



SCHOOL NEWS FROM SALLY - January 2017



I hope that everyone enjoyed the winter break. I know the children (and parents too!) will be glad to be back at school and to see and play with their friends. It was fun seeing a little snow during the holidays. Our last snow made us aware that our website format is an old one and that it is not "phone friendly." Updating it will be a work in progress and most likely not done before the next snow flurries! In the meantime, I will alert teachers by 7:00 am to any schedule changes and they in turn will send out an email.

January is an all school literature month, a time to read all those wonderful stories that children love to hear and sometime act out. January is a great time to get reacquainted with your local library and enjoy some of their special story times.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PARENT MEETINGS, JANUARY 11 & 12 FOR 3'S MOVING TO 4'S. I will hold a brief meeting in the sanctuary with parents of threes moving into fours classes **15 minutes prior to pick-up on January 11th (M/W A&B classes) and January 12th (T/THAM and M/T/TH PM classes).** This will give parents an opportunity to ask questions prior to registering. Registration is a complex process with many variables being considered. I **STRONGLY** urge you to attend this meeting so that you will understand the process and not be surprised by your child's class placement.

Attached to the newsletter is an alumni registration form for 3's moving to 4's or into the three/four split as well as an explanation of how registration requests are prioritized. If you have a child moving from 4's to TK please see the office staff for a form. Alumni 3's forms are on line via the website.

KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION PARENT EVENT: January 17, 2017, 6:30 - 7:30pm. Over the next two years, all school districts will move to offering full day kindergarten only (no more half day). We invite you to join us for a presentation by a kindergarten teacher from the Lake Washington School district. She will be discussing full day kindergarten and the expectations for children both academically and socially. This is an adult only event.

PLAYGROUND UPGRADES: After much research it was decided it would be best not to replace the monkey bars, but go a different direction and purchase items that could be used by all the children. Late January or early February we will be installing a climbing dome and a rock tunnel. Preparation was done during the school closure to get ready for installation.

UPCOMING DATES:

January 11 & 12: Parent Meetings for 3's moving to 4's in the church Sanctuary
(Please come 15 minutes prior to pick-up)

January 16: Martin Luther King Day - No School

January 17: Kindergarten Information Evening - 6:30- 7:30 (adults only)

January 17 - 27: Alumni Registration for 2017-2018 school year

February 1-3: Class placement notification for 2017-18 delivered to current families

February 20 - 24: Mid-Winter Break - No School - **PLEASE NOTE:** We take Northshore's mid-winter break and Lake Washington's spring break.



On behalf of the entire staff thank you for all the sweet gifts given to us by such very generous families. These small acts are so very much appreciated by all of us. The children love being outside rain or shine so please dress them warmly. The staff and I wish you the best in the New Year!

- **Sally**

PLEASE SEE THE ATTACHED SHEETS FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION