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Calendar

- 8/13: Dockton Park Playdate & Picnic at 4pm
Rescheduled for 8/22
- 8/22: Kristen Farewell & Community Social 4-6pm
Outdoors at Harbor School
- 8/30: Carpe Diem Parent Meeting at 6:30pm
at Carpe Diem Primary
- 8/31: Middle School Parent Meeting at 6:30pm
at Harbor School
- 9/01: Upper Elementary Parent Meeting at 6:30pm
at Harbor School
- 9/05: LABOR DAY
No School
- 9/06: Carpe Diem Drop-In & Welcome, 3-5pm
at Carpe Diem Primary
- Back-to-School Potluck Picnic, 5-7pm
*All Families Welcome!
Harbor School main campus*
- 9/07: First Day School
at THS & CD
- 9/12: Camp Niwana Trip
Grades 4 - 8
- 9/14: Ian Moore Concert at Nashi Orchards
(For parents who bought in at 2016 Voyagers Auction)
- 9/16: Back from Camp Niwana
Grades 4 - 8
- 9/23: Early Dismissal at Noon
THS & CD
- 9/24: Carpe Diem Open House, Saturday 12-2pm
at Carpe Diem Primary
- 9/29: Carpe Diem Curriculum Night at 6:30pm
at Carpe Diem Primary

Kristen Farewell on August 22 & COMMUNITY SOCIAL from 4-6PM

Please join us to celebrate Kristen Spangler's commitment and dedication to Harbor School on **Monday, September 22, from 4-6pm** on our campus. With Kristen back on island that week, we have the perfect opportunity to come together to thank her for her inspiring teaching and to wish her well in her upcoming adventures. I hope you can join us in recognizing her.

This is also the time we have set aside for our rescheduled playdate. The original Dockton Park playdate for this coming Saturday has been changed and will now coincide with Kristen's farewell. Come and connect with new families or reconnect with old and spend some time saying hello and looking forward to the start of the year. I hope to see you all there.

Please Welcome Todd Wooster

I am very pleased to announce that we have hired a new Middle School English teacher for the start of the school year. After a short but nevertheless exciting search I have appointed **Todd Wooster** to this position. Todd comes to us after four years of teaching at Seacrest Country Day School, an independent school in Naples, Florida. Todd has a Bachelor of Art with a Major in English from Dartmouth College and is completing a Masters in English Studies from the Universite de Lyon 2 in France - *his thesis is 20th Century American Poetry.*

For the past two years Todd has taught Middle School English at Seacrest. He relocated to Seattle a few weeks ago and has a great-uncle who lives on Vashon. I was very happy to receive such a great application for this position so quickly and after interviewing Todd I knew that he would be a perfect fit for Harbor School. Todd will continue Kristen's fine work but he will also bring his own experience and knowledge to further develop what is already an excellent program. I have arranged for Todd to meet with myself and Kristen when she is back on campus on the 22nd so we can ensure as smooth a transition as possible for our Harbor School students.

Todd also brings much more than English instruction to our school. In the words of his Middle School Head, Todd "exudes the same energy whether he is teaching 8th



Todd Wooster

grade literature, spearheading the organic garden, working with his advisory group or introducing French to 6th grade students." I hope you will join me in welcoming Todd to our school community.

I will ensure that there is a time for you all to meet him informally before the start of the school year. - *Mark McGough*

Playset Update

As I mentioned last week, work on the new playset addition for our main campus is moving along quickly. We have staked out the site and we have the all clear to dig following the utilities locate on Wednesday. We should be breaking ground on the area early next week with plans to have the playset delivered for installation shortly thereafter.

Moving this project forward has certainly been a community effort and I would like to thank everyone who has helped fund our work so far. There is still work to be done so if you can contribute in any way to help get us over the finish line, please contact **Allison Reid** at **(206) 898-1013** or allison@harporschool.org. - Mark



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STUDENT ART BY LISEE CRAYTON

Cedar Chips Needed

The main campus playset installation is still in need of support. We have determined pea gravel is best suited for the bottom layer for cushioning but we wish to add cedar chips to the top 3-4 inches of the area immediately around the playset. The estimated cost is approximately \$700. With the pea gravel and excavation donations generously provided by Vashon Park District and CalPortland, we are hoping to find an inkind donation of cedar chips. If you know of a business connection or resource, please contact Allison and let her know.

Almost There

Big thanks to the dozen or so families and friends who have chipped in to support the new playset costs. We are grateful for your contributions. **To date, we have raised \$2,600 toward our \$3,400 goal!** If you would like to help support our final efforts to close the gap and reach \$3,400, please email me to arrange your donation. We have until the end of the month to reach our goal and every dollar helps.

Supporters of the New Playset will receive our heartfelt thanks and have their names included on a brass plaque on our campus. Please consider adding your name to the list! - Allison Reid



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