



THE WHALE

CAPTAIN CHARLES WILKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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IMPORTANT DATES

September 26

Math Docent Training 9:00 - 10:00 am
 School Board Meeting 5:30 pm
 Back to School Night (1st Grade)
 6:30 - 7:30 pm

October 3

School Picture Day

October 4

Wilkes Harvest Fair

October 10

School Board Meeting 5:30 pm

October 16

PTO Meeting 9:00 - 10:30 am

October 17 - 18 - NO SCHOOL

Parent Teacher Conferences

October 25

Family Bingo Night 6:00 - 7:30 pm

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Please watch for a note to come home with your youngest student regarding updating your contact information in the school directory. If you are new to

Wilkes or have any changes or corrections, please fill out the form and return it to school by

Friday, September 27. You can also do this on the Wilkes PTO website by following the Directory link.

Please contact Joanna Arndt with questions joannaarndt@gmail.com.

A Letter From Our Principal



Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2013-2014 school year! We want to make this a year that is academically and socially rewarding for your child. We are excited to launch our new math curriculum, **My Math**. Look for upcoming information on how you can access the My Math program at home. Moving from a hard-copy only to one that has an extensive online component is a big undertaking for our teachers, but as they master the technology components and begin to share this in-

formation with families, we think you will enjoy and appreciate the access you will have at home. We think this program will serve as the foundation in a math instruction program that will effectively reach our students and develop a strong foundation of math skills as well as promote math thinking and problem solving skills. Watch for more information about My Math.

Students have started working on **ST Math** (Spacial-Temporal Math) in our computer and iPad labs. Before school started, teachers "teleported" students into their new classroom assignments with new ST Math curriculum for this year. ST Math is a great visual component to supplement and reinforce students' classroom instruction. Teachers are sending out instructions for accessing online at home either by computer or tablet. *Generally, we recommend two 15-20 minute sessions at home each week.*

We are actively recruiting a small army of adult volunteers who will give of their time to support the development of strong math skills for our students! You can volunteer during math time in the classroom to increase the number of adults in the classroom as students are working with math; mentor a child who needs additional support; or work directly with a small group of students who are in need of additional challenge for their grade level. Look for further information and contact names and numbers in the pages of this newsletter. Join us and become a math docent! Training and support will be provided!

Thank you!

Sheryl Belt
 Principal



A Letter From Our PTO President

Welcome Wilkes Families!

We are off to a great start to the school year! It has been a true pleasure to welcome so many new families to our community and to connect with old families. We have an exciting year ahead and I am so grateful for the opportunity to serve as your PTO president for the year. It is my hope that the PTO board and myself can help to facilitate a strong community connection, support our students and teachers and provide many fun and enriching programs for students and their families.

We have some great events coming up this fall! **On October 4th we will be hosting the annual Harvest Fair**, which will provide your budding artists with an opportunity to display veggie art or young chefs to bring in their kitchen creations. We will also be collecting non-perishable goods for Helpline House. **Then, on October 25th we will be having Fall Family Night**, which is a lot of fun! Come have some pizza, play BINGO and connect with other families. You might even win a prize!

This year we are making a change in the fall schedule; we are cancelling the Triathlon, which is a fundraiser we have done for the past few years. While the Triathlon was lots of fun, it did take away from precious classroom time. Fortunately, our spring dinner auction, thanks to many of you, was a huge success so we do not need to hold the Triathlon this year. The PTO will continue our other fundraising efforts, mainly through the auction and also through *escrip* and Box Tops collections.

The funds raised by the PTO are used for so many aspects of your child's life at Wilkes. From supporting funding for assemblies, field trips and author days, to classroom enhancement and staff development, every contribution helps to make the experience at Wilkes so special. We are very lucky to be part of this amazing school and community!

If you would like to know how you can get involved in any capacity or if you have any questions or comments please let me know. Our monthly meetings are open to everyone and as a family member of a Wilkes student you are a member of our PTO. Please join us for our next meeting on October 16th at 9:00am. It is a great way to learn about what is happening at school.

Many wishes for a wonderful year ahead!

Becky Anderson
PTO President

THE WILKES 13th ANNUAL DINNER AUCTION

March 8th, 2014 at Kiana Lodge

Want to join the fun? We have volunteer positions of all sizes available!

Procurement Team • Sponsorship • Set up and Display • Data Entry • Advertising • Class Art Projects • Graphic Design and much more!

Have fun and participate in the largest and most important fundraiser of the year for our school. This is the funding our children depend on to keep their school experience outstanding, enriching, and forward moving!

The best donations come from our Wilkes families and their friends!

If you are interested in donating or procuring an item, let us know your idea.

Please Contact:

Leigh Ann Grady gradyla@yahoo.com or
Kim White kimwhite2@comcast.net

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

After school enrichment classes started last week! Some of the classes still have room (Super Solvers) so if your child is interested, please sign up through Bainbridge Island Parks & Recreation.

If your child is attending one of these classes, please be sure to send in a note to Mrs Potter and their teacher confirming the class they'll be taking AND pick them up on time. The afterschool classes are an adjustment to students schedules and sometimes they forget where they are suppose to be going. Keeping the office and teacher aware of their participation helps everyone make sure students are where they are suppose to be.

We are looking to offer more classes for k-2 students. If you have an idea and know of someone who is interested in facilitating a class for this age during the winter and/or spring session (after Holiday break, please send a summary of the class and the contact information of the facilitator to aburton927@comcast.net and sbelt@bisd303.org by October 1, 2013. We'll follow up with them directly.

FALL FAMILY NIGHT

Please join us on October 25 at 6:00 pm for a fun night of pizza and Bingo. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Becky Anderson at cooper724@yahoo.com.



DON'T FORGET YOUR WILKES WEAR!

Go online to www.fieldhouse.com/wilkes today!

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

ARIEL MONTGOMERY

We would like to thank Ariel Montgomery for all her hard work on the Spring Splash last June. Thank you from the Wilkes PTO.



MATH DOCENT TRAINING

THURSDAY, 9/26 @ 9:00AM

The new Math Docent program grew out of a Site Council discussion last spring about how to reach all our students with opportunities to grow in math. This year we have a new curriculum and new math standards (Common Core). The Math Docent program was launched with an orientation meeting on September 13. Here is a link to the slides presented at the meeting to give an overview. (LINK) We have 30 people already signed up, including some community folks - neighbors and retirees with industry and classroom experience to share. We're thrilled to have them on board!

Please sign up through the **VOLUNTEER FORM** at www.wilkespto.org (look for the "Math Docent" check box). ***If you signed up for a time slot on paper in your teacher's back-to-school night, please ALSO sign up through the PTO site as well so we have you in our electronic distribution list.*** We will be using this list to organize our docents and fill all the classrooms. We have 17 classrooms to support and a variety of ways to get involved:

- 1. Classroom Support** - easiest Listen to the lesson then walk around the room and support the teacher in answering student questions.
- 2. Targeted Support** - most flexible Work one-on-one with a child who is falling behind. We will provide training for this, and it is very flexible. Plan on 20 minutes per child. Maybe you can support 2 or 3 children once a week?
- 3. Enrichment** - very rewarding Work with small groups in project-based learning to show how math is applied in real-world situations. Work from a curriculum (we have many resources to provide as a springboard) and use your own experiences in the workplace to elaborate.

In all three roles you'll be part of a team working together to develop this program. You will have support and plenty of camaraderie, and a lot of fun!

Contact Alli Krug (alli@kampkrug.com) or Sheryl Belt for more information.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Volunteers are needed to inventory the school's Emergency Preparedness supplies from 8:00am to 9:15 on Thursdays 10/3, 10/10, and 10/17. Your hard work will be rewarded with coffee, muffins, and lots of hand sanitizer. If you can lend a hand on any of these days, please contact Nicole.Retana@gmail.com. Thanks!

ALTERNATIVE FUNDRAISING

Alternative Fundraising manages Box Tops, escrip and Shoparoo. For more info contact Becky Anderson cooper724@yahoo.com.

Please log all of your volunteer hours, online at <http://bisd303.org/Page/7182>.

Also, please fill out the online volunteer form this year even if you did last year.

BOX TOPS

Please bring your Box Tops to the collection box in the office and **please trim neatly** with scissors along the line.



HARVEST FAIR

How creative can a child be with produce? Plenty! On **October 4th** students are invited to bring in their creations - things made with produce - art, food for all to see. Entries arrive first thing and can be picked up at the end of the day.

We'll also be collecting food for Helpline House all week - please be sure to send in something to be dropped off.

Go ahead - encourage your child to play with their food! For ideas Google "veggie art" or produce recipes.

To get a private showing (*you will be amazed*) please volunteer for set up between 7:20-8:20am, tear down (2:25-3:15pm) Or, new this year - compost coordinator!

Email aburton927@comcast.net to let her know if and how you'd like to help.

We're looking forward to being amazed by all of the wonderful creations!



AUCTION LAUNCH PARTY

If you would like to work on the Wilkes PTO Auction this year, please join us for cocktails and hors d'oeuvres with the Co-Chairs, Leigh Ann Grady and Kim White.

WHEN: Thursday, October 24 at 7pm. **WHERE:** 15615 Pt. Monroe Dr. NE (1st house on the sand spit next to Fay Bainbridge). Spouses welcome. Please RSVP to kim.white2@comcast.net.



DO YOU LIKE LOOKING AT ART?

Be your child's art docent and help kids learn how to look at art. One orientation and two trainings will give you the tools you need to show kids how to **Look, Wonder, and Discover**.

EXPECTATIONS

Attend one orientation: Sakai Library, Oct. 8 @ 9:30 am - 12:00 pm or Oct. 9 @ 6:30 - 9:00 pm

Attend three mornings of trainings at the Bainbridge Museum of Art Auditorium

Session A:

Mondays, Oct. 14 & 21, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Session B:

Fridays, Oct. 18 & Oct. 25, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Follow up Q&A and review:

Nov. 18, 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Provide an Art Appreciation discussion for 30 minutes in the classroom once per month.

SCHOOL PICTURE DAY

October 3 is school picture day. If anyone would like to help out please contact Becky Anderson cooper724@yahoo.com.

BSF

Please help support Bainbridge Schools with the annual BSF Clickathon this October 15 - 31.



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A warm wilkes welcome



KIRSTIN COLLINS

I am so excited to be the new third grade teacher here at Wilkes. My family and I moved to Bainbridge to be closer to my folks two years ago and we are loving it here! I have been teaching for 15 years in Monroe and Bremerton, WA and I am so glad to now be a part of the district where my own children attend. I have a fourth grader at Blakely and a sixth grader at Sakai. In my spare time I

love to travel, read, go to the movies, and sing alto in the Bainbridge Chorale. The Wilkes families and staff have been so welcoming and I look forward to a terrific year!



INGRID RYAN

For the last two years, I have been working as a substitute teacher for Bainbridge Island. I have gotten to know the Wilkes staff and community, and I am thrilled to join the Fourth Grade team!

My husband, my dog, and I moved to Bainbridge two years ago from Portland, OR, where I worked for a non-profit organization. We looked for homes around Seattle and chose Bainbridge simply because it

seemed like a lovely place to live. We have really enjoyed exploring the island and the area!

I graduated from Washington State University (Go Cougs!) with a degree in Elementary Education. I love bird-watching, fishing, and playing violin in the Bainbridge Symphony. I am so excited to become a part of the Wilkes community, and look forward to working with you all to make this a wonderful year!