

# **LA CENTER ELEMENTARY BOARD REPORT**

**March 2016**

**A Paws-itive Learning Community Striving to Meet the Individual Needs of Each Student as a Whole Child** -Our theme for the month of March is Perseverance.

## **A Cookie Expedition**

We recently had our annual A Cookie Expedition event with our Accelerated Club for Education (A.C.E.) and special education students. At least 66 of our students invited participated in the evening's event with their families, our A.C.E. and special education staff and middle school



helpers. Experiences included visiting each of the "countries," which included such activities as enjoying a story, doing math activities and responding to an iPad survey on how we may best meet our



students' learning needs. Each country attended earned a participant a stamp on their passport and the ability to purchase a cookie and various toppings.

## **Kindy Cub Night**

We had a great turnout for our first Kindy Cub Night of the school year. As you may know, we like to invite all incoming kindergarteners and their families to Kindy Cub Nights, starting in March. These three events help us get better acquainted with and prepare our future Bobcats for



becoming kindergarten students next school year. We had 44 future kindergarteners and their families join us for a pizza dinner and some learning activities. Each



student was able to participate in learning and reading activities and walk away with their own pencil boxes and supplies. Each of the next two Kindy Cub Nights on April 14, and May 12 will help students and parents experience new activities and come away with further supplies they can utilize to help them be better prepared for becoming kindergartners and life-long learners in our learning community.

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

**Our March Community Member of Mystery** is in her second year at our school, though her first official year as an employee of the La Center School District. She was born and raised in Yacolt, gained her Master in Education from Portland State University and now lives in Orchards with her husband of 14 years (15 years this April). Her husband owns and operates All County Towing. They have two children, a tenth grader who attends Prairie High school and an

eighth grader who attends Laurin Middle School. She enjoys spending time outside hiking, finding waterfalls, tent camping, and riding quads on dunes. Who do think our March Community Member of Mystery is?

**Our February Community Member of Mystery** has been teaching for three years. This is her first year at La Center Elementary. She and her Tongan husband, who she met at a wedding, have been married for three years. He is a special education paraeducator outside La Center and has almost earned his teaching certificate. They grew up in Utah and moved to Vancouver two years ago. Our Community Member of Mystery enjoys camping. Her favorite place to camp is in Newport, OR. They enjoy traveling and cooking new types of food, especially Polynesian food. Other hobbies include snowmobiling at a cabin in Utah and boating, which includes wakeboarding, tubing, and fishing. Who do you think our February Community Member of Mystery was?



If you guessed Maddie Suliafu, special education teacher, you are correct.