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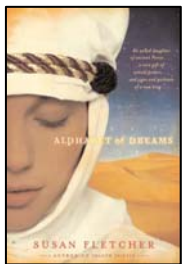
News from the Lions' Den December 5, 2007

Thank You 'Giving Tree for Children' Service Project

The community service project to ensure children of incarcerated parents receive a gift this year is a prime example of PNA's commitment to *Stewardship*, the act of taking responsibility, and caring for something, or someone, other than ourselves. We did not simply collect toys to give away, but rather reminded ourselves with each donation how fortunate we are in the lottery of life to have positive adult role models at home and school, who love and support us, and teach us valuable lessons every day. This activity provided the Wilsonville Rotary Club with its first experience of the PNA community, and it has been a strong and positive one. Thank you for your generous and timely response in support of this stewardship project.



Artist in Residence: Dec. 13, 2007 7:00-8:30 pm Author Susan Fletcher



Please plan to attend an evening with award winning author Susan Fletcher, as she presents slides and discusses her experiences in Iran doing research for her latest book, *Alphabet of Dreams*. Susan will be happy to autograph copies of her book, or one of her previous works, upon request. I will ask her to bring a few copies to sell on the night as well. During the day she will work with PNA students on the writing process, including going from ideas and themes in our minds, to using descriptive nouns, verbs, & adjectives, developing characters, composing paragraphs, and story lines. With the youngest students she plans to share how illustrations are developed for story books, and the important connections between words and pictures. The evening presentation will be open to the public. Feel free to bring a guest, particularly someone who is unaware of PNA. We have included a flyer for this event in this week's family envelope. Please feel free to post this at your local library, grocery store, or bookstore

to let people know about this event. A PDF version will be posted on our website as well that you can email to interested parties. *We need all of our best efforts combined to make more people aware of PNA.*

Shutterfly – Yearbooks for 07/08...

Remember to keep adding your PNA school photos to the Shutterfly website. Our 07/08 yearbook coordinators will be using photos posted on this site to create the yearbook and it's also a great way to get prints of your students at various activities.

Lettering on the Building...

The letters are ready to be re-mounted on the newly re-sided office building. We hope a volunteer will step forward who has the steady hands of a surgeon combined with the eye for detail of an architect. It would be great to get the letters back up in the next week or two before the December-January break. Please let Angela or Paul know if /when you could help with this job.

PNA Lego Robotics Team to compete on December 16th

The PNA Lego Robotics Team, "Electric Devils," is preparing for the All Schools' Competition sponsored by Mentor Graphics on Sunday Dec. 16th from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The theme this year is "Power Puzzle" and concerns sustainable, long run, energy sources. For more details contact Sandeep Gupta, who is the coach of PNA's team. Community members are welcome to go watch the "Electric Devils" participate. Good luck team!

Mad Science Round Two – Life in the Sea, Energy Burst, and Much More!

Mad Science is offering another after school class opportunity for PNA students. If we have enough interested participants the classes will run on Mondays from January 7th through February 11th. See the flyer in this week's family envelope for more details.

Hot Lunch Second Semester Sign Ups

It is time to sign up your student for the second semester hot lunch program. Please see the form included in this week's envelope for more details. Payments are due to David Cutler by the first week in January.

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News from the Lion's Den (Cont'd)

Ring Out the Old...

We have a request for two more used cell phones for our inkjet/cell phone recycling project. If we turn in a bundle of at least 8 phones, we get an extra bonus. We need to have these in before December 13th. Contact Alyssa Swanson for more details.

Mouse in the House?

The 5th grade mouse, Sunflower, is in need of a home over the holiday break. If you can help, please email Miss Schram at j.schram@pacificnorthwestacademy.org.

Last Scrip Order before the Holiday Break!

Enclosed in today's packet is the Winter Scrip order form. The order is due Monday, December 10th, by 8:15 a.m. Gift cards will be available for pickup by 3:00pm on Friday, December 14th at PNA.

Some great ideas for using Scrip gift cards: **Groceries** (Thriftway, Safeway), **Holiday gifts** (Macy's, American Eagle), **Birthday gifts** (iTunes, Powell's Books), **Household Projects** (Lowe's and Home Depot), **Dining Out** (Stanford's, Big Town Hero). Please contact Keri Spehalski if you have any questions about the Scrip program at spehalski@yahoo.com.

A Personal Note of Thanks

I want to express my sincere appreciation for all the kind words and cards of condolences from students, staff, and parents alike following the death of my father on Monday morning. My wife and I had been his primary care givers for the past seven years at our home, as his physical mobility declined steadily, to the point of being housebound. He was a remarkable person who remained mentally sharp throughout his entire 91 years of life, including his final passing moments. He was never alone as my wife and I kept a bedside vigil this past week, during which he made sure we reminisced, laughed, and loved. In lieu of flowers we are requesting donations in his memory (*Maynard R. Berg*) go to *Legacy Hopewell House Hospice PO Box 4484 Portland OR 97208*. The staff and volunteers at Hopewell House do great work under very challenging conditions. Hopewell House is a non-profit organization, and donations are tax deductible. Angela has extra copies of the donation form in the office for pick up, or mailing home at your request.

Upcoming Events

Mark these dates on your calendar

Upcoming Dates to Remember

Dec. 13 Parent presentation by author Susan Fletcher about "Alphabet of Dreams," 7:00 p.m., open to the public
Dec. 16 Lego Robotics competition at Mentor Graphics
Dec. 18 Winter Music Program rehearsal – drop off students
at 8:10am at Rolling Hills Community Church
Dec. 18 Winter Music Program, 7:00p.m. at Rolling Hills
Dec. 19 "Soft Start" – school starts at 9:00 a.m.
Dec. 21-Jan. 4 No School – Winter Holiday

Field Trips and Assemblies

Dec. 5 2/3rd grades to Rice Museum
Dec. 13 Presentation by local author Susan Fletcher for students
All School Assembly– 8:15 a.m. – German &
European treats for parents afterwards in Cafeteria
Dec. 17 John Bunzow – musician to present to all school with special guitar sessions w/ students
Jan. 14 2nd & 3rd grades - Nomadic Teachers to present on local Native American tribes
Jan. 16 4th & 5th grades to Teatro Milago – play titled
"Zapatista" – Spanish culture field trip

