

# Elementary Board Report

## A Paws-itive Learning Community Striving to Meet the Individual Needs of Each Student as a Whole Child

We are off to a great start. The following shares some of our current efforts:

### School-Wide Behavior Plan

As you know, we have worked hard to create a positive school-wide behavior support plan to implement this school year. A great deal has been done at this stage, and we believe it shows.



Posters have been created and are up all around the school sharing such things as what our expectations look and sound like in each core area of our school. Each poster is also paired with volume posters sharing what sound volume is expected. All classes have gone over classroom and school expectations and also have posters up. Each class has also participated in our Bobcat's Pride Prowl where they visited stations for core areas of our school and had discussions on expectations for each. Teachers have been reading and starting lessons utilizing our new brain

researched behavior and social skills program, MindUp. Each student in our school has the opportunity to earn a Bobcat Buck a day that they can use to purchase such things as school spirit wear and more at our school stores that will open every two months. Students are also gaining Bobcat Coins from any non-homeroom teacher staff (including bus drivers, custodians, food services, playground teachers, specialists, office staff, administrators, and more) for shows of respect. They may share their experiences with their classmates and then add their coins to our whole school bucket in the cafeteria. Once filled to 100%, our whole school will gain a special day that they have voted for, such as crazy hair day, dress up day, and other options. The shared ideas are just a few of the many efforts being shown to support our learning community in positive behavior. Many have commented on how positive behavior has been so far this school year. It can even be felt in the hallways during transition times. I look forward to experiencing all that we learn from our efforts.



### Bobcat Walk/Run

We are nearing our 2014 Bobcat Walk/Run and only ASB fundraiser for the 2014-2015 school year. Last year's Bobcat Walk/Run was a great success. Students and staff enjoyed challenging themselves while running and walking laps on our track together, receiving prizes for their efforts, and raising over \$13,000 to purchase and install our new piece of field equipment that students voted for. We will participate again on Wednesday, September 24 and Thursday, September 25. Students gain sponsors and donations in support of their participation. All proceeds go toward our students. This includes a Bobcat water bottle for all participants and helping us raise money for class field trips and our new and upcoming school stores (students will be able to purchase such things as school spirit supplies, special privileges, and other goods using their Bobcat Bucks they can earn daily for doing their jobs of being respectful Bobcats.) . We look forward to experiencing how our students enjoy challenging themselves and helping make our school a better place.

## **Bike Fair**

We are also excited and looking forward to our second La Center Bike Fair on Saturday, September 27, 10:00-2:00. We have been working to plan and prepare for a fun bicycling event. All students, families, and community members are invited to join in on the fun and learning. We will have a helmet fitting station where volunteers will inspect participants' helmets for safety and fit. If a participant does not have a helmet, it does not fit properly, or it is deemed unsafe, a helmet will be provided and properly fitted. Our La Center Lions have generously raised money and donated helmets for those who need them.

There will also be bike inspections, a bike lock and bike rack clinic, and a barbecue. Mr. Neiman from our high school is leading efforts to prepare for bike inspections to check participants' bikes to ensure they are serviceable and safe. Volunteers will make quick adjustments, but will not have time to conduct tune-ups. For those who cannot bring a bike or their bike needs more maintenance than a quick adjustment, we will loan bicycles from our new fleet of 60 bicycles for our new bicycle programs in fifth through eighth grades. The bike lock and rack clinic will discuss keyed locks versus combination locks and teach participants how to use our school bike rack. The barbecue is self-explanatory. Our PTO is funding the purchases and Mrs. Reser is working with a local grocer to choose and purchase tasty and healthier choices. Lions will be working the barbecue.

All participants (including parents and family members) will be able to join in on our bike rodeo or our road course classes. The bike rodeo is for participants up to fourth grade (and parents). Participants will learn about the rules of the road, identifying traffic signs, and following the laws. They will also learn how to conduct an ABC-Q check of their bicycles. Then they will have the opportunity to ride our rodeo course.

Our road course participants, grade 5 and up, will also learn how to conduct an ABC-Q check of their bicycles, rules of the road, following the laws, and more. From there, participants will be led on a road ride from the school, to the Lockwood Creek neighborhood, and back to school.

**Volunteers Needed:** We are seeking volunteers to support participants during this great event. Volunteers are needed for such opportunities as fitting helmets, supporting stations (such as the slalom course, bike rack and locking, and more), registering participants and providing informational flyers, teaching the ABC's (a bicycle quick check), and supervising road rides. If you are interested, please contact our great office staff and how you might be interested in being involved.

We hope you can join us in the fun.

## **Community Member(s) of Mystery**

**Our May Community Member of Mystery** has worked hard to support our learning community since arriving. She grew up in Newport, OR and just celebrated her 20 year wedding anniversary last week. Her husband is also involved in education and has a connection to our La Center learning community. They have two daughters, one in middle school and one in high school. Softball is a big part of their lives, playing over 170 softball games last year. Luckily travelling is something our Community Member of Mystery loves. She also enjoys reading, working on her flower garden, antique shopping, and exercising. They are also joined by a fifth family member, Griffey, their family puggle (a pug/beagle mix) who is known to be spoiled rotten. Who do you think the May Community Member of Mystery is?