



GIG HARBOR ACADEMY

SFN Recap
November 3, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday, November 11th, 2010 - Veterans' Day - No School

Thank you Veterans and also current military & military families!

Friday, November 12th – Family Fun Night – Bowling at Chalet Bowl 6:30-8:30

Looking forward to seeing you all for Cosmic Bowling! \$10 per person includes shoes and GHA has the whole place to ourselves. SFN will be bringing cake and prizes for strikes, spares and other feats of bowling prowess. See Chalet Bowl's web site for location & food available for purchase at their café. <http://chaletbowl.com/index.cfm>

November 24, 25 & 26 – Thanksgiving Break – No School

Happy Turkey Day!

Wednesday, December 1st – Next SFN meeting at 9:05 in the library Everyone welcome, please join us.

Tuesday, December 7th – Winter Concert

Mrs. Swanson and our kids are putting together a great show for us. Location still to be determined, but likely a new location this year, so check on that before driving out to that church on Fox Island where we've had the concert in the past....

THANK YOU:

To Mary Wotherspoon and all the volunteers who helped make **Pumpkin Carve** a wonderful evening for our school community!

To Maureen Brekke and all the volunteers who helped with **Book Fair**. Maureen reported that book fair grossed about four thousand dollars which will result in Scholastic giving our school about \$900 to be used for books. Thank you for your purchases.

To Maureen Brekke and everyone who helped with labeling classroom and library books with **A.R. labels**. You may notice the labels on the inside cover of your children's library books that show A.R. level, number of A.R. points available for the book, A.R. quiz numbers and a short vocabulary list. A good resource for A.R. books is: <http://www.arbookfind.com/UserType.aspx>

You can use that site to do a search on books and find out their A.R. level and quiz numbers. The site also has lists of librarian recommendations and award winning books. If it didn't come up during conferences, you might want to ask your child's teacher what A.R. level range they would recommend for your child.

To everyone who already contributed to **Annual Fund**. We are one third of the way to our goal of fifty thousand dollars. Donors who would like their tax deduction to go for the 2011 calendar year can still pledge now. More Annual Fund pamphlets are available at the office and grandparents and other interested parties are encouraged to contribute. A second mailing will be going out to families who have not yet responded in a week or so.

To Debbie Dean, Kim Golden, Imka Lavinder and the Fifth Grade Class for organizing our community service project to benefit **Fish Food Bank**. Thank you to everyone who contributed – the food bank was very grateful.

AUCTION NEWS:

Marci Hardy (mom to Marik in Kindergarten and Ansley in T/Th pre-school) filled us in on some exciting news: Auction will be on March 19th at The Inn at Gig Harbor. The theme will be “Once Upon a Time” complete with enchanted forest décor, some of which will be produced by our kids. If you are interested in helping in any way, big or small, please contact Marci or Niki in the office.

EMERGENCY PROCEDURES:

There is no formal phone tree this year, but if you would like a call on your cell phone to be informed of unexpected school closures, please contact your class rep and they will arrange to have you added to a list of people to be called.

RECYCLING OPPORTUNITY:

Our art teacher, Ms. Mellinger, is looking for unneeded sweaters and wood furniture that she will enlist our children to transform into wonderful things.

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The office and school will be open for most of winter break. Staff will be working on professional development. Mr. Shoup also let us know that the school is securing title III funds to support professional development. Budgets are also being worked on.

Niki unveiled a cute little GHA stuffed Eagle that she will be using for marketing purposes. She will be giving them out to families to encourage them to have a look at the school. If you have some families you would like to tell about GHA and give them an Eagle or if you would like to carry a few around in case you meet a family that would also love GHA, see Niki in the office. GHA has also produced a coloring book that will be distributed to local restaurants to get the word out about our school.

More details about our winter community service project at the next meeting. Likely to be a local holiday related project again this year.