

# CORNERSTONE

Newsletter for Harbor School & Carpe Diem Primary community

# news



## Calendar

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

## Trivia Night 2016!

THURS, OCT 13 at 6:30PM

What nationality was Chopin? Who lived at 221B, Baker Street, London? Which Spanish artist said he would eat his wife when she died? What year did Elvis Presley die? How many Oscars did Alfred Hitchcock win? What's the capital of Honduras? And what song does this line come from, "*And the papers want to know whose shirts you wear...*"?

**No - you are not allowed to google the answers!** But if you enjoy the fun of trying to figure them out, then you should join us for our first Trivia Night on **Thursday, October 13, 6:30PM** at Snapdragon.

Trivia Night is quite simply an opportunity to get together with other members of our school community, have a laugh, answer trivia and challenge for possession of the Harbor School Trivia Cup.

Come as a team of no more than 6 people or come on your own and we will happily assign you to a team on the night. The games begin before 7PM and should be done at about 9PM. Snapdragon owners Megan and Adam are willing to host the event as long as we promise to fill our cups and have a merry time.

Mark will be the *Emcee Extraordinaire* for the event and will be the sole adjudicator of correct answers. (*Oh dear, does he really get to wield all the power?!*) Join us if you can but be prepared to check your google device at the door!

**Trivia Night is for grown ups only** as we will be gathering in the adjoining bar rooms of Snapdragon's "Home Sweet Home." Get your babysitting lined up and make it your "date night!"

- Mark McGough





## High School Prep Class for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders

We have heard several of our 8<sup>th</sup> graders plan on applying to independent high schools for next year. These schools require standardized testing as part of the admission process. As there are limited options on-island to train and prepare for these tests, Harbor School will be offering an after-school class to provide orientation, strategy, and assistance with the ISEE and the SSAT.

ISEE is the *Independent School Entrance Examination* used for admission to private

schools. ISEE tests students on verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, reading comprehension and mathematics achievement. It also contains an unscored essay that is sent to schools as part of the admissions process. SSAT is a standardized test used by admission officers to assess the abilities of students seeking to enroll in an independent school. SSAT measures the basic verbal, math, and reading skills students need for successful performance in independent schools.

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 determined 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.

If you'd like to sign your child up for this course we will need to hear back from you no later than Thursday, October 17. We need a minimum of 3 students to sign-up to make the class worthwhile. If you know of other students outside of Harbor School who are interested, we would be happy to include them.

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

**To sign up, email Mark** at [mark@harborschool.org](mailto:mark@harborschool.org).

## Carpe Diem & Harbor School Community Apple Pressing & Potluck Hosted by parents Jen Lindsay & Rebecca Lanphear

We will press apples and make applesauce. We want to donate apple cider and applesauce to the IFCH (*Interfaith Council to Prevent Homelessness*) community meal program. Of course there will be plenty for you to take home too!

**WHEN: Sunday October 9 from 4-7PM**

**WHERE:** Jen Lindsay & Seth Zuckerman's house at 9431 Bank Road (*park on street*)

**WHAT TO BRING:** Bring apples! Bring a container if you want to take some cider home. Bring a potluck dish and bring your apple corer, peeler if you have one!

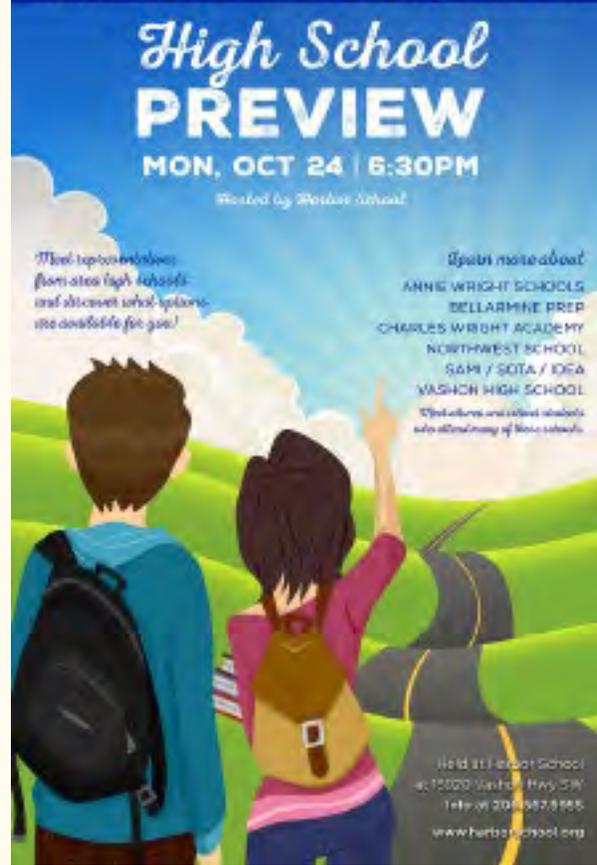
Rebecca spearheads one community meal a month and organizes gleaning food from local producers; donations get stored at her house and are used for community meals. Many in our school community have participated in the Gourmet Gleaners. Parent Erica Assink has organized cooking and growing food for the community meal with kids from Harbor School when she ran the garden elective.

We have collected many many apples from the abundant trees on this island.

Hope you will join us!

*Rebecca Alli Lanphear and Jen Lindsay*

WHICH HIGH SCHOOL IS RIGHT FOR YOU?



## SAVE THE DATE HIGH SCHOOL PREVIEW - Oct 24

Harbor School annually hosts a High School Preview event to showcase the many options available to our middle school students, both on and off the island. Admission representatives from area private schools are on hand as well as visiting staff from our local public high school. It's a great opportunity to find out about the admission process, gather information about tuition and financial aid, meet THS alumni who attend these schools and ask them about their commute, homework and school culture.

**This year's High School Preview is Monday, October 24 at 6:30PM** and will be held in Lauretta's classroom at Harbor School.

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!

# 2017 Voyagers Week

Voyagers Week takes place March 13 - 17. The following are this year's 2017 Voyagers Week Trip Offerings:

It is with enthusiasm and excitement that we launch our 15th year of Voyagers Week! Every year, students in Upper Elementary and Middle School get to participate in a week of educational, challenging and fun experiences that are built around themes and interesting locales. Our trip leaders are excited and eager to share their energy and expertise as they embark on these week-long adventures.

Voyagers Week is a vibrant component of our Travel Study program. Offerings vary from week-long overnight trips to day-oriented activities, and even a combination of day and night to suit the interest and comfort level every child. Some opportunities will be open to all grades, while others will be restricted by grade. Students pick their top 3 choices and our faculty then determines the travel roster. Some trips are popular and not all students will get their first choice; but rest assured, many of our most popular trips are on a 2-year cycle so there will likely be another opportunity in the future!

## The overarching goals of Voyagers Week are:

To provide students with a week-long set of experiences that could lead a child to develop a new lifelong interest or passion.

To provide an opportunity for teachers to share a passion of their own with Harbor School students, thereby strengthening the bonds of the student-to-teacher relationship.

To provide an opportunity for students to be with a teacher with whom they might not often spend time.

To provide the benefit of multiage groupings, thereby helping to create a stronger school community.

Once the trip assignments have been determined for each Voyagers Week opportunity, you will receive specific information about your child's trip from the trip leader. They will provide you with a detailed itinerary and final cost. As always, we strive to provide a wide range of choices and affordability. Costs: Families assume full cost (expenses for each offering will be divided by number of participants). All dollar amounts are preliminary.

We hope that this year's Voyagers Week proves to be inspirational and rewarding for all! Be sure your child returns the completed Sign-Up Form (*with your signature too!*) **by Friday, October 7.** Please don't hesitate to contact a trip leader if you have any questions.



## CULINARY PURSUITS

*with Erin Blaser & Carpe Diem Teacher*

What's Doris? Where can fish fly? Love food? Come spend the week journeying around the Sound on a culinary adventure. Enjoy time in the kitchen with professional chefs, introducing your tastebuds to new flavor sensations, time at a "fishy" Seattle market, and Theonly kind of tour that engages all of your senses (*at Theo Chocolate Factory*). All trips will run generally during normal school hours.

**All Grades | Cost: \$380 | School days, no overnights**

## SNOWSPORTS ADVENTURES!

*with Todd Wooster & Leslie Blair*

A six day trip to include downhill and cross country skiing, snowboarding and snowball fights! We'll spend a night in lodging near Mt Rainier, cross country ski up to the Copper Creek Hut on Mt. Tahoma for a night, and then make our way to White Pass for two days of downhill. This trip is open to all students of all abilities, and it's a longstanding Harbor School favorite.

**All Grades | Cost: \$585 | 6 Days (Departs Sunday)**



## HEY, HEY SANTE FE

*with Laretta Hyde & Alisara Martin*

This is a trip of contrasts. We will spend our time immersed in culture, art and nature that is vastly different from our own Pacific Northwest. We will experience the hues and views of Georgia O'Keefe, Willa Cather, and contemporary Native American artists. This is an active trip that has something for everyone: outdoor adventures, fine art workshops, and cultural appreciation activities. **Grades 6, 7 & 8 | Cost: \$1,200 | 6 Days**



## ANIMAL ADVENTURES!

*with Zoë Hughes & Russ Ray*

We'll visit **Cougar Mountain Zoo** with up-close guided tour featuring one of the best Tiger exhibits in the country. We'll take a **Whale Watching** trip on a Naturalist led boat tour of Puget Sound featuring Grey whales. We'll visit **Port Townsend Marine Science Center** for Marine Biologist-led Plankton Lab; Whale skeleton activities; and learn about starfish wasting disease from experts. Plus, the **Reptile Zoo** with a classroom visit by the Reptile Man! And finally, an overnight trip to small farm in Arlington featuring horses, a horse training arena; farm chores (*feeding goats, chickens, horses, collecting eggs, mucking stalls, brushing horses, and more*) and we will cook a giant meal together on the farm. Possible tent camping on a small island on the farm.

**All Grades | Cost: \$380 | 4 Days, 1 Overnight**



## DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY

*with Mark McGough, Ray Pfortner & Christine Beck*

Local professional photographers will team with Harbor School faculty to take students on a five-day photo adventure to Fort Worden near Port Townsend. Young photographers will spend the day shooting around the historic site and the port, learning all of the lessons of composition, exposure, framing, lighting, and other elements of basic and advanced photography. Renowned island artists Ray Pfortner and Christine Beck will lead this trip, along with our own Mark McGough. Nights and evenings will be spent on editing, formatting, and critiquing the photos of the day (*along with a possible night shoot or two!*). The trip will result in a showing of the kids' best works at an island venue in the Spring! **All Grades | Cost: \$575 | 5 Days (Requires Digital Camera with manual and charger cable)**



Carpe Diem students using leaves and experimenting in Art!

## Participate Today!

Harbor Fund Pledge Forms and online gifts are beginning to arrive in the school office. Thank you!!



**100%  
PARTICIPATION  
IS OUR GOAL**

We are grateful to all of you who have made a commitment to support our annual campaign - The Harbor Fund! Our goal this year is 100% participation from our trustees, faculty, staff and parents.

Your donations directly support the faculty, students and programs at Carpe Diem Primary and Harbor School - *you are making a difference!*

**15%**

*We grew 10%!!!!*

*5% last week (9/23)*

**DOWNLOAD PLEDGE FORM**

**DONATE ONLINE NOW**

## Save Your Thriftway Receipts

Thank you **Haley Odegard** for volunteering to be our Vashon Thriftway 1% program co-ordinator this year!

Vashon Thriftway generously donates 1% back to the school of all receipts we submit. Last year we raised \$2,000 through this great program. It is such an easy way for us to fundraise, and like all of our school's fundraising, allows us to enrich aspects of our school beyond tuition dollars!

Please remember to sign your receipts and add your mailing address or phone number. Return address stamps can be used instead of handwriting your name and address. We cannot submit receipts that do not have a name and/or phone number. Receipts dated past one year cannot be submitted and only Vashon Thriftway receipts are allowed!

Please drop your receipts off in the collection boxes. One is located outside the office at Harbor School and another is at Carpe Diem on the hallway table. If you have any questions, please contact [nprince@hARBORSCHOOL.ORG](mailto:nprince@hARBORSCHOOL.ORG).

### UPPER ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOL

## School Portraits by Linda Crayton

Proceeds Benefit The Harbor Fund

Hello Upper Elementary & Middle School Families,

I have had a great time getting to know your students as they looked into my lens! They are a really beautiful, goofy, diverse set of individuals!

All photos, including retakes, are uploaded to this gallery:

<https://lindacraytonphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/3211461>

PASSWORD: 2016HSP

Order by October 10th for 20% off. Promotion code: TAKE20.

As well, all order over \$50 include shipping.

I am happy to say we've set this up as a fundraiser! Starting this year 25% of the proceeds will go directly to Harbor School. As an active parent, I am allocating 100% of the profits towards the Harbor Fund as well.

You can contact me with any questions at 415.286.1286 or email at [Linda@lindacrayton.com](mailto:Linda@lindacrayton.com).

Most warmly, Linda (*Lisee's Mom*)

### CARPE DIEM PRIMARY PORTRAITS

## Marla Smith at Jumping Mouse

Island photographer Marla Smith will be returning to Carpe Diem Primary today to capture portraits at Jumping Mouse. Marla has also generously agreed to donate 25% of her portrait sales to Harbor School! Carpe Diem parents can expect gallery details in the coming week as Marla uploads her portraits for viewing and selection.

Big thank you to both Linda Crayton and Marla Smith for their support of the Harbor Fund and their beautiful skills in photography!



## New Playset Advice from Team Pizzazz

Team Pizzazz had a meaty discussion this week about our new play structure, namely the slide, and would love to share these guidelines for usage that they've come up with.

- 1) Feet first, one direction at a time, bodies only on slide
- 2) One person at a time on slide and ladder
- 3) Be cautious, safe, and aware of what's going on around you

How do they sound? They really deliberated and worked well together to take a gigantic list of ideas and filter them down into just three easy-to-understand rules.



## ABOUT MATH from Madame Blair

For the math program this year we have adopted the Singapore Math curriculum which follows the Common Core standards for the state of Washington. Singapore Math is known to be a vigorous curriculum offering both enrichment and remediation pieces. Course 2 by Prentice Hall is also being used as an intermediary text for students taking the traditional rather than the accelerated path offered with the three book series of Singapore Math for Middle School. With this adoption, the Harbor School math program becomes aligned K-8. I am looking forward to telling you more about it at our Middle School curriculum night next Tuesday.

### 6TH GRADE

**Level 6 (Math 6)** is well into Chapter 1: Whole Numbers. Topics in this chapter include Order of Operations, Factors and Multiples, and Properties of Multiplication and Division. Monday will be our last lesson in the chapter followed by a review and test on Wednesday.

### 7TH GRADE

**Course 2 (Math 7)** Mathematicians are buzzing through Chapter 1: Integers and Rational Numbers. Chapter 1 highlights include comparing, ordering, adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing integers and rational numbers. We are halfway through the chapter and are due for a review and test at the end of next week.

### 8TH GRADE

**Level 7 (Pre-Algebra)** had their first chapter test today. They completed Chapter 1: Factors and Multiples which highlighted Prime Factorization, Least Common Multiple, Greatest Common Factor, square and cube roots. Next week we begin Chapter 2: Real Numbers.



Team Pizzazz visiting Vashon Community Care

## Art Supplies Needed for Uweza Art Program

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class recently went on a short field trip to the Hardware Store Restaurant to see the artwork of Olivia Pendergast, who paints real people from the slums around Africa. This fall she is traveling to Kenya with her family to help an arts program for kids living in the largest slum in Kenya, called Kibera. The art program there is called **The Uweza Art Program**. Olivia intends to bring new school supplies to the kids in this program when she travels to Kenya later this year, in order to take an extra suitcase full of supplies to the kids she has to pay the \$175 fee for taking extra luggage with her. The Harbor School 8<sup>th</sup> grade and staff would like to inform all families about this, and propose raising money or donating supplies to help Olivia. - *Adela and Claire, grade 8*

If you would like to help donate art supplies, put on a bake sale or class party with our students to raise the \$175 needed, please let Mark know at [mark@harborschool.org](mailto:mark@harborschool.org).



Artist Olivia Pendergast in Kenya teaching art (above) and with our 8th graders this past week as they visited her latest exhibit on Vashon.