

Fairview Christian School & Child Center "Eagle News"

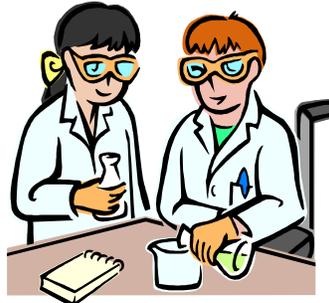
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Christmas Program Thursday

December 15 is our First–Eighth grade Christmas program entitled "The Light Before Christmas." This is a time to dress up and look nice (jeans and t-shirts would not be appropriate). Christmas colors would be great; and if your student could bring some type of outdoor scarf for their neck, that would be helpful. All students will need to arrive in their classrooms between 6:30p–6:45p on the night of performance. Doors will be open for audience seating at 6:30p. Should you have any questions or need any help, please contact Mrs. Christensen (debbiec@fcsseattle.org or 206.526.0762). **Parents: please bring a plate of cookies to share.**



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)



Christmas Scrip!

Don't forget to order scrip for all of your Christmas shopping needs! Purchase gift cards for many of your favorite retail, grocery, or restaurant stores and earn money for Fairview at the same time! See www.glscrip.com for a list of stores. **Last day to order before Christmas is tomorrow!** Orders received in the office or placed online by 12/15 will be rush ordered and delivered or mailed to your home on Monday 12/19. Contact Sherri Hainje with any questions.



Kids Care/ Child Care

The Child Center will be CLOSED December 26th and January 2nd.

- If you are in need child care for the Christmas break and your child is in Kids Care, please sign up in the office.
- If you are in the child center and your child **will not** be here during the Christmas break (December 19-30), please email Mrs. Sperry at loris@fcsseattle.org and let her know.



A Message From the PTF

The PTF wants to wish you all a very Merry Christmas! We hope you will consider coming to our meeting in the New Year. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at 6p for dinner, and our meetings are at 6:30p. Childcare is provided for all who sign up before the meeting. We have two open Board positions—Treasurer and Secretary. If you would like to consider filling either of these, contact Jennifer Laible at jenlaible@gmail.com.



Ice Skating Anyone?

We would like to plan an all-Fairview ice skating party in January! Many of the details are already gathered; we just need someone to take charge and put it all together. If you like to ice skate or just need a few more support hours, please consider this opportunity. Contact Sherri Hainje at shainje@hotmail.com for more details.



Calendar Highlights

12/15—1st-8th grade Christmas Program

12/16—Noon Dismissal Spirit Day, Christmas Colors

12/19-1/2—Christmas Break, No School Child Center Open (except for 12/26 & 1/2)

Christmas Eve Service

You are invited to Fairview's Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, Saturday, December 24th, at 6p. This service will feature candles, carols, and communion. Please come and celebrate Jesus, the Light of the World!



Teacher Christmas Love Offering



Each year at the Christmas Programs, families are given the opportunity to share a "love offering" gift with the teachers. Participation is not required, but very much appreciated. Giving envelopes are available at each program or in the office. When the Christmas programs are over, 100% of the offering is then distributed to the teachers as a Christmas gift. Thank you!

Box Tops for Education

Fairview Christian School has been collecting Box Tops for many years; this year our goal is to collect 5000 box tops. This has great potential to earn money for the school since every box top is worth 10 cents! Please don't forget to clip these box tops that are found on many different items from cereal to Ziploc bags. In February we will have a class competition to see who can collect the most box tops—so save them up! More information will come in January.

AWESOME!

See's Candy Bars are available for purchase in the office and make great stocking stuffers! Now we also have Awesome Bars available for \$1.50 each.

**See's
CANDIES**

**May your heart and home be filled
with the true spirit of Christmas**

--Jesus!

from the West Wing

"You are the light of the world . . ."
Matthew 5:14 a NIV

Can you imagine a world without light? It's really hard to imagine since we live in an age of so much light. Even on the darkest of nights, in the city, there is still enough light to find ones way. On those rare occasions when something happens to interrupt the electrical power to our homes, we know that it is really only a matter of time when things "return to normal," the power is restored, and we once again have light.

I shared with you last week some of the things that I love the about Christmas season: the carols, Christmas movies, the Advent wreath, cookies, stockings, etc. There is one more thing I love about Christmas, and that is all the Christmas lights. For as long as I can remember, which is quite a long time, I have loved driving around one night during Advent, usually after the annual church Christmas program, and seeing all the houses decorated with lights. There is something special and

magical about Christmas lights. Yesterday as I helped with the rehearsal for Fairview's second Christmas program, I was reminded once again about what, or rather who, the lights of Christmas symbolize.

I then began to think of the beginning verses from John's Gospel, and I particularly like the following version: "1The Word (Christ) was in the beginning. The Word was with God. The Word was God. 2He was with God in the beginning. 3He made all things. Nothing was made without Him making it. 4Life began by Him. His Life was the Light for men. 5The Light shines in the darkness. The darkness has never been able to put out the Light." What a glorious thought: The Light shines in the darkness and the darkness has NEVER been able to put out the Light. The Light (capital L) is Jesus. The lights of Christmas should remind us of Jesus, the Light of the world.

Without giving away too much of the special program the first through eighth graders are preparing, allow me to share just the chorus of one of the songs they will sing.

*From one to another, from Jesus to me
Down thro' the ages
to this Christmas Eve;
Love lit a candle one Bethlehem night
And I can see the light.*

Those words touched my heart. Jesus, the Light of the world, came to bring us all light. And, as John tells us, the darkness has never been able to put out the Light. So this Christmas, as you see the lights of Christmas, be reminded that Jesus is the Light of the world, He has given His Light to you and YOU can let your light shine!

Blessings,

Mrs. West