



# GIG HARBOR ACADEMY

## SFN Recap

**October 5, 2011**

**Town Hall Meeting:** Brief summary of the Town Hall Meeting held on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup> was e-mailed Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>. School Board will meet next Tuesday. The beginning of the session is open to all parents and topics discussed at the town hall meeting will be revisited. More details of new incentives, for referrals and for re-registering before deadlines, to follow.

**Professional Development – No School, Friday October 14<sup>th</sup>:** Five staff members will be attending PNAIS workshop, including discussions of on-line curriculum by speaker Sal Kahn. Other staff will be working at school. Childcare will be open if you are in need. Please contact Rose Brown at 253-265-8773.

**Race for a Soldier – Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>:** Trying to organize a GHA cheering squad for this worthy event that will run through Gig Harbor. Details to follow. More information about Race for a Soldier at <http://raceforasoldier.org/>.

**Community Service Project – FISH Food Bank, October 17<sup>th</sup> to October 21<sup>st</sup>:** 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be going to the FISH food bank to learn about current needs and how the food bank operates and will help organize our efforts. Donations can be dropped off at 5<sup>th</sup> grade or in the car pool lane. In addition to non-perishable food items, new or gently used children's coats are also needed. More information will come home with the kids. Planning to bring all collected donations to the food bank on Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>. Contact Imka Lavinder for more information or to volunteer.

**SFN Snack Sales:** 4<sup>th</sup> grade hosts on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade on Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>. Snacks must be nut free. A volunteer is needed to sell at the end of the school day, but staff is able to handle lunchtime sales without extra help.

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Monday and Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> - No School:** Sign up for your time slot at your classrooms. If sign-up sheets are not there yet, they will be soon. Childcare will be available. Please contact Rose Brown at 253-265-8773.

**Book Fair:** Our library is funded solely by proceeds from the two annual Scholastic Book Fairs. Set-up will be on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>. The sale will run from Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup> to Pumpkin Carve Night on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. Clean up planned for Monday the 31<sup>st</sup>. The library will be closed during Book Fair and kids will get their checked-out library books an extra week. Look for sign-up sheets in the office to help with set-up, take down and sales. Contact Maureen Brekke for more information or to volunteer.

**Pumpkin Carve – Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 8 pm:** Spooky fun for all on campus. Sign-up sheets for half hour blocks of selling snacks, face painting during the event, help with set-up, pizza delivery, cleanup and snack sale donations are in the office or contact Mary Wotherspoon for more information or to volunteer.

**SFN Family Fun Night at Chalet Bowl – Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 8 pm:** The bumpers will be up and we'll take over the whole place. Invite your outside of GHA friends to join us - the more the merrier and there will be cake. \$10 per person includes borrowing the funny shoes and two hours of "Rock 'n' Glow" bowling. Chalet Bowl's location, café menu and more at <http://chaletbowl.com/index.cfm>.

**Annual Fund:** Thank you to everyone who attended Monday's kick-off event and thank you to everyone who already stepped up with donations and pledges. More information about Annual Fund coming soon.

**Head of School Search:** Many applications received. The committee will meet again and pick 6 to 8 candidates to interview. There's a suggestion box in the office to communicate with the committee or you can contact them directly. Look for updates in the weekly newsletters.

**After School Programs at GHA:** Looking to develop more after school programs on campus. See Niki or Bruce with your suggestions.

**Emergency Preparedness:** Planning for 3 days of survival, if needed, for anyone stuck on campus during an emergency. Water, ready-made meals, and other provisions already on site. Blankets coming soon. Thank you to Eric Noguchi for installing the rain barrel to collect gray water. Thank you to Cristina McDougall for organizing. Families will be billed \$10 per student to cover emergency supplies. This fee replaces cost of individual earthquake kits. The parent handbook is being revised for new procedures, especially regarding who can take a student from campus during an emergency.

**Coffee Wednesdays in the Library:** Library space available Wednesday mornings. Nichole suggests meeting informally, possibly once a month. Details to follow.

**Maritime Gig and Parade:** Nichole is interested in meeting with anyone who helped organize parade efforts in the past and/or has ideas for the future. Maritime Gig and the parade are such fun ways for GHA to make its presence known in our community. Please step up to help make it happen!

**Next SFN Meeting:** Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9:05 am in the library. EVERYONE is invited and encouraged to attend. We love to see new faces!