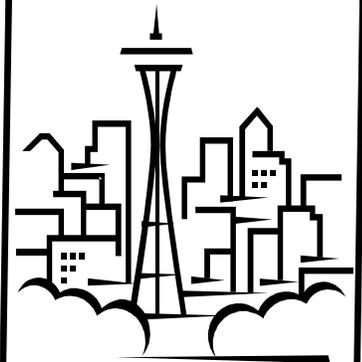


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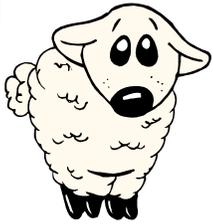
2010-2011 School Year Theme Verse:

*"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe."*

*Proverbs 18:10 (NIV)*



### Spring Program



Our Kindergarten–4th grade Spring Program will be held on March 17 at 7p in our Auditorium. This year the students will be presenting a program entitled *"The Lost Sheep."* Please be sure to mark this date on your calendar. (Parents of K–4th grade children: please be sure to have your child in their classroom by 6:45p the evening of the performance, and please bring a plate of cookies to share. Thank you!)

### Box Tops for Education

The Box Tops for Education collection contest ended Friday. The winning class was the PS-Pre-K classes. They have earned an ice cream party. As a school we collected 1741 box tops which translates into a \$174.10 check for the school. We didn't make our goal of 2000, but we got close so we have decided to have a popcorn party for all the kids on March 17. Thanks to everyone who turn in box tops and keep collecting them for our next contest in the fall!



### Jump Rope for Heart

Thanks to everyone who donated for the Jump Rope for Heart event. Over \$500 was raised for the American Heart Association. Erica Smatlak and Jeff Madsen jumped the longest during the assembly on Monday. Congratulations everyone, great job!



### Training Camp Lock-In 2011

All 6th–8th graders are invited to attend the youth Lock-in event at the Edmonds Church of God, a sister church to Fairview. The pastor is Bob McGuire (husband to Kindergarten teacher Mrs. McGuire)! This will be a fun all-night party with music, games, tons of food and a surprise destination. This event begins Friday, March 11, at 7p and ends Saturday, March 12 at 7a. Cost is \$30 or register and pay by March 10th and the cost will be only \$25. Registration forms are available in the office.

### PTF News / Parent Reminders

- Spring Plant Sale! PTF is planning a plant sale for later this spring. We are going to have the kids plant sunflowers, and then we'll have them available for sale at the end of April/beginning of May. Save some room in your garden! We have a crate at the top of the stairs to collect your extra 4" pots, and we will also gladly accept donations of potting soil. If you have any questions, you can email Tori at [torir2@juno.com](mailto:torir2@juno.com) or Jennifer at [jenlaible@gmail.com](mailto:jenlaible@gmail.com). Thank you!
- The K-4 Spring Program is only weeks away! Please remember to bring a plate of cookies to share at the reception after the performance!
- Science Fair/Spaghetti Dinner is also rapidly approaching! Mark your calendars for March 31 and plan to join us for dinner and then the Science Fair!
- Coming during Science Fair week: WINDY SCIENCE! Details will blow in as the month goes on!
- The next PTF meeting will be **April 12!** We hope to see some new faces!
- We are looking for donations of plastic spoons and forks for the lunch room.

### Calendar Highlights

- 3/17–Elementary Spring Program K-4
- 3/17–Spirit Day St. Patrick's Day, wear green
- 3/18–ACSI Speech Meet
- 3/31–Science Fair and Spaghetti Dinner



## Awards Chapel



Honor Roll



Honor Roll with Distinction



Soaring Eagles

### Newsletter Submittal

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### from the West Wing

I've been pondering once again in recent days some strategies that I've learned over the years in helping children become responsible children and adults. I came across an article on helping kids learn to think and how we as adults can help them. Allow me to share part of it with you.

How can we make sure that our kids are doing their fair share of the thinking? How can we keep ourselves from getting pulled into working harder on their lives than they are? How can we help them become prepared for a world full of decisions and consequences?

#### **Replace statements with questions.**

Some of the most powerful moments come when we empower kids by asking them what they plan to do about various situations instead of telling them what they need to do. The implied message we send says, "You are smart. You can come up with the answer."

On top of that, the human brain has

a hard time ignoring the questions it hears. It wants to search for the answers - it just can't help itself. What a gift we give kids when we get them to think versus telling them what to do.

A child who is redirected with the question "Are you sure this is the right place for that behavior?" will respond much better than the child who is told, "Stop that!" One method invites thinking; the other invites resistance and battles for control. Which do you prefer?

In either case, we are enticing young brains to do lots of thinking by simply asking questions rather than stating "how it is." So, do your kids' brains a favor and feed them a steady diet of questions. Won't it be fun to see the smoke start rolling out of their ears?

I would also like to add that once the question is asked, as adults we really aren't expecting a response. The question is not asked to open up

a debate but rather to encourage the kid to think. I really believe that is the hardest part of this approach; not being drawn into a verbal exchange with the child. When we do, the child stops thinking.

I believe that as we help our children think about different situations by posing questions for them, we also develop within them the ability to ask questions themselves in other situations. I know my father often responded to some of my questions about the Bible with "Well, what do you think?" He was always encouraging me to think things through on my own, to make the answers to some of life's hard questions my own - by thinking! So, I encourage you to help your children become thinkers. I believe that as we do so, we will be raising a generation of responsible children and adults.

Happy thinking,

Mrs. West

"If any of you needs wisdom to know what you should do, you should ask God, and he will give it to you."  
James 1:5 God's Word Translation