



Words from the Library

Spring, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

How time flies. It has been a pleasure teaching your children about literature and information skills. Yes, it's almost the end of the school year, and with that there will be time for family, fun, vacations, and reading!!

New Books! – Thank You!

Thanks to the PTSA sponsored Gift-A-Book Program, we received about 75 new books in our library this year. Each new book has a book plate on the inside cover. Thank you to Kathy Nolan for organizing this program. We would like to thank all the families who donated. I know these books will be enjoyed for many years.

Book Fair Proceeds

The proceeds from the PTSA fall book fair allowed the library to purchase many new library materials! With those funds, we purchased books which included the Horrible Harry series, the Mallory series, the Capital Mysteries, the Commander Toad series, the Defending the Nation series, the Million Dollar series, the Sly the Sleuth series, the Allie Finkle series, more books in the Who Was . . . biography series, craft books, and LOTS more. Connie Wong, who organized both book fairs, deserves a giant “thank you” as do the volunteers that worked the fairs.

Book Club

The book club will celebrate the end of the year party on May 29th. Students read three novels this year, *Ida B.*, *and her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster, and (Possibly) Save the World*, *Archer's Quest*, and *Rules*. Students enjoyed the discussions and activities.

KCLS Summer Program

The King County Children's Librarian, Linda Ernst, from the Newport Library will be here to talk with our students on June 4th about the summer reading program. This program is a great way to encourage kids to read during the summer. The library also puts on several great events that are educational and entertaining.

End of the Year Dates

Students will continue to visit the library until the end of the year. The last day for check out is May 29th. All library materials are due on **June 5th**. Inventory will be occurring after June 8th. Patrons who have lost an item are responsible for paying for the item before the end of the year. If an item is not paid for, that child's report card will be held. Missing items usually show up, so please look in your child's backpack, classroom, in the car, under the bed, on the book shelves at home, etc.

Summer Reading

If you are looking for some summer reading recommendations for your child, this website includes a variety of titles.

<http://www.haisln.org/recommendedreadinglists.html>

Another place to look is on our own King County Public Library website. They list books by grade level and show the covers of these books.

<http://www.kcls.org/goodreads1/kids/index.cfm>

Help Wanted!

It's that time of the year. An essential library task which occurs in the library in June is inventory. This process involves collecting all library materials, checking each shelf to correct the shelf order, scanning each library item, and then responding to the computer generated reports. If you would like to help with this process, I would appreciate it immensely. Please fill out the form below and send in with your child or call or e-mail me.

The volunteers who have helped to keep our library running smoothly have been incredible! Thank you!

Enjoy a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

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Library Volunteer Form

Name: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Teacher: _____

Phone number to be reached during the day: _____

The days printed in bold are the days we will need the most help.

I would like to help with inventory. I am available on:

_____ Tuesday, June 9th. I'm available from _____ to _____.

_____ **Wednesday, June 10th. I'm available from _____ to _____.**

_____ **Thursday, June 11th. I'm available from _____ to _____.**

_____ **Friday, June 12th. I'm available from _____ to _____.**

_____ Monday, June 15th. I'm available from _____ to _____.