



Eagleridge Elementary School

Sept. 21-25, 2009 Weekly Notes

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Dear Orca Parents,

Every school that has been successful in making substantive change that has been sustained over time has created a way for the professionals in that school to work together collaboratively. Since we have committed ourselves to making large, deeply rooted growth here at Eagleridge with our children, we have created this time within our schedule as well. At 3:00 each Wednesday, while our children are reading independently, practicing math facts or working on other projects, our teachers are wrestling with questions central to student learning including: What is it that our students need to know? How will we know when they know it? What will our response be when they do not learn? What will we do when they do learn it?

Last week, during our first session, we prioritized each question aligned with this and have committed ourselves to working on finishing grade level exit standards and short (formative) assessments that will tell us if students are making adequate progress toward the year end outcomes. Your children's teachers will inform you soon in a newsletter what his/her class will be doing during the teacher collaboration.

Have a great week.

The Ferndale HS Orchestra Concert Series and The Ladies' Club of Seattle present Awards Tour 2009*

Featuring Megan Hart, Soprano and Jennifer R. Ellis, Harp

7:30PM, Wednesday, September 23, 2009, Ferndale HS Auditorium

\$7.00 Adult, \$6.00 Senior, \$4.00 Student

***All proceeds go to support the FHS Orchestra Program**

Contact Krissy Snyder at 383.9312 for more information

Whatcom County schools to celebrate International Walk to School Day on October 14, 2009

Polar Science Weekend at Pacific Science Center - February 25-28, 2010

Polar Science Weekend will educate students and families about the Polar Regions, bringing visitors face to face with active polar researchers presenting current research as well as basic concepts in science and technology. Event content will be designed and implemented *emphasizing inquiry-based learning* using examples drawn from the Arctic and the Antarctic:

Basic geography, history and facts about the polar regions

Fundamentals of physics, chemistry, biology, ecology and the scientific method

Recent changes in the polar regions

Technology and research operations in the polar regions

Relationships between global climate and polar change

Current research conducted by UW and other organizations in the Puget Sound region

Careers in polar science

All Content in the exhibit and related materials will be linked to the national and state science standards, such as the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs). Consult the *Polar Science Weekend* web site: <http://psc.apl.washington.edu/psw/>

Calendar of Events

Mon.	Sept. 21	Jog-a-Thon Kick Off Assembly	2:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.
Tues.	Sept. 22	3 rd Grade Family Night	6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Tues.	Sept. 29	Individual Picture Day	9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Friday	Oct. 2	Jog-a-Thon	9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.