

# Fairview Christian School & Child Center "Eagle News"

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2011-2012 School Year Theme Verse:

"...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint..."

Isaiah 40:31 (NIV)



## Spirit Day TOMORROW—College Day

### Picture Re-takes—FRIDAY

Friday Yuen Lui will be here to take re-takes for those that need them or who missed the first picture day. If you wish to have your child's pictures retaken please send them with the package that went home with them.

### Marketing Committee report

The marketing committee is looking to expand Fairview's presence on the Internet. Please help us by entering a review for our school on USACHurch.com. So far we only have one review. You can also help by rating us on Yelp.com. December, January, and February are the months when we have a large increase of views of our profile. People will be searching us out on the Internet in the next few months! Thanks for spreading the word of our great school!

### Lost and Found

Starting this week all the items in the lost and found closet will be placed on a table in the main hallway. Please check this table to see if you can find any of your child's lost items. Items left after November 24 may be donated to charity.



### A big Thank You!

Thanks to all who participated in the Landscaping Clean Up last Saturday. We had volunteers from the church and the school, and even a few kids pitched in. With your hard work, we filled up the 2-yard recycling dumpster, hauled away a truckload of vines and leaves, and even had a large garbage can full of leaves that couldn't fit. We hope to have even more join us in the Spring for another yard work session!

### Canned Food Drive

Local Food Banks are expecting to have a harder time feeding the poor this winter, and so we are conducting a canned food drive. There are collection bins in the main hallway and by the parking lot entrance. On Sunday, November 20, the Fairview Church will provide a Baked Potato Lunch with all the toppings to end the food drive. Should you and your family like to participate, please contact our office to indicate the number in your party; and please bring a dessert to share. We will pray a blessing over all of the food collected and then send it off to the Union Gospel Mission of Seattle. Clothing donations will be donated to the thrift store for the Cross Church.



### What's your Story?

The FCS website blog needs *your* stories and testimonies! Please share those small evidences of God's grace in your life or in the lives of our students as a result of being a part of Fairview Christian School. Not a writer? Start by answering this simple question: What is one aspect of Fairview Christian School you are most thankful for and why? Please send your response and any pictures for the blog to [submitarticle@fcsseattle.org](mailto:submitarticle@fcsseattle.org). Thanks for sharing!

### Calendar Highlights

- 11/18—Picture re-takes
- 11/18—Awards Chapel
- 11/21—Noon Dismissal
- 11/22—Noon Dismissal
- 11/23—Noon Dismissal
- 11/24—Thanksgiving—No School
- 11/25—Thanksgiving Break
- 12/2—Christmas Carol
- 12/3—Christmas Carol
- 12/4—Christmas Carol
- 12/12—Child Center—K Christmas Program
- 12/15—1st-8th Christmas Program





**Showings**  
 December 2 at 6:30p  
 December 3 at 6:30p  
 December 4 at 2:00p

**Location**  
 Fairview Auditorium

**Cost**  
 \$5/person  
 Tickets available in the office

*Proceeds to benefit the general fund for Children of Promise,  
 a child sponsorship ministry.*

## Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent/Teacher Conferences (grades K-8) are November 21–23. Please be sure to sign up. Sign-up sheets are available in the main hallway.



## See's Fundraiser CANDIES

A 2011 See's Candies' Winter Pre-Sell Flyer went home today. This is an ongoing middle school fundraiser to help offset the costs of some of their field trips. Orders are due back into the office by December 7.

## from the West Wing

Every Saturday morning my husband and I join three friends at our local Starbucks for morning coffee. We have been doing this for many years now. Through the years we have shared lots of laughs, some tears, and opinions on the Mariners, Seahawks, and Huskies. Usually at this time of the year, we begin talking about what each of us will be doing for Thanksgiving; what new recipes we will try, who is going to bring what to each one's family get together. Eventually the conversation inevitably turns to the idea of Thanksgiving being a forgotten holiday. This topic usually comes up with the first Christmas carol that is played and we always ask why there aren't more Thanksgiving carols. Of course, we've never settled the question, but the whole discussion has become a light-hearted "Thanksgiving Tradition" for this group of friends. This year I came across this short devotional.

*"Sandwiched somewhere between Halloween and Christmas is a Thursday holiday that is slowly becoming more miniscule in the minds of millions of Americans - Thanksgiving. If you search hard, you might find one small section of Thanksgiving cards, autumn decorations, and a turkey platter amid the aisles and miles of Halloween costumes, Christmas decorations, and toys.*

*For some, Thanksgiving is a day to get a list together prior to a day of marathon Christmas shopping. Somehow our perception of Thanksgiving Day has gone askew. We've forgotten the reason for celebration that first Thanksgiving. Gratitude for survival!*

*Historically we think of Thanksgiving as a time of feasting for the Pilgrims and Indians. In the fall of 1621, the Pilgrims had been in America less than a year. During those months, over half their original population died from disease or starvation. The Pilgrims hosted the first feast not to try out their latest recipes, but to celebrate life with their Indian friends and give thanks to God for His provision in difficult circumstances.*

*Perhaps you'd like to redirect your family toward gratitude this year. Just as many enlist the help of an advent wreath to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth in December, focus on thanks-giving this November by doing the following:*

*Write Bible verses that name the attributes of God on fruit-shaped cut-outs. Place them in a basket or cornucopia. During a time of family devotions or at a meal, have each family member select a fruit from the basket and read the verse aloud. Then discuss ways your family has experienced each of God's*

*qualities.*

*Think about reasons for ingratitude. Most of us are incredibly blessed, yet we find reasons to complain. This week, any time family members complain about something, have them place money in a jar. Your family can decide the amount. Then at the end of the week, donate the money to the soup kitchen or mobile meals to help with Thanksgiving meals.*

*Think of someone you love and appreciate, but rarely see. Make plans to call, send a card, or visit that person. Find out if there is a special need, pray with the person, and provide materially or with an act of service.*

*Focus on praising God. Let each family member select a praise chorus or hymn. Sing a different one at each meal instead of saying a blessing. Thank God for material provision, physical health, spiritual blessings, our country, our church, and family.*

*These are just a few ideas to help you get started. Use your creativity to come up with others and enjoy making Thanksgiving a holiday to remember."*

I liked the thoughts the author, Candy Arrington, shared. Perhaps there is something there for your family as well.

Blessings, Mrs. West

*"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord . . ."*  
 Psalm 92:1a KJV