next we were working on the complicated algebra of finding the intersection of two of our circles. We came up with a final quadratic equation that will need to be solved using the quadratic formula and some diligent and careful calculating.

We are exploring an on-line graphing calculator called *Desmos*. Check it out:

<https://www.desmos.com/calculator>

Art with Alisara

6TH Grade

Students worked more on their multi-media collages.

7TH Grade

Students prepared for *Voyagers Week* by sketching and discussing special places, and the cultures we carry to and from them.

8TH Grade

Students are getting pretty close to finishing their self-portraits in pencil, and will move on to the painted version.

