

PAES POSTSCRIPT

March 2010

As you receive this newsletter we will be three weeks away from spring break time. Our students have been looking forward to that for awhile. It seems the winter quarter is a long one, at least it feels that way. However, much has happened during the quarter.

Dr. Betsy Geddes

On a very important note, I do want to make reference to the Love and Logic workshop with Dr. Betsy Geddes on the evening of March 4. Please see the enclosed brochure advertising this event. Dr. Geddes is a well known speaker on Love and Logic philosophies of discipline. You will not want to miss her presentation. She is excellent.

Pennies for Patients

During the latter part of January and first part of February, our students have conscientiously worked to bring in funds to support the Pennies for Patients fundraiser in support of children with leukemia and lymphoma. I am very proud of our students. They have actually raised more money than any other previous year that we have done this. The total brought in to date is \$2053.41. Thank you parents, children and family members, for supporting this very worthwhile cause. Our children gain a valuable experience in helping other children who are experiencing significant health problems. These funds help to make a real difference in the lives of children suffering from this disease.

Re-Registration

As we advance into the month of March, you will shortly be receiving from PAES,

an envelope with re-registration materials for next school year. I would appreciate it if you would complete these and return them to the office as soon as possible. These documents are extremely important to us in helping to determine our program for next year, the staffing patterns that we implement and the purchases that we make in support of the next year. If you are uncertain of your status for next year, please so indicate on the form provided. We will contact you at a later date for further clarification. We ask that these forms be returned to the school by Wednesday, March 17. All students who have their forms in by that date will receive two pieces of free pizza on Friday, March 19.

Curriculum Fair/Talent Show

Another important event for us in March is the Curriculum fair/Student talent show March 18, 5:30-7:00pm. At this time, we will have teacher educational displays set out in the gymnasium. There will be opportunities for you to talk with your children's current teachers and speak with others who might be your children's teacher next year. You will be able to explore and talk about the curriculum changes for next year so that you have a better understanding of the educational program ahead of your children. During the curriculum fair, individual student performers, as well as various school music groups, will provide entertainment throughout the evening. A schedule of events will be posted that evening. Dinners are available for purchase from Chef Terrance Baldwin during the curriculum fair. Please plan on joining us then so that we can share together.

Spring Week Spiritual Emphasis

I look forward very much to our spring week of spiritual emphasis, March 29-April 2. At that time, I have invited a special friend and pastor, Bob McGhee, from Ohio, to come and spend the week with us and minister to our children in daily morning devotional times. Bob is a special pastor who connects easily with people and I know he will stimulate our children’s thinking and provide an enjoyable experience.

Water Quality

From time to time I am asked by parents a question regarding the quality of our water supply in school. I occasionally have the Portland Water Bureau test our water to give me an updated report on the status of the water that your children are drinking. I am pleased to report to you that our lead concentration for our water sample submitted was well below the EPA action level of 15 parts per billion. In fact, the lead level in our sample registered at less than 1 part per billion. We are pleased with this report, and trust that this will be of interest to you in knowing that the water quality in our school is maintained at a high standard level.

Front Door Security System

The front door security measures implemented at the beginning of January seem to be working well. The installation is complete in its various component parts. We are pleased with it in the office. A large number of parents I have spoken with have expressed pleasure in the additional security afforded for their children. I trust that this reflects school-wide satisfaction with our system.

P/T Conferences

I would like to remind you that with the upcoming spring break we end our third quarter and shortly thereafter, our second parent/teacher conference for the year will occur. Please mark Thursday, April 8th on your calendar as an important date to remember. Teachers will be communicating specific appointment times to you in the near future.

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>	
March 4	12:30 Dismissal Dr. Betsy Geddes 7:00p-9:00p
March 18	12:30 Dismissal Curriculum Fair 5:30p-7:00p
March 22-26	Spring Break