Primary Board Report

A Learning Community Works Together and Plays Together

While April showers may bring May flowers, the efforts of those in our learning community have brought celebrations. We recently had two opportunities to appreciate those efforts and celebrate.

On April 9, we had a chance to celebrate the impressive reading efforts of our students. We had a Human Sundae Assembly to recognize our students' reading 101,022 minutes outside of school in one week. Students who read over 1000 minutes and students who led each class in minutes read were presented certificates commemorating their achievements. As the grand finale, leading readers had the chance to decorate our brave Reading Club and Library staff as sundaes. The pictures may give you a small taste of what transpired. It was a lot of fun.

On April 16, we celebrated the La Center Elementary started out by sharing Major contributors from recognized and given thank you letters. Those Colf, Parkrose Hardware, Walt Hansen. Other

the official grand opening of Speed Zone. Walt Hansen some history of our playfield. outside our school were certificates, pictures, and recognized included Bob Mr. & Mrs. Washburn, and contributors were recognized

as well. Holly Cole, parent and lead planner for our Recess Olympics, also shared information regarding our upcoming Olympics. Afterwards, every student had the opportunity to make an official first lap of the track. Many chose to run that lap.

Our track grand opening also signaled the official introduction to our Playground Olympics. Holly Cole, has been working with our p.e. teachers and recess teachers to plan for and implement a successful set of events. These games include a variety of events to utilize many of Gardner's Multiple Intelligences to suit almost any student's learning style. Students will be competing against themselves to try and improve upon their own scores. The emphasis will be on: If you had fun, You Won! Each event is also

designed to act as a fun recess activity for after the Playground Olympics have taken place. Event trials will start on April 26, one event per day. Official events will start on May 10. It should be a lot of fun.

Quick Updates

As mentioned in last month's Board Report, Karen Kennedy, Lola Nordstrom, and Liz Crandall have been leading efforts to plan for and create our school garden. We have our first raised bed in place and things are starting to grow. The included pictures share a before and after look at the area. We look forward to seeing how the garden area, the plants, and student learning grow.

You have heard about our hopes to create two tuition-based all day, everyday kindergarten classes in order to help meet the needs of our students. Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year has begun and included in registration packets are parent surveys helping us find how many may be interested in participating. I look forward to having positive news to share with you in next month's Board Report.

I mentioned how we were planning to send a team to visit Corbett Elementary in Oregon. We had the opportunity to send eight of our exploration team to visit on April 15. Our hosts were very welcoming and passionate about sharing what they have learned with us. All exploration team members were inspired by the visit and our experiences and look forward to sharing what we learned with others on the team. Please feel free to ask any questions about what we learned.