

CORNERSTONE

Newsletter for Harbor School & Carpe Diem Primary community

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Calendar

- 10/9: Community Apple Pressing Potluck
Sunday, Oct 9, 3-6PM
See details this page >
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- 10/13: Carpe Diem & Upper Elementary Conferences
No School for Carpe Diem and Upper Elementary kids
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- 10/13: Trivia Night with Mark
6:30pm
*Snapdragon Restaurant
Adults only!*
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- 10/14: *No School*
Faculty Professional Development
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- 10/15: THS Open House,
Saturday 12-2pm
at Harbor School
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- 10/18: Carpe Diem Open House,
Tuesday, 7pm
at Carpe Diem Primary
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- 10/19: Board Meeting, 7pm
The 10/3 meeting has been moved to 10/19
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- 10/21: Jumping Mouse!
Carpe Diem Primary
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- 10/24: High School Preview
Monday, 6:30pm
at Harbor School and open to the public
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- 10/28: Jumping Mouse!
Carpe Diem Primary
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- 10/31: Poets' Afternoon, 1:30PM
Carpe Diem Primary
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- 11/04: Early Dismissal at Noon
THS & CD
-
- 11/11: NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day

Curriculum

Thank you to everyone who attended our Middle School Curriculum Night on Tuesday of this week. It was good to connect with many of you again as we ease into the new year and your attendance at this curriculum event is greatly appreciated by all the faculty. A detailed curriculum guide was shared via email in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions about any of the curricula information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with our teachers.

According to my calendar it looks like it has been exactly one month since we opened school way back on September 7th! It has been an action-packed month – one that fills me with excitement for a memorable and fascinating year to come!

- Mark McGough

If you missed the Middle School Curriculum Night, you can download the Curriculum Guide below. We've also included the Upper Elementary and Carpe Diem guides as well.

Middle School Curriculum Guide

Upper Elementary Curriculum Guide

Carpe Diem Curriculum Guide

Trivia Night

6:30PM, OCT 13 at Snapdragon

Don't forget that we have our first Harbor School Trivia Night on Thursday evening at Snapdragon at 6:30PM. Please join us for what will be a fun laughter-filled championship bout for the Trivia Cup.

In support of Snapdragon providing a venue for our Trivia Night, we encourage you to purchase food and refreshments from our wonderful hosts!

Reminder: this is grown-ups only and parents should line up their childcare plans.

SUNDAY REMINDER

Community Apple Pressing & Potluck

10/9 from 3-6PM

Don't forget to join us for the apple pressing potluck tomorrow (Sunday!). We've had to amend the time so folks can make it home to watch the presidential debates. We'll be starting at 3PM and ending by 6PM.

WHERE: Lindsay/Zuckerman home at 9431 Bank Road (*park on street*)

WHAT TO BRING: Bring apples and a potluck dish! Bring a container if you want to take home cider.



Learning how to draw the face. It's harder than it looks!



Why Giving Makes A Difference

We're proud to say that every member of our Board of Trustees has made their pledge or gift to the Harbor Fund!

100% PARTICIPATION IS OUR GOAL

Thank you **Charley, Liz, Jake, Scott, John, Lisa, and Gerrit!**

When you make a gift in support of the Harbor Fund, you are investing in the programs, services and the teachers who shape your child's world every day. You are giving the school the much-needed foundational support to allow our faculty and staff the flexibility and confidence to do what they do best - growing the minds of your children in a safe and nurturing place. Whether going to Jumping Mouse as a kindergartener and creating a Magic Spot, or crafting an essay on "First World Problems" in the 8th grade, our students are given opportunities and challenges that are unique to our vibrant school.

We take great pride in the "whole" experience that unfolds for your children. It is not just about challenging students academically. It is also about opportunities to expand their minds as creative thinkers, to build trusting relationships between friends, peers and educators, and to offer real experiences that broaden their views of the world, the community they live in, and the way they think of themselves. When these align, it is then that one's personal best can emerge.

When our alumni return to visit, whether during a break at high school, or long after they've graduated with college honors, we never cease to be amazed at their capabilities, their confidence, and their willingness to re-engage with a place that brought them new experiences, solid friendships, and a deep appreciation for learning. That place is Harbor School.

Your pledge and support of the Harbor Fund is of vital importance. Through your generosity, we can continue to bring the best educational experiences to our students. You help us carry it forward by giving us the stability and resources to thrive, grow and prosper.

MAKE A PLEDGE TODAY AND FULFILL YOUR GIFT LATER - your commitment to giving counts as your participation for the 2016-17 school year. By making a pledge today, you can choose to fulfill your gift at a later date or on a set timeframe. [Click here to download a PLEDGE FORM.](#)

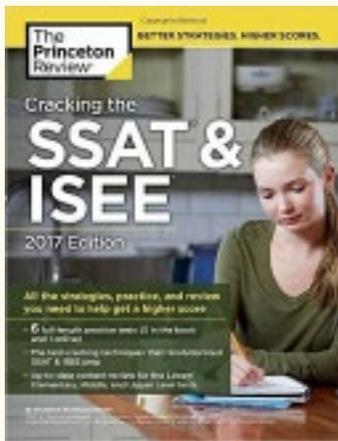
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17%

← We grew 2%
← 15% last week

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High School Prep Class for 8th Graders

Last week's newsletter announced our upcoming High School Prep Class for 8th Graders interested in applying to private or independent high schools for 2017-18. With 4 confirmed participants, this 3-session class will proceed and dates for the sessions will be announced shortly.

If you are still interested in joining the class, there is still plenty of room. **Please contact Mark at mark@harborschool.org** to let him know you'd like to have your child participate.

The High School Test Prep Course will focus on The Princeton Review's 2017 Edition: *Cracking the SSAT & ISEE (Private Test Preparation)*. This after-school class will be held over 3 days with a 90-minute class on each day. Dates will be announced shortly. The course will include a paperback copy of The Princeton Review book. **Leslie Blair** and **Todd Wooster** will co-lead the course and Mark will assist as needed.

COST: \$150 per student (includes test prep book).

OPEN HOUSE DATES in October

Please spread the word, our next two Open Houses are coming up in the next week. One on 10/15 will be held at Harbor School for families interested in grades 4-8; and the other will be held on 10/18 at Carpe Diem for folks interested in our K-3 program. See details below:

Where children thrive and learning is an adventure!

Interested in Grades 4 through 8 for Fall 2017? Join us for our

OPEN HOUSE

SAT, OCT 15 from 12-2PM

10/15 will focus on our Grades 4 through 8 program:
Small Class Size • Academic Excellence • Cornerstone Values
Travel Study • Service Learning • Spanish Program • Integrated Arts
Meet our faculty, tour the campus, and learn more - families welcome!

10/15 Open House will be held on main campus: 15920 Vashon Hwy SW

Interested in Kindergarten through Grade 3? Join us for our

OPEN HOUSE

TUES, OCT 18 at 7PM

10/18 will focus on our Kindergarten through Grade 3 program:
Small Class Size • Challenging Academics • Outdoor Education
Spanish Program • Integrated Arts & Themes • Cornerstone Values
Meet our faculty, tour classrooms, learn more - Families welcome!

10/18 Open House will be held at Carpe Diem campus: 17708 Vashon Hwy SW

RSVP 206.567.5955 | Visit www.harborschool.org

SAVE THE DATE!

WHICH HIGH SCHOOL IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

High School PREVIEW

MON, OCT 24 | 6:30PM

Hosted by Harbor School

Over 100 students from area high schools and dozens of options available for you!

Visit more about:

- ANNIE WRIGHT SCHOOLS
- BELLARMINE DEEP
- CHARLES WRIGHT ACADEMY
- NORTHWEST SCHOOL
- SAMI / SOTA / IDEA
- VASHON HIGH SCHOOL

That allows our valued students to attend many of these schools.

Hosted at Harbor School
17700 Vashon Hwy SW
Vashon WA 98153
www.harborschool.org

HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW - 10/24

This year's High School Preview is Monday, October 24 at 6:30PM.

Visiting schools include: Annie Wright Schools (*Tacoma*), Bellarmine Preparatory School (*Tacoma*), Charles Wright Academy (*Tacoma*), Northwest School (*Seattle*), SAMI/SOTA/IDEA (*Tacoma*) and our very own Vashon High School.

Many of our own THS alumni will be here to represent the high schools they attend. This event is open to the public so help spread the word!

Lunch Note

The staff would like to remind all parents to send a healthy lunch to school with their children. Several students were without lunches in the last week and we want to make sure everyone is well-nourished so they can be focused and engaged for learning.

If your child forgets their lunch and you are unable to bring it by the school before lunchtime, please contact the office at 206.567.5955. *Thank you!*



Carpe Diem Student Portraits

Greetings parents of Carpe Diem students!

I have had the amazing honor of photographing your sweet kiddos this year for their school pictures! I have the gallery all ready for you to view and order! A link is included below for ordering, so please make sure to read it, as it has important information you will need to know about ordering deadlines (orders need to be placed no later than Friday, October 21st!), how to get to/open the gallery, and such. Without further ado, here is the gallery link:

<http://marlasmithphotography.pixieset.com/guestlogin/carpediem2016/>

The gallery pin code is: jumpingmouse16

As always, your kiddos have been such a pleasure to work with, and I have absolutely loved these past seven years with them! If have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

I do hope you enjoy the pictures!

All the best,

Marla Smith

We have been working on and tending to our Magic Spots at Jumping Mouse. There has been gardening, building, collecting of treasures and general stewardship of the land. This week, we took tours of each student's Magic Spot!



SAVE THE DATE!

Poets Afternoon is Oct 31 at 1:30 PM

Poets Afternoon is an annual tradition at Carpe Diem Primary. Ask any alumni and they may recall the poem they shared in great detail or know exactly what costume they wore!! It's a most memorable experience and families are encouraged to attend. Join us immediately afterward for refreshments!

< Last year's Poets Afternoon featured Quentin as a poet and flock of chickens!

Simple Machines Field Trip

To see simple machines in action, learn about patents, copyrighting and trade secrets, and explore the land of inventing and inventions firsthand, we traveled just down the road to Sawbones. What an amazing learning experience! **(See photos below).**

BIG thanks to Harbor School parent (*and trustee*) **John James** for taking the time to share his amazing knowledge of the production process at Sawbones!

Science with Zoë

This week was all about density! We measured the density of several different types of blocks, made predictions about whether they would float on water and tested our predictions. Then, we solved the mystery of why oil always floats to the top of your salad dressing.



Scenes from our SAWBONES Field Trip.



Math with Leslie

LEVEL 6 - MATH 6

Sixers took their first *Celebration of Knowledge* today. The topic was Whole Numbers which included exponents, Order of Operations, and Properties of Multiplication and Division. Students will compile a Chapter One packet to include completed daily assignments, study guide and corrected test. Parents will be the recipients of this chapter one packet next week. Please look it over, compliment your student on their accomplishments, sign and return to school. Thanks.

COURSE 2 - MATH 7

This fantastic group took their first *Celebration of Knowledge* today. The topic was Integers and Rational Numbers which included ordering, adding and subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers and rational numbers. Students will compile a Chapter One packet to include completed daily assignments, study guide and corrected test. Parents will be the recipients of this chapter one packet next week. Please look it over, compliment your student on their accomplishments, sign and return to school. Thanks.

LEVEL 7 - PRE-ALGEBRA

We are almost halfway through *Chapter 2: Real Numbers* which includes integers and how they behave while being manipulated by the four basic operations, squares and roots and absolute value. Students took a test on Chapter One last week but several students have yet to compile their Chapter One packet which includes completed daily assignments, study guide and corrected test. Parents watch for an email letting you know that your student has yet to turn in this work

Algebra with Zoë

We wrapped up Chapter 2 this week, where students learned to solve systems of linear equations. In Chapter 3, we learn to multiply algebraic expressions.
Quiz Wednesday, October 12.

English with Todd

6TH Grade

Students are developing short personal narratives about an event or memory that was meaningful to them in some way. To help with that effort, we've been looking closely at how to create effective dialogue in a narrative piece, and we'll also be looking at how to add in specific details and descriptions (*which may or may not involve looking at shells in class*). I've been impressed by the power and joy contained in the students' pieces.

7TH Grade

We are continuing our examination of the short story form, and this week we are looking at James Joyce's *Araby* as an example of character development in a first-person perspective narrative. In an effort to further explore the form, students are busy composing short stories of their own, and like Joyce's story, their tales must be structured around a narrator in love. I eagerly look forward to reading what they produce!

8TH Grade

After looking at the use of concrete imagery in poetry, we are now taking a close look at how poets use metaphor and simile to enhance their writing. In small groups, students have read and presented on poems that use metaphors or similes to describe a variety of things: forks, wrecks, and even caged birds. Students have also composed some humorous similes and metaphors of their own ("*Broccoli is like a shrunken tree*"), and they will soon incorporate such figurative language into poems of their own.

Science with Zoë

6TH Grade

We continue our exploration of matter and reactions. Students have learned to diagram an atom; determine the number of protons, electrons and neutrons in any atom; identify elements, compounds and mixtures; and, use observable evidence to determine whether a substance has gone through a physical or chemical change. Next, we learn how to write chemical formulas for compounds and to balance chemical equations. Quiz next Wednesday (October 12th) on chemical bonding.

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Students are learning about several systems of the human body. This week: digestive system. **Quiz Tuesday, October 11, on functions of the skeletal, muscular and integumentary systems.**

Social Studies with Laretta

6TH Grade

We wrapped up our mini-unit on *Election 2016*, although we will re-visit as election day gets nearer. This week will be our *introduction to Ancient Civilizations* as we tackle the question of what makes a civilization. In geography, students are working on learning the countries of North America.

7TH Grade

We have completed a mini-unit on *Election 2016* and are now beginning *The Food Unit*. A Beginning-of-Unit update will be coming home for a parent signature and outlines what this unit entails.

8TH Grade

This week, students will be starting Section 2 of our civics unit. We just finished up *Election 2016*, and will now be discussing how we went from being British citizens to American citizens. Also, please know that this trimester I have the 8th graders six days per week, one class period is set aside strictly for geography.