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Calendar

- 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
- 10/4: Middle School Curriculum Night at 6:30pm
at Harbor School
- 10/7: Carpe Diem & Upper Elementary Conferences
No School for Carpe Diem and Upper Elementary kids
- 10/13: Carpe Diem & Upper Elementary Conferences
No School for Carpe Diem and Upper Elementary kids
- 10/14: *No School*
Faculty Professional Development
- 10/15: THS Open House, Saturday 12-2pm
at Harbor School

MATH & MORE

I am happy to confirm with you that we have adopted the **Singapore Math Curriculum** for our math program at Harbor School. This allows us to begin to articulate a developmentally appropriate math curriculum from Kindergarten through Grade 8 and provide a structured approach to the delivery of that curriculum for all of our students. Texts have been ordered and will be in school for our Upper Elementary and Middle School faculty to begin to use on our return from Camp Niwana.

I am pleased with our investment in a key resource for this core curriculum area and I am also happy to announce that we will welcome **Kim Thal** to the Middle School teaching team. Kim will be taking over the responsibility of teaching **Geometry** this year and will be on site three times a week to teach those students who are enrolled in this course. Kim taught high school Algebra and Geometry for a number of years at Lathrop High School in Alaska and has worked as a private math and music tutor on the island for many years. Kim also facilitates the Rock Island String Collective (*RISK*) - a string ensemble for children on Vashon. *Welcome, Kim!*

As I mentioned at all of our Back-To-School Parent Meetings this week, we are a school committed to **Personal Best**. Together, I believe these two decisions will give us a greater ability to allow all students to reach their personal best in mathematics.



Kim Thal

The addition of Kim allows us to provide individualized instruction at the upper end of our school and a clear goal for those students who might feel inspired to want to take that course next year. The adoption of a core text provides us with a highly respected resource that will allow us to teach with renewed purpose. These decisions bring us closer to being better able to deliver our mission.

However, I will also be seeking professional development for our faculty in order for them to be able to make the best use of our new resources. At some stage in the very near future, I am hopeful that we will be able to visit other schools that use the program and draw on their experience to improve how we utilize Singapore Math at Harbor School. Look out for more information on that soon.

For the time being this represents a good step for our school and for your students and helps us start the year in math on a positive note.

BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHTS

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend the parent meetings this week. It was great to be able to meet many of you and to share my impressions of our amazing school as well as some goals for the year. I want to stress again that I think I gave some late summer homework to everyone. If you forgot, missed my message or were unable to attend, here it is. Please memorize this by the first day of school:

“Inspiring young scholars to contribute their wisdom, compassion, and personal best in the classroom, the community, and the world.”

- Mark McGough, Head of School



One step closer to Playset Installation - Pea Gravel Pile!

Playset Update

Installation Set For Monday, September 12

The summer race to get the new playset in position for the start of school has had a very minor delay. Rainbow Play Systems has had to adjust their install schedule and the delivery and install will now occur on Monday, September 12. Children will arrive at school next week to find the footprint prepped and ready and the gravel in place; but will have to wait until the return from Camp Niwana to begin using it.

This past Monday, Jake Johnson's team finished excavating the perimeter of the play area. Yesterday, Roggenbuck Construction donated their labor and dumptruck to bring the pea gravel from CalPortland, who also generously donated the pile you see in the photo. And over the next few days, alum parent Jeff Reid will frame the outer edge with pressure-treated wood so the gravel and cedar chips can be contained. Rainbow will arrive on Monday, September 12 for the delivery and install.

The recognition plaque has been ordered and will be affixed to the playset sometime this month. For now, we'd like to acknowledge all the many people and businesses who helped make this come together.

Thank you - Melissa Aaron & James Winnard, Myrna Baldinger, Sylvia Bran's Grandparents, CalPortland, Kevin & Linda Crayton, Callie Deegan & Patrick Dunn, Russ & Alice Dorr, Erika & Steve Ellison, Dylan & Elizabeth Fitterer, The Gates Foundation Matching Program, Norine Grace and her Mayor, Jane & Russ Hughes, Lisa Jaguzny, Mark McGough, Leif & Martha Ormseth, Beth & Don Pawlek, Christian & Lisa Pearson, Niamh & Rob Prince, Allison Reid, Jeffery Reid, Roggenbuck Construction, Dunja & Mark Ruljancich, Tina Shattuck & Daher Jorge, Mariette Spence & Scott Shawver, Gretchen & Mike Spranger, Phyllis St. Clair, Kristin Thompson, Aimée & Gerrit van Roekel, Willoughby, and several anonymous citizens.

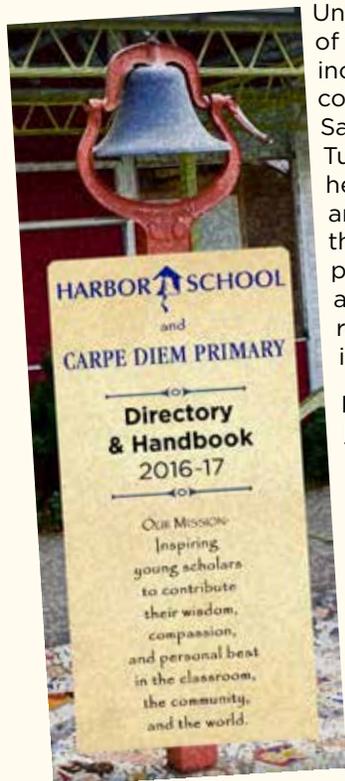
New Directories

Harbor School and Carpe Diem Primary has new a new directory and handbook for the school year. If you did not pick one up at the parent meetings this week, or arrived to find we were a few copies short at the meeting on Wednesday night, you can pick up your family copy at the Back-to-School Potluck on Tuesday from 5-7PM. We will also have a few extra copies at the Carpe Diem Primary Welcome and Open House on Tues, from 3-5PM.

Unlike last year, the directory is not just a list of family and school contact information. It includes our revised parent handbook which covers important details like Communication, Safety & Health, Arrivals & Departures, Tuition Plans, and other guidelines to help you understand our school policies and expectations. As Mark mentioned at the parent meetings, these policies and procedures will continue to be reviewed and updated this year as we spend time reviewing all the areas that may need improvement or assessment.

Directory Corrections: Please email office@harborschool.org to update your directory contact information. We will provide a digital copy to all parents via email shortly.

If you have questions about the Parent Handbook content, please direct those queries to mark@harborschool.org.



Who's ready for school to start? WE ARE!

Receipts, Rewards & Easy Ways of Giving

It's the start of the school year and time for a friendly reminder about ways you can support our school and make it a priority in your charitable giving efforts. The following are several areas of giving often overlooked but which make a significant impact on our yearly goals.



Every time you shop at **Vashon Thriftway**, your spending can benefit our school. It's simple. Save your receipts. Record your name and phone # on the back of each receipt. Drop them off regularly in the collection boxes located at both Harbor School and Carpe Diem. Thriftway donates 1% of the net receipt tape total that we collect back to our school. *Translation: several thousand dollars can be added if we all participate!*



Harbor School is enrolled in **Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program**. If you shop off-island at Fred Meyer, you can link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Harbor School and help us earn donations through your purchases! Grandparents and friends of the school who live off-island may also be interested in participating in this way. Every dollar helps!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS: Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Harbor School [at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number **94689**. Then, every time you shop and use your Rewards Card, you are helping Harbor School earn a donation! You still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates, just as you do today. If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.



Do you regularly purchase items on **Amazon**? Did you know you can purchase the same goods but give a little back to Harbor School? It's called **AmazonSmile**. Harbor School is a registered charitable organization through AmazonSmile - a 501(c)(3) private foundation created by Amazon to administer their charitable giving program. For eligible purchases at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price to the customer's chosen charitable organization. For more information on AmazonSmile and how you can support Harbor School visit <https://smile.amazon.com/>

Questions? Contact Allison Reid, *Director of Advancement*, at allison@harborschool.org.



Campus Work Party painting team!

Big Thanks to Volunteers

Last Sunday, Harbor School held a campus work party on our main campus where over 30 volunteers showed up to lend a hand. A multitude of tasks were checked off our TO DO LIST for the start of school. Refrigerators were cleaned. Bathroom stalls painted. Ceiling tiles affixed. Weeds pulled. Picnic tables sanded. Floors scrubbed. The list goes on and on.

We'd like to thank the following for giving up a beautiful Sunday afternoon to lend some elbow grease:

- Alex and Amelia Archaro, and Terra Bourse-Archaro
- Ken Atkinson and Brian DeLoach
- Amy Baldinger
- Cary Bran
- Savannah Butcher
- Beatrice and Jessica Crouch
- Eric Frith, Holly Taylor and Will Frith
- Tony Furr, Michelle Cohen, Rebekah Furr & Abigail Furr
- Leda, Matt and Freddy Langley
- Indigo and Estelle Lewis
- Darryl, Bright and Lyra Shannon
- Scott Shawver, Atticus Spence and Delilah Spence
- Jason Staczek, Ellen Parker and Ivy Staczek
- Mark McGough
- Niamh Prince
- Allison Reid
- Lauretta Hyde
- Jackie and Oliver Mollison