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the last month of autumn, but the beginning of a new adventure; time to take risks and do the unexpected

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If you can dream it, you can do it.
A Note from the Principal:

A huge thank you to Tom Victory and his team for a fabulously successful Spooky Spaghetti night! I have worked in education for 10+ years and have never had the opportunity to be a part of something so unique and special. They transformed our school into a spooktacular 5 star dining experience for our students and their families. Everywhere I looked I saw kids grinning from ear to ear! Over 900 meals were served and more than 900 memories were made. Thank you to everyone involved in the event!

The weather is getting colder and wetter! Please send your child with appropriate outdoor gear for recess. It is very important for our students to get fresh air; release energy and play with other students in their grade level... even if it’s raining.

Monday November 10th- please remind your child to wear RED, WHITE and BLUE to honor all Veterans who have nobly served our amazing country.

Thank you!
Mandy

A Note from the Nurse:

Vision & Hearing Screening

A huge thank-you goes out to all the parent volunteers: Susan Hansen, Kimberly Ridenour, Katherine Welty, Heidi Stretz, Galit Scandrett, Erin O’Connor, Kris Pottsmith, Josi Beck, Kathryn Cowan, Julie Polkinghorn, Julie Mickey, Jen Bullock, Xuenia Gao, Colette Dow, Annie Lee, Sue Junker, Francine Johnson, Kokila Mody, Sarah Riden, Kelly Rogers, Sandra Curlander, Lorraine Panek, Patty Thieme, Angela Quan, Arden Kagetsu, Jeri Cress, Stephanie Su, Cindy Hickler, and Rachelle Meredith who made the 2014 Vision/Hearing Screening a huge success! You all worked so hard and everything flowed so smoothly. Special thanks to the amazing women who worked a double shift and and my vision/hearing coordinator Susan Hansen who gathered all the volunteers and also worked a double shift!
In November, I will be in the process of re-screening anyone who did not pass the school screening or may have been absent during the screening. After being re-screened, if your child still does not pass either the vision or hearing portion of the test, you will receive a letter from me.

Parents, as required by state law, students in the Issaquah School District have their vision screened annually in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade, 5th grade and 7th grade. This is a mass school screening test for distance vision only. It does not measure the eye health, eye movement control, focusing ability, or how well the eyes work together. Just as you would bring your child to the dentist/doctor, I would encourage you to bring your child to an eye doctor. If you do not have vision insurance and feel this is a huge burden on your family, please feel free to contact me for possible resources. Thank-you for sharing your children with Sunset Elementary!

Important Dates:

- **Dads at Recess – November 7th**
  - Please be sure to park only on the pavement, as our grassy areas have sprinkler systems that could get damaged. Thank you so much.
- **Monday Nov. 10th Wear RED, WHITE and BLUE**
- **PTA General Membership Meeting – November 10th**
- **Veterans Day Assembly – November 10th at 2:40 PM**
  - Please join us for our annual Veterans Day Assembly. We invite all veterans to wear their uniforms or regalia if they choose. We look forward to honoring you and your service to our nation.
- **No School – November 11th**
- **Report Cards go home November 26th**
- **Thanksgiving Break November 27th, 28th**
- **Conference dates are December 3rd or 4th:**
  - Scheduling your child’s conference will be done online this year from October 27- November 20. Contact your child’s teacher if you have any questions.
- **FLASH (Family Life and Sexual Health Curriculum for 5th graders)**
- **Preview Dates of the Curriculum:**
  - Thursday, December 11, 2014  6:00 – 7:30 PM or
  - Saturday, December 13, 2014  9:00 – 10:30 PM
  - Issaquah SD Administration Boardroom

Sunset News will be sent out on the following dates:

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Other Important Information:

**Announcing the First Ever Sunset PTA Halloween Candy Drive for our Troops!**

Please have your child bring their unopened Halloween candy to school on Friday, November 7th.

**HELP WANTED:**
Sunset Yearbook Committee Members and photographers

Please contact Helen Ting by email: hging725@gmail.com or text 206-294-9357 if you are interested in helping with this year's yearbook.

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Learning is Fun at Sunset!
PTA Information:
PTA Co-Presidents: Risa Garrett & Dee Reiff

Fall is officially here! The weather has changed and if you’re at all like my family, finally getting settled into school routines. October was a great month for Sunset and the PTA. We have been busy kicking off key enrichment programs that are funded by the PTA including Eager Reader, the Art Docent Program and Reflections all the while finding time to give to those less fortunate and have fun! Thank you to all the volunteers that are making these programs and events happen so seamlessly.

Many of you attended Spooky Spaghetti which is an event that has been a long time Sunset Elementary PTA tradition and is loved by kids and adults alike. Spooky is particularly special because of the number of Dad volunteers that make it all happen. This year we had 81 Dad’s (and lots of Mom’s behind the scenes) helping decorate, cook, serve, clean up, and entertain over 900 guests. Besides eating 100 pounds of pasta, Sunset families generously donated non-perishable food for the Sunset ASB Food Drive that kicks off this month and will be delivered to the Issaquah Food Bank. In addition to food, 56 new and used coats were generously donated by Sunset families this month. The PTA Coat Drive & Sunset ASB Food Drive are great ways for us to partner with the Issaquah Food Bank and together help families in need in our greater community.

Our next PTA General Meeting is on November 10th at 9:30am and we’d love to have you join us. Come have a cup of coffee and learn about all the different ways the PTA is benefiting families and students at Sunset. If you aren’t able to attend a meeting, you can always find our monthly General Meeting minutes and financial reports on our website.

We hope that you had a fun and safe Halloween, and that your kids take advantage of another way to “give back” by setting aside some of their candy for the “Sunset PTA Halloween Candy Drive for our Troops” on Friday November 7th.

Sincerely,

Risa Garrett – President & Dee Reiff – Vice President

Click below to the PTA webpage. Look for information regarding membership, upcoming events, spirit wear purchases, etc.

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Sunset News

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended the Back to School BBQ at the end of September! Special thanks to Kari Mattson and Liza Lee for co-chairing this event, with help from the following volunteers: Leslie Banic, Kristin Bendt, Abigail Blastos, Karin Daar, Leslie Gilbert, Eric Lee, Tori McBride, Rachelle Meredith, Erin O'Connor, Krista Palmquist, Kristi Raymond, Julie Rezek, Nuru Tuku and Feihua Yang.

PTA Reflections Reception

Please join us at the PTA Reflections Reception – Thursday, November 6, 6:45pm - 7:45pm @ Sunset MPR. The beautiful Reflections projects that our students have submitted will be on display. All Sunset families are invited to drop by and view the entries. Finalists will be announced at 7:00pm, with light refreshments afterwards. Thank you to all our hard working participants!

Thank you to everyone who came to the 9th annual PTA Spooky Spaghetti Night & Food Drive. It was an incredible evening and was our most highly-attended Spooky event to-date – a staggering 902 dinners were sold (that's 113 more than last year!). To put that in perspective, that's... 100 pounds of pasta, 80 pounds of salad, 1,008 dinners, 328 cartons of milk, 384 bottles of water, 30 pounds of candy and spider rings, and 600 sugar cookies!

With the help of our decorating crew, the school was easily transformed into a fun, yet slightly eerie and mystical playground. Throughout the night, we witnessed 78 dads (and one granddad, Jeff Houck) enjoying themselves as much as their kids did. From the spooky hallway to the incredible pasta feed, from the Dare box to throwing a rat into a toilet, from throwing a ball at Sponge Bob to dancing the YMCA, it was a safe night filled with laughter and joy. From that point we consider it a huge success.
Thanks to our Generous Donors!
This night simply could not have happened without the generous donations from the following organizations:

- Matthew’s Thriftway in Lakemont
- Merlino Foods (Jeff and Sonja Biesold)
- Pearl Restaurant (Mikel and Kelly Rogers)
- QFC on Gilman

Next time you visit Matthew’s Thriftway, be sure to thank them for donating all 600 sugar cookies, which our little monsters quickly gobbled up! You can also thank QFC for their generous gift card donation. And to the Biesold and Rogers families – thank you for your wonderful donations of food and continued support over the years!

Supporting our Greater Community
While Spooky Spaghetti Night continues to be a wonderful experience for our school and families, it also supports our greater community. Monday following the event, Tom Victory, Jason Houck and Jen Newell hand-delivered a portion of our meal to the 65 homeless men and women at Tent City 4 in Redmond, including pasta, rolls, milk, water and salad. Thanks to generous donations, our Sunset Student Council also got an amazing kick-start to their Annual Food Drive. We filled crate after crate with non-perishable food which will be donated to the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank.
Thanks to our decorating crew!

A huge "Thank You" to all of you who helped decorate throughout the school. We appreciated your help and your willingness to jump in and transform Sunset into a "spooktacular" setting. We hope we’re not missing anyone!

Josi Beck, Brian & Suzie Boehl, Ashley Cayce, Sooyoung Choi, Lisa & Steve Dagg, Melissa Delacruz, Leslie Gilbert, Sean Gilmour,
Lori Hawk, Cindy Hickler, Erin Knirk, Peter Li, Marie-Christine Longo, Abby & Ruby May, Sumaira Memon, Julie Mickey,
Grace & Olivia Newell, Anjuman Nyman, Tessa Pardon, Darren Patillo, Dee Reiff, Ryan Riden, Sarah Riden, and Feihua Yang

Thanks to the amazing Tonys & Vinnies! (Dads)

And a special thank you to all of the amazing dads who greeted our families, worked in the kitchen, served food to the masses, ran games in the game room, danced with the kids, set up and decorated the MPR, and cleaned up after all the mayhem. Thank you for your help in making the evening so special!

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Interested in Helping Next Year?
Our decorating/marketing team is moving on after five years of fun, so if you are interested in chairing the decoration, marketing and behind the scenes RSVP tracking for next year, please contact Jen Newell or Allison May.

So for now, "Grazie" and "Arrivederci,"
Jason Houck, Jeff Biesold, Mikel Rogers, Allison May, Jen Newell and Tom Victory

SUNSET ROCKS UPDATES:

SUNSET ROCKS – SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2015

Book your babysitters now! Don’t miss Sunset’s event of the year, our biennial fundraising dinner and auction to be held February 28th the Meydenbauer Center.

GET MORE EVENT INFORMATION ONLINE: Check out our auction website, located on the Sunset PTA website. Here you will find information on volunteering, procurement ideas, and how to donate. We will continue to add new information to the site as we march toward the event—including event details and frequently asked questions—so be sure to bookmark!

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS: The entire fundraising team would like to send a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has signed up to volunteer so far! We are, however, still in need of volunteers for things like classroom projects (read more on that below), and the multimedia presentation. The multimedia presentation volunteer would need to take digital photos of all live auction items, create a PowerPoint presentation to show each item in the order in which they will be auctioned off, and work with the Meydenbauer Center staff ahead of time to set up and ensure a trouble-free presentation. If you’re interested in doing the multimedia presentation, please contact Risa Garrett.
PROCUREMENT TEAM IS HARD AT WORK

Thanks to a great team that has been hard at work procuring auction items, we have some exciting items that will be auctioned off including:

- Chef’s table wine dinner for eight at Pearl Bar & Dining
- Round of 18 and lunch for three (plus your host member) at Aldarra Golf Club
- FIFA Women's World Cup package for the 2015 FIFA Women’s World Cup in Vancouver, B.C., Canada
- Ocean Shores restaurant and hotel package
- Xbox games party at Microsoft
- Adult night out / party at the home of Arden and Craig Kagetsu (theme TBD)
- Tutoring Club in Issaquah

There are so many creative ideas – cooking lessons, airline miles, hosted parties, gift baskets and more. Talk with your friends, your neighbors, or other parents in your kids’ classes. Together we can offer some desirable events, experiences and more. **What do you want to bid on during the live auction? Send us your wish list!**

Send your wish list ideas or questions to Procurement Leads, Shannon Lampman or Heather Bissmeyer. You can donate an item now by completing this [procurement form](#) and turning into the office.

**NOTE: Many of you have verbally committed to some wonderful items, but we need your procurement forms.** Please send them to school with your child, or turn them into the office so we can add your items to our ever-growing list!

CLASSROOM PROJECTS – HELP NEEDED!

Each classroom will have the opportunity to create a unique, one-of-a-kind piece of art which will be included as part of the live auction at SUNSET ROCKS. These projects are always popular sellers because they showcase our children and their artistic abilities. In order to produce these masterpieces, each class needs to appoint a classroom project coordinator to work with the students and the teacher. **Mr. Merrill’s 5th grade class is still in need of a project coordinator.**

Not creative? No worries...! We have an abundance of resources; books of pictures and descriptions of past projects that you can look through to make a creative and sentimental piece of art. If you are interested in helping as a project coordinator, please contact [Lynda Corcoran](#) as soon as possible. Thank you!
THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:

★ Jeremy Paget of MHUSA and Frank Marcus of E&J Gallo
★ Craig & Arden Kagetsu and Midway Chiropractic
★ Tony & Leslie Banic and Banic Chiropractic & Massage
★ Rob & Rachelle Meredith and Averro Technology & Business Solutions
★ Josh & Erin O’Connor and Sound Publishing, Inc.
★ Paul & Kari Grutzner and ClearPoint Financial
★ Egger Orthodontics
★ Julie Polkinghorn and Windermere
★ Lake Hills Orthodontics

Below is a great way to get involved and support your child with literacy!

An Evening with Matt Glover

Monday, November 17, 2014
6:30—8:00pm
Issaquah School District Administration Building
565 Northwest Holly Street
Boardrooms

K-5 Parents:

✔ Do you want to instill a love of writing in your child?
✔ Do you want to be able to help your child with their work?
✔ Do you want to know how to support your child in writing?

Join Matt and learn about his engaging practices!

Matt Glover, a former teacher, principal and current educational consultant, returns to Issaquah to present tips on how to best support your child in writing.

He is the author of the following texts:
Already Ready
Engaging Young Writers
Projecting Possibilities for Writers

Thank you to the Issaquah Schools Foundation for bringing Matt Glover to Issaquah!