



GIG HARBOR ACADEMY

SFN Recap

November 2, 2011

Upcoming Events:

Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 8th at 6:30 PM.

Upcoming SFN Snack Sales –
Thursday, November 10th: hosted by 2nd grade.
Thursday, December 1st: hosted by 1st grade.
Thursday, December 15th: hosted by Kindergarten.

Veterans' Day- Friday November 11th – No School, Childcare is available. Call Rose at 265-8773.

Dugan Foundation Happy Howlidays Pet Food Drive - November 7th through 22nd: Donate food and/or supplies for area pets in need. Donated items will be given to area shelters, rescues and animal service groups. They are accepting unopened Dry and Canned Food for Dogs & Cats, Dog & Cat Toys and Treats, Dog & Cat Beds (Medium and Large), Leashes and Leads for Dogs, Flea Treatments (Revolution/Advantage), Grooming Supplies, and more. See donation barrels that will be placed around the school for more details. Julie Dugan will be speaking at Friday's Colors (November 4th) to explain this food drive to the students.

Dugan Foundation Happy Howlidays Movie Event at Grand Cinema – Sunday, November 13th: Donations of dog and/or cat food and supplies or cash donation to support local animal non-profits for admission to kids' movies. Doors open at 9:00 AM –*Charlie Brown Thanksgiving* starts at 9:30 AM, *Charlie Brown Christmas* at 10:00 AM and *Olive the Reindeer*, 10:30 AM. Please attend wearing GHA spirit wear. Older GHA students can help with collecting donations, see Niki if you are interested.

Development Fundraising Meeting – Tuesday, November 15th - 9:00 AM in Library: Fundraising ideas to be discussed. This meeting is to generate ideas and to explore suggestions already brought forward.

Math Night- Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30-7:30: All school event with fun math activities in classrooms.

Sip 'n' Social – Coffee in the Library Wednesday, November 16th, after drop-off. Informal, all welcome.

SFN Family Fun Night – Bowling at Chalet Bowl in Proctor District, Friday, November 18th from 6-8 PM: GHA takes over for Rock 'n' Glow bowling – \$10 per person when you get there, no RSVP's required, invite your friends! The bumpers will be up, there will be cake and glow sticks for strikes and spares. See Chalet Bowl's web site: <http://chaletbowl.com/index.cfm> for Café Menu, map and directions, and more. Parking is available in the Safeway overflow lot around the corner, in the adjacent school parking lot or on neighboring streets.

Thanksgiving Break – No School – Wednesday, November 23rd to Friday November 25th: Happy Turkey Day! Childcare is available on Wednesday, November 23rd, but will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, November 25th. Call Rose at 265-8773 to sign up if needed.

GHA Open House – Saturday, December 3rd, 1-3 PM: New and returning families welcome. Invite your friends and stop by to preview next years' classroom.

Last SFN Meeting of 2011 – Wednesday, December 7th 9:00 AM in the Library.

Christmas Tree Lighting at the NEW Gig Harbor Safeway – Saturday, December 10th, 5:00 PM: GHA is invited to sing. See upcoming on-line newsletter for more information and link to let Mrs. Swanson know your kids will attend.

Winter Concert – Thursday, December 15th at Gig Harbor High School.

Winter Break: Last school day Friday, December 16th and we're back on Tuesday, January 3rd 2012. Childcare will be available during Winter Break, but definitely closed on Monday, December 26th. Additional dates may be added for closures, but will be posted in the weekly e-newsletter. Contact Rose Brown for details at 265-8773.

Special Friends' Day and Student Art Show: Tentative date April 27th. Special Friends' Day on campus and open house, *Vernissage* style art show. We are currently looking for a new venue since the Fox Island Alliance Church is unavailable due to remodeling. Please see the office if you have any suggestions. We need a location that will allow us to hang artwork on walls and would have moveable walls as well. Thank you in advance for your help.

Holiday Wreaths: Admiring the beautiful holiday wreath on the door of the main building? Get your own AND benefit GHA! Russell Scott, a GHA parent, will be offering these wreaths along with garlands for sale with profits donated to GHA. Wreaths will be delivered fresh to campus. Look for details in upcoming e-newsletter.

Annual Fund: On-going and continuing for another month. Financial goal was set low at forty thousand and this goal has been met. Participation is at about 30%. Matching funds from board are available for classes with 100% participation. Thank you to Roberta Polk and Eric White for their efforts and thank you to everyone who has contributed! **If you book a birthday party or buy a membership with Discovery Village they will donate 10% of the revenue to the GHA NOW! Annual Fund. Make sure you let them know GHA sent you for us to receive the 10%. This is valid only for birthday parties and memberships purchased after November 3rd. Thank you to Discovery Village for this fabulous Cross Marketing opportunity.**

Holiday Community Service Project: Clothing and Toys for foster families. Details to come. Contact [Imka Lavinder](#), to help or with ideas.

Thank you to Book Fair, Pumpkin Carve, and FISH Food Drive (SFN Community Service) organizers and volunteers! Thanks especially to Mary Wotherspoon, who along with her other efforts also arranged for good weather, Bob Wotherspoon for the lights, Shannon Vanderford for directing traffic and everyone who helped keep everyone safe, well fed, entertained, and covered in face paint.

Thank you to Maureen Brekke and book fair volunteers for another successful Scholastic book fair. Thank you to everyone who purchased books and helped to support our library, as well as purchasing new books for classrooms, the Spanish program and the library. Enjoy your books!

And Thank you to all who donated to the FISH Food Drive, drove kids back and forth to the food bank, and to Imka Lavinder for implementing this very important Community Service initiative.

Lost and Found: Missing something? Check the overflowing lost and found! Unclaimed items will be donated when we break for winter.

Head of School Search: Committee interviewing this week. A list of Finalists will be released after interviews.

Early Childhood Committee: Group has been meeting every Friday and will have recommendations for next year soon. A program for 2 year olds is being considered.

Full Circle Farms: Delivering fresh on campus every Tuesday morning. Code CHERRIES gets you 10\$ off your first order. [Click Here](#) to be directed to their website.

Speaker Symposium: On campus Parent Education Nights, for our families and the community, being organized. Please contact Marci Hardy for more information, ideas, or volunteer to help.