



Greenwood

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Intermediate Afterschool Study Club is going strong with approximately 20 students receiving additional support on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The additional time and support should help students continue to improve their academic skills.

Fourth and fifth grade students went to Islandwood last week from Monday thru Thursday and received an extraordinary experience in environmental science! A big thank you to the parent chaperones and intermediate staff for supporting this fantastic educational experience.

Many of you are aware that due to the tremendous state deficit, school districts across Washington will be significantly impacted. For Seattle schools, a deficit of \$45.5 million is projected for the 2010-11 school year. That being said, it is imperative that the Operations levy is approved by Seattle voters in February! This levy provides nearly 24 percent of the funding for educational programs and services for students and we need each and every dollar for students during these tough economic times.

We will receive our 2010-11 budget the second week of February and will need to finalize next year's budget plan by March 19. The financial forecast is bleak, however, students will continue to show up to our classrooms and we will teach them and teach them well.

New news.... Julie Keith, our half-time counselor, will take a leave of absence for the remainder of the year. As many of you know, Ms. Keith works at Greenwood and Hamilton Middle School. We wish Ms. Keith the best in her future endeavors and will miss her.

Please be sure your child eats breakfast at school or at home each day and that they read or are read to for at least 20 minutes each day. Communicate frequently with teachers and ensure that your child arrives to school promptly between 9:05-9:20 each day. The first bell rings at 9:20 and school begins at 9:25. I encourage all of you to help your child complete their reading and physical education log each month!

Sincerely,

Dr. Walter M. Trotter
Principal

The Fund Drive Update

The Fund Drive closed out 2009 in fine form and now sits at \$4200... we can beat our goal if every Greenwood family donates just \$15! A \$60 donation means you've done your part for your family and 3 others!

Please give what you can so the PTA can keep funding arts instruction, supplies and equipment for our teachers, classroom tutors, and more.

Send your check to "PTA Fund Drive" care of KidMail, or use the handy "Donate Now" button at www.greenwoodpta.org.

Thank you,
Steven Sterne, Fund Drive Chair

Share your ideas for Sandel Park's playground!

The Seattle Parks Levy is putting \$350,000 towards a new playground at Sandel Park. Share your family's favorite play features. The proposed theme is Pipers Creek Watershed. Check out the concept pictures and details at <http://tinyurl.com/SandelPark>. Contact 206-684-0998 or kelly.davidson@seattle.gov.

Did you know....

Greenwood Elementary School related voicemail notifications can be sent to non-custodial parents? If you would like to receive up to the minute school messages about events, early dismissals and days off, please contact the office and we will be sure to include you in our calls! 252-1400 or scdaley@seattleschools.org.

Seattle Public Theater at the Greenlake Bathhouse

Seattle Public Theater at the Greenlake Bathhouse offers mid-winter, spring, and summer drama opportunities for kids of all ages. Fun, exciting, and inclusive! Put on a show, learn valuable acting and life skills, work as a team, and expand your horizons in a fun and supportive environment! Upcoming shows include "The Witches", "The Wizard of Oz", and "Sherlock Holmes". Technical internships for those interested in working behind the scenes! Financial aid available for all in need. More information at www.seattlepublictheater.org or 206-523-1370.

Audition for the NW Boy Choir

NW Boy Choir auditions will be held on February 6, 2010. Auditions are open to boys 6 to 9 years of age. No previous musical training is required. Auditions are by appointment.

Audition appointments are scheduled through the Northwest Choirs office. If you are interested, please contact us by phone at (206) 524-3234 or by email: nwc@northwestchoirs.org.

Auditions are private and low-key, designed to make those auditioning feel comfortable and relaxed. Auditions are about 15 minutes long, and parents are strongly encouraged to be present.

Those auditioning are asked to prepare a song of their own choice, which will demonstrate voice quality and sense of pitch. The song can be as simple as Happy Birthday, or a familiar holiday carol. A member of the music staff will then take the auditioning boy through a series of music drills to establish a sense of the boy's musical aptitude. The remainder of the audition is spent in conversation with the boy and family to establish a sense of character and potential commitment.

Auditions may take place over several days. When all auditions are completed, the music staff evaluates the candidates to determine status. Results of the auditions are mailed to each family. New classes begin each September and February.

Mark Your Calendars

1/21	PTA Meeting, 7:00PM
1/28	Last Day of the Semester
1/29	NO SCHOOL - Day between Semesters
2/3	<i>Two Hour early Dismissal</i>
2/8	National African American Parent Involvement Day