

Elementary Board Report

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

There has been a lot happening at the elementary as we finish up the 2014-2015 school year. I thought you might want some updates on staff, significant room changes, and summer school.

Staff Changes for 2015-2016

- Jason Grotte will be moving from fourth grade to middle school math teacher.
- Rita Peterson has resigned as K-12 librarian and the person filling the role has yet to be determined.
- Laura Tomberlin will be moving from kindergarten to second grade teacher.
- Lisa Graham has been hired to serve as kindergarten teacher starting the 2015-2016 school year.
- Greg Hall will officially be moving from fifth to fourth/fifth blend teacher.
- Jennifer Blechschmidt will be moving from associate principal to principal of Eisenhower Elementary in Vancouver. The person filling the associate principal role has yet to be determined.
- Ruth Schrock will be moving from third grade to the La Center Home School Academy. The person filling the third grade teacher role has yet to be determined.

Significant Room Changes for 2015-16

- In order to meet many needs for preschool, the district is supporting changing our “landlocked” speech room into a preschool bathroom and storage. Laurie Kerr will serve speech students in the current ELL room.
- In order to meet the increasing needs of our special education program, a new K-2 special education teacher will be hired and will serve students in what has been the library classroom. This room will also continue to be used for the A.S.K. program.

Summer School Basics

Kindy Cub Camp

- August 3-6, 9:00-11:30
- Led by the full kindergarten team
- Held in kindergarten classrooms
- Families provide transportation
- All incoming kindergarteners are invited to learn and experience more about what it is like to be a kindergartener.

Kindy Intensive Camp

- August 10-20, 8:00-12:00, Monday-Thursday
- Led by Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Lindblom, and Mrs. Corl
- Held in their three classrooms
- Transportation offered
- Select incoming kindergarteners have been invited to gain support on their reading and math skills.

Incoming Fourth Grade Intensive ELA Camp

- August 10-27, 8:00-12:00, Monday-Thursday
- Led by Mrs. Larkin
- Held in her portable
- Transportation offered
- Select incoming fourth graders have been invited to gain support in their reading skills.

Community Member(s) of Mystery

Our May Community Member of Mystery is in her eleventh year working at La Center Elementary School. She grew up in Vancouver and now lives in Battleground with her children and husband of almost 17 years. Her son is a fifth grader and her daughter is in second grade. Interestingly, she met her husband when she worked in the movie business prior to becoming a teacher. This Community Member of Mystery loves animals, yoga, walking, hula-hooping, and is a movie nut. At times, it can feel like she spends most of her time supporting her children in softball and football. Otherwise, she enjoys going to the beach, shopping, and going to garage sales with her family. She played the violin for five years when she was younger and would like to start playing again. Who do you think our Community Member of Mystery for May is?

If you guessed Laura Tomberlin, moving from kindergarten to second grade teacher next school year, you are correct. Sadly, I was not quick enough to get her picture prior to completing this report.