

MANAGER'S MINUTE

The week has been busy with students completing reports, catching up on math, preparing for WASL, play practices, field trips and our celebration of the completion of the IditaRead. Thank you families for assisting our students in maintaining their interest and keeping expectation high. Everyone is ready for a well deserved Spring Break. Take time to enjoy the flowers next week.

The Beach School staff wishes you a happy and relaxing spring break!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

APRIL 7 – 11 SPRING BREAK

APRIL 14 – ALL SCHOOL PIE COOK-OFF

APRIL 15 – ALL SCHOOL PICTURE – 8:30 A.M.

APRIL 18 – POTTERY ENRICHMENT STARTS

APRIL 16 – WASL STARTS

APRIL 21 – RAVEN DANCER PERFORMANCE – 7 P.M.

APRIL 28 – MOTLEY CREW PERFORMANCE – 1 30 P.M.

HAPPY SPRING BREAK

Do The WASL!.....Snacks!

On Thursday, April 16th all students in grades 3-6 will begin WASL testing at Beach School. Please see attached note to parents regarding the WASL test from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. We will be asking parents and friends of Beach School to once again help out with healthy snacks for the students to eat when taking a break from the test.

Testing days are as follows: Wednesday 4/16, Thursday 4/17, Tuesday 4/22-Thursday 4/24, and Tuesday 4/29-Wednesday 4/30. Please call Arria at the school if you are able to help with WASL snacks for your child's class and she will sign you up. Suggestions for snacks include fresh or dried fruit, nuts, crackers and cheese, fruit juice and vegetables and dip. Please do not send sugary snacks like candy or cupcakes. Thank you for your help.

PENNIES FOR PEACE

A penny saved is a penny “urned!” Well, it looks as if Uncle Bill Thurber’s collection put us over the top (literally and physically) of the urn. Yes, we’ve raised more money than the Island library, who raised \$85.00. It is not too late to take part. We’ll be continuing to collect pennies until the end of April. What a lot of pencils and other supplies for school children in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Thank you all – Urn and brochures are in the school library.

JOG-A-WALK-A-THON 2008 IS COMING!!

This week your child will bring home the 2008 JOG-A-WALK-A-THON pledge package. Proceeds from this PTO event are used for assemblies, field trips, 6th Grade Leadership programs, enrichments, and even classroom materials. As District budgets get tighter, many of the programs that make your child's education at Beach School special would not be possible without this fundraiser! Parents please support our students in collecting pledges over spring break. We also need parent volunteers to help. Please call Colleen Berg 758-7048.

KIDS BOOK CLUB

Due to spring break, the April book club meeting is changed to 2:30 PM Thursday April 17th. Read those books over break and we'll see you at the library!

GOODBYE AND BEST WISHES!!

We are sad to say goodbye to RUBY and her family but wish them the best in their move to Bellingham.

Ruby has been at Beach School since kindergarten and we will miss her warm smile and quiet enthusiasm in the classroom.



The *IditaRead* was an adventure. Almost half of the readers completed the 1,100 minute journey. Self-discipline and determination drove five of the readers to complete the *IditaRead* in the minimum days possible by reading the maximum of two-hours a day. These avid readers were 3rd grader Ona Underwood, 4th grader Shelbi McCauley, and 6th graders, Bronwyn Regan, Emma Herlinger and Savannah Miller. The following students successfully completed the *IditaRead*: Adele Herlinger, Ben Ihrig, Cole Miller, Elena Stocker, Faith Daschbach, Jordan Wirtala, Jarid Poole, Katherine Granger, Louis Hunter, Marii Herlinger, Micah Camarillo, Sam Hunter and Shane Jamison. Congratulations to all our stellar readers.

Special thanks to Jennifer Wright for calculating each readers' minutes and progressing the dogs down the trail and a warm thank you to Buff who made the beautiful bookmarks that all 38 participants received and for obtaining all the sweet prizes. The *IditaRead* would not have happened without your efforts and enthusiasm for reading.

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