



GIG HARBOR ACADEMY

SFN Recap
October 6, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS:

FISH food bank food drive October 11th-15th . – SFN community service project GHA families got paper bags with information about the food drive stapled to it (sent home with the eldest student in each family). Donations are being collected in the 5th grade classroom. On October 15th, a student from each class will go to the food bank to drop off donations. Student representatives will then share with their classes what they learned.

Math Night – Thursday October 14th, on campus, 6:30-7:30

Some math night activities will have tie-ins to the food bank community service project. Bring some change if you can - several activities will have a spot for monetary donations to the food bank (possibly similar to the estimating jars that were done last year to benefit Pennies for Peace).

Pumpkin Carve Night – Friday October 29th – 6-8 pm

Look for pizza order forms coming home soon. Pizzas will be delivered to the classroom specified on the form. Wear your costumes! A special spirited GHA Halloween themed t-shirt will be available for purchase as an alternative to costumes or come as you are.

To reduce the mess in the classrooms and to allow enough time to fulfill your artistic vision, families are urged to gut their pumpkins at home; Pumpkin lighting and admiration will start around 6:45, followed by the musical styling of the Kindergarten class and a spooky story by Mrs. J.

Book Fair – October 25th thru October 29th

Book fair will conclude on pumpkin carve night. Book Fair raffle winners will be announced at pumpkin fair. Winners need not be present to win. Details about the raffle will be available at the book sale.

Upcoming Snack Sales - Thursday October 21st, November 4th – hosted by third and second grades respectively. Pre-paid snack sale cards can be purchased at the office.

Photo Retakes – Wednesday October 13th - please return your individual student portrait sheets to the office if you would like a re-take. Pictures will be taken in the morning.

Hot Lunch Program begins October 12th

Parent Teacher Conferences – Monday, November 1st and Tuesday, November 2nd – No School. Look for sign-up sheets in the classrooms to book your conference time. Conferences are generally between parents and teachers without students present (verify with your teacher). Also, contact your teacher to make alternate arrangements if you can not meet during the scheduled times.

Veterans' Day – Thursday November 11th – No School.

Family Fun Night – November 12th Bowling at Chalet Bowl - <http://chaletbowl.com/index.cfm> GHA will have the whole place to ourselves and SFN will provide cake and prizes for strikes and spares.

COMING SOON TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU:

Thursday Newsletter - Look for our new and much improved school **Newsletter**. Future newsletters will no longer be PDF attachments but instead will highlight important school information with links to the web site. They will also come out on Thursdays instead of Fridays. The office is also working on getting our website current with up-to-date school calendar information, archived newsletters, downloadable forms and more. Cool!

School Survey – as part of PNAIS accreditation, GHA will be conducting a new survey.

Annual Fund – starting next week.

Outdoor Reader Board - Funded by last year's SFN, a new way of communicating to the carpool crowd will be on campus soon.

Books in the classrooms are being labeled with **AR (Accelerated Reader) Labels** which show AR level, points, quiz numbers and more. The scanner to produce the labels was rented with some of the proceeds from last year's kindergarten class' popcorn and lemonade sales. These labels will hopefully help children find "just right" books for their reading level and also facilitate using the AR system to take tests. Maureen Brekke has been coordinating labeling and could use some help before the scanner has to be returned on the 22nd. There is a sign up sheet in the office or contact Maureen (foxbeacher@earthlink.net) Thank you Kindergarten and everyone who purchased popcorn last year. Popcorn funds were also used to buy 4 flip videos for the faculty to share. Kindergarten hopes to raise funds this year for web cams and to rent the scanner again to label the library.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

SFN - Contact Cristina (cbmcdougall@yahoo.com) for more information about the **Parade**. Always fun and there are months to go before any actual work has to be started.

Auction - Do you love planning a party? Put those talents to good use – a date has been set for the **School Auction - March 19th, 2011**. The fun stuff - choosing a theme, décor, venue, entertainment – is waiting for the right people to get the ball rolling. Niki would be happy to share her auction experience and detail Auction Chair responsibilities. She and the office staff will also support auction efforts.