

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)



Pre-K/Kindergarten Preview

On Wednesday, January 11, we will host our annual "Pre-K/Kindergarten Preview." This is a great time to visit and learn more about our Pre-K/Kindergarten program. This year's Kindergarten Preview will begin at 8:45a in Room 311. The Preview will include refreshments, an introduction to Kindergarten and Pre-Kindergarten classes, meeting/greeting our teachers, sitting in on a lesson in the Kindergarten classroom and review of Kindergarten registration materials. If you are unable to attend and are interested in having your child in next year's Kindergarten or Pre-Kindergarten classes, please contact us and we'll be glad to forward the information from the Preview. Please feel free to invite friends.



Box Tops for Education—Collection Contest



It's time again for the Box Top for Education collection contest. From now until February 25, please turn in your box tops to your teacher as we will be having a collection contest by class group. The class that collects the most (averaged by students per class) in that time frame will earn an ice cream party. If as a school we can make a goal of 1,000 box tops, we will have a school wide free dress day! Happy Collecting!

Note-Please be sure that the box top has not expired as those will not count towards the total.

A Big Thank You!

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the PTF Love Offering. Over \$3000 was collected, enabling each teacher and support staff member to receive a check for \$125. They are all appreciative of this generous gift!!



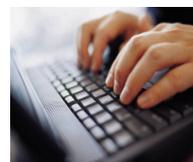
Literature Week



We will be having our annual Literature Week January 23-January 27. The costume parade will be on Monday at 9a. Your child is to dress in a character from LITERATURE...that means the character needs to have appeared in a book FIRST. No scary costumes, please. We will have a celebration of literature on Wednesday at 9:15a in the auditorium. Each class will be doing an oral presentation of literature...all families are invited to attend both events. Students' responses to literature will be on display in the main hall during the week. Fairview students love reading...this will be a great week of celebrating!!

After-School Typing Keyboarding Class

Last year six middle school students stayed after school on a variety of Wednesdays to improve their typing skills. I would like to offer this class again this year. No grades involved: just an opportunity to practice on the school computers. Once I know who would like to attend (after school on some Wednesdays until 4:15p), I will set up a schedule. This is a FREE class open to any Fairview student grades 5 through 8. You must be serious about trying to improve your skills--no just messing around--but I will try to make it fun for you. A sign-up sheet went home today with the middle school students if they showed an interest. Return by Wed., 1/11. -Mrs. Wood



Calendar Highlights

1/11—Pre-K/ Kindergarten Preview

1/16—MLK Jr. Day—No School/Child Center Closed

1/23-1/27—Literature Week

1/23—Literature Parade and Dress-up Day

1/27—End of Second Quarter, Noon Dismissal



From the marketing committee:

Our data shows that Fairview is researched a significantly larger amount in the months of January and February, so we need help in bringing our wonderful school to other families. Here are a few things you can do to help and earn volunteer hours:

- Like us on Facebook - <http://www.facebook.com/fcsseattle> and post comments to our wall to keep our page active.
- Write parent reviews on greatschools.org, yelp.com, privateschoolreview.com, and savvysource.com.
- Volunteer at our upcoming events:
Pre-K/Kindergarten Preview on Jan. 11, North Seattle Education Fair on Jan. 28, and Open House on Feb. 9.
- Post flyers for our upcoming events. Flyers are in the office and also will be sent to all parents via email.
- Attend our next marketing meeting, January 18, 7 - 8:30p.



Check out our Red Tricycle school ad and event ads and "like" them via Facebook, leave comments, and click "I'm in" or "sounds cool." You'll find one of our ads at <http://www.redtri.com/seattle-events/pre-k-kindergarten-preview>
Email janicel@fcsseattle.org with questions, ideas, or to volunteer for one of our upcoming events.



from the West Wing

"... true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way." John 4:23 NLT

Epiphany. In many Christian churches, January 6 is observed in commemoration of the coming of the Magi and called Epiphany. Epiphany is also defined as a sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something, an intuitive grasp of reality through something (as an event) usually simple and striking, or an illuminating discovery, realization or disclosure. I like the word, I like the observation, and I like the definition. Epiphany has come to my attention more this year than in others. I think there may be a couple of reasons.

First, I think I've wanted the Christmas season to be extended this year. Last year I didn't do much decorating because we were traveling out of town for the holidays. This year, I put up our tree early, and I am still enjoying the lights each evening. I'm always disappointed on December 26 when suddenly the Christmas music stops. Therefore, I think Epiphany is a wonderful reason to extend the season. But it is not just an extension of the season; it is actually contemplating the coming of the Magi that has meant more to me this year. These men, traveling for probably many months, came to worship. They searched for a king; they found a baby. They believed him to be born in a palace; they found him in a barn. They expected something of

their own making; they found something directly from God. And, most incredibly, when they came into His presence, they fell and worshipped. There was something about this baby in a barn that compelled them to worship. Their spontaneous worship has challenged me to present myself in total worship to Christ.

The other reason comes from a thought provoking book I read during the break written by my new favorite author, Andy Andrew, which gave me a personal epiphany. The book, *The Noticer*, is part biographical, part fiction, and tells the story of encounters by several individuals with an elderly gentleman by the name of Jones. Jones describes himself as "a noticer." He says, "It is my gift. While others may be able to sing well or run fast, I notice things that other people overlook. And, you know, most of them are in plain sight. I notice things about situations and people that produce perspective. That's what most folks lack - perspective - a broader view. So I give them that broader view . . . and it allows them to regroup, take a breath, and begin their lives again." Maybe it is because I read those words as the New Year was about to start; but I like the idea of regrouping, taking a breath, and beginning again.

But it was the next thoughts that were shared that shook me to the core. Jones says to a young Andy Andrews, "Why does everyone think that when people

say that 'God will put a person after His own heart where He wants him to be' ...that it means God will put them on a mountaintop or in a big house or at the front of the line? ...everybody wants to be on the mountaintop; but if you'll remember, mountaintops are rocky and cold. There is not growth on the top of a mountain. Sure, the view is great, but what's a view for? A view just gives us a glimpse of our next destination - our next target. But to hit that target, we must come off the mountain, go through the valley, and begin to climb the next slope. It is in the valley that we slog through the lush grass and rich soil, learning and becoming what enables us to summit life's next peak. So, my contention is that you are right where you are supposed to be. It may look like barren sand to you, son, but nothing could be further from the truth. I say to you that, as you lay your head down tonight, you are sleeping on fertile ground. Think. Learn. Pray. Plan. Dream. For soon . . . you will become." My personal epiphany? I want to gain perspective and become. I want to become a true worshipper.

Wishing you your own epiphany,

Mrs. West