



McAuliffe Elementary
PTSA

NEWS & Notes

Farewell McAuliffe Fifth Graders!

Fifth Grade Promotion is just around the corner! See you Tuesday June 17th in the Commons from 2-3:30 p.m. Bring tissue!

4th Grade Parents Needed to "Pay It Forward"

Each year the 5th Grade Promotion committee reaches out to 4th Grade parents to help during the promotion ceremony as a way to "pay it forward" for next year, when their 4th graders will be in the 5th Grade Promotion ceremony. This allows parents of the current graduating class to enjoy the ceremony rather than being busy volunteering at their child's big event. The 5th Grade Promotion ceremony will be held Tuesday, June 17 from 2 - 3:30 p.m. in the McAuliffe Commons, and we are looking for a few more 4th Grade parents to help between 1:00 and 3:30 p.m. If you are able to volunteer, please email Laura Bolz at llbolz@hotmail.com. Thank you for paying it forward!

Get a great rate on your child's Camp Invention experience!



For just a few hours of volunteer time, your child can attend Camp Invention at a reduced rate of \$115. Contact camp instructor Jennifer Simon at jsimon@lwsd.org to see if this great opportunity is still available! For more information about Camp Invention happening at McAuliffe in July, see our web site at mcauliffeptsa.org.

August 28!

SAVE THE DATE!

Our Back to Business Extravaganza is Thursday, August 28! Come back to school to take care of business and get a jump on the new school year!

Please see our flyer in today's payload packet for specific times and details regarding this event, which features school portraits and Teacher Meet and Greet!



Questions? Please contact Jennifer Mackleit at macklje@msn.com or Sue Simon at susanmsimon@msn.com

Get Involved with the McAuliffe PTSA in 2014-2015!

We all cheer for next year! Be a part of the amazing success our volunteers share as an integral part of our fantastic, award-winning school. We have filled many Board and committee (chairperson) positions for next year and still have some available. Take a peek!

- ◆ VP School Programs (Board position)
- ◆ VP Grants (Board position)
- ◆ Box Tops chair
- ◆ escrip chair
- ◆ Caps Recycling chair
- ◆ Talent Show Co-chair
- ◆ Spirit Wear Co-chair

Our VP of Fundraising, Leslie Barber, is looking for a **Fun Run Super Team** to knock the running socks off of last year's Fun Run results!

- ◆ Fun Run Co-chair
- ◆ T-shirt guru
- ◆ Prizes guru
- ◆ Flyers/Publicity guru
- ◆ Sponsors guru



If you would like more information on any of these positions, contact our PTSA President Joanne Toll at president@mcauliffeptsa.org or our VP of Fundraising Leslie Barber at fundraising@mcauliffeptsa.org.

Amazon Gives McAuliffe a Reason to SMILE!

The McAuliffe PTSA has just added a new "passive" fundraiser, one that requires very little involvement other than a quick minute to get set up. AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know, but when you shop from AmazonSmile, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the McAuliffe PTSA. Simply go to:

smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1492758



If you are already an Amazon member, just log in and shop. Not a member? Create an account, and you're done!

STOP BY OVER THE SUMMER! WWW.MCAULIFFEPTSA.ORG

These Volunteers MADE THESE THINGS HAPPEN!

Thank you Shining Stars!

Spring Flower Bed & Planter Cleanup

Susan Lyon
Rachel McClary
Heather Carlson
Nancy Grossi

Family Dance Hoedown

Jess Arens
Jenn Sinclair
Jennifer DerGarabedian
Anne Mckenzie
Amy Heissenbuttel
Shipra Chandnani
Deanna Carter
Gisela Braje
Ildalucia De La Garza
Jill Corriveau
Kym Morey
Laura Bolz
Nancy Grossi
Rita Badh
Sarah Fournier
Tammy Penarczyk
Tamami Eisele
Vicky Garcia
Mandy Brunner
Lisa Craig

Students:

Yash K.
Emma S.
Bizzy E.
Jaya B.
Sophia C.
Ryan E.
Joey A.
Hannah D.
Botond D.
Joana C.
Allison M.
Ashley H.
Shalini S.
Mackenna R.
Tyler D.

Art Walk

Abby Rodgers
Adria Fife
Anne McKenzie
Anu Kodvalla
Briana Martin
Catherine Bandarchuk
Cheryl Smith
Christa Valverde
Connie Abram
Danielle Bellinello
Denine Uphoff
Eileen Fenick
Elizabeth Smith
Ena Rotoli
Gisela Braje
Heather Raschko
Ildalucia Garza
Jess Arens
Jill Corriveau
Joanne Toll
Jodi Bean
Karen Chekan
Katharine Lucas
Kristi Gorham
Kristina Gibbons
Laura Bolz
LeAnne Wilson
Lisa Craig
Liz Faaland
Lulu Ochoa
Mandy Brunner
Michelle Silbernagel
Nancy Grossi
Paula Sharples
Pina Mehta
Smitha Bharadwa
Stephanie Beck-Tauscher
Stephanie Estes
Sue Wilenzick
Claudine Ursino
Jenn Sinclair

5th Grade Promotion Committee:

Anandita Roy
Liza Wallace
Rachel Harris
Laura Bolz
Jill Corriveau
Brian Martin
Cheryl Smith
Chrissie Rouse
Neelie Floyd
Rosana Shetty
Cindy Rittenhouse
Leiann Shaw
Minako Sugimoto
Kirsten Holsan
Leslie Barber

5th Grade Promotion Help (Prep, Décor, Chaperones, etc.)

Lisa Henderson
Deb Shaw
Angela Balsara
Allison Albright
Carrie Dallas
Tanzeela Merchant
Jackie Jarawan
Deanna Carter
Renata Rocha
Melanie Carmosino
Sudipta Bhuyan
Heidi Schmedding
Holly Hoyt
Michelle Silbernagel
Rosana Shetty
Anandita Roy
Liza Wallace
Jon Harris
Rachel Harris
Laura Bolz
Jill Corriveau
Brian Martin
Todd Smith
Cheryl Smith
Chrissie Rouse
Neelie Floyd
Cindy Rittenhouse
Leiann Shaw
Minako Sugimoto
Kirsten Holsan
Leslie Barber
Simon Floyd
Sue Simon

4th Grade 'Pay it Forward' helpers (5th Grade Promotion):

Jennifer Mackleit
Susie Decaire
Heather Carlson
Sarah Fournier
Janet Chisholm

Students:

Kade S.
Andrew Z.
Olivia M.
Hannah D.
Taylor E.

5th Grade Promotion Bake Sales

Cheryl Smith
Angela Balsara
Allison Albright
Anandita Roy
Chrissie Rouse
Chrystina Hansen
Carrie Dallas
Cindy Rittenhouse
Leiann Shaw
Heidi Schmedding
Liza Wallace
Laura Bolz
Leslie Barber
Rachel Harris
Deanna Carter
Shanta Ganguly
Sue Simon
Tamami Eisele
Zhe Yuan
Michelle Silbernagel
Amy Robinett
Karen Herd
Jackie Jarawan
Cindy Rittenhouse
Minako Sugimoto
Briana Martin
Jaimee Milton
Trina Thompson



DON'T TOSS 'EM!

Used School Supplies Drive!

Tuesday and Wednesday, June 17-18



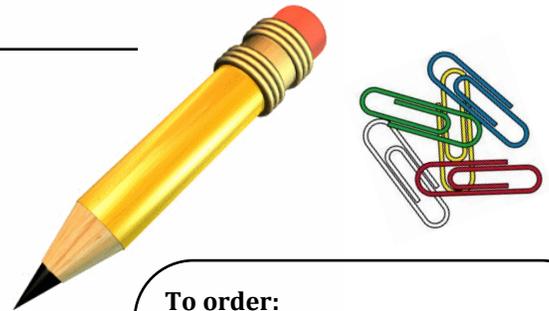
Don't want those old school supplies coming home or ending up in the garbage? No problem! We're having a Used School Supplies Drive! McAuliffe students and staff can put their used and no-longer-wanted school supplies in the designated boxes in the school lobby/foyer during the last two days of school. We will take any and all items listed below:

- ◆ Pencils (including stubs)
- ◆ Pencil sharpeners
- ◆ Erasers
- ◆ Pens
- ◆ Markers
- ◆ Crayons (broken ones, too)
- ◆ Colored pencils
- ◆ Highlighters
- ◆ Scissors
- ◆ Loose-leaf notebook paper
- ◆ Spiral notebooks (okay if partly used)
- ◆ Binders & Pocket folders
- ◆ Lunch boxes
- ◆ Backpacks

Donations will go to the Issaquah Food Bank and Sister Schools, a non-profit that distributes supplies to schools in Uganda.

Questions? Contact Deanna Carter at communications@mcauliffepts.org

Out With the Old [School Supplies], In With the New...with School Tool Box!



Once again this year, you can purchase your McAuliffe 2014-2015 school supplies through **School Tool Box**. Simply place your order online at www.schooltoolbox.com and your teacher-approved school supplies will be delivered right to your home. You can customize your list based on what you have and what you need. Already have a pair of scissors from last year? Remove them. Need extra crayons for your home or a sibling? Add them. Its that simple! You can order them as early as TODAY or as late as 3 weeks before school starts (to get them in time). All orders ship within 21 days.

1. Go to www.schooltoolbox.com
2. Click **Find boxes now** (a "box" is a supply list specific to a grade) or, on the small Shop Now white "tag" click **Pre-Built Boxes**.
3. In the Search for your child's school text field, enter **mcauliffe**.
4. In the dropdown list that appears, select Christa **McAuliffe Elementary Sammamish, WA**.
5. The list of McAuliffe school "boxes" loads. Select your boxes, and customize/complete your order by following additional steps online.

To order:

www.schooltoolbox.com

800-952-1119

School Name:

Christa McAuliffe Elementary School
Sammamish WA

Prices by Grade*:

Kindergarten - \$36.36

1st Grade - \$46.73

2nd Grade - \$33.67

3rd Grade - \$40.21

4th Grade - \$54.81

5th Grade - \$48.17

*Lists are customizable; some lists have additional items available for optional purchase.



AND THE GOLDEN ACORN GOES TO...

Jenn Sinclair

Congratulations on receiving the 2013-2014 Golden Acorn Award. The McAuliffe PTSA has made a contribution in your name to the Washington State PTA Scholarship Program, which provides grants to freshman students entering post-secondary education. We would like to share some of the several written nominations for Jenn.

"She is keeping art ALIVE!"

"Because now my son loves art! And my house now has some décor."

"She is devoted to Art Start and cares how the program is run as well as the volunteers who take the time to bring art to the classes. She is positive, creative, fun and makes the Art Start program look great — it is great — she just adds to it! Plus she does many other class volunteer work."

"The ways that Jenn leads the kids at McAuliffe to succeed and enjoy art are never-ending. Whether in a classroom, at home or running around town to find that piece that is missing from the next lesson, she is always coming up with clever ways to share her talents."

"Walking through the hallways at McAuliffe is one of my favorite things to do. Jenn's passion for art can be seen through the art that our kids do. The Art Walk was once again fantastic, and the 'Pacific NW' theme was genius! Thank you...for another aftful year."

"She does so much for our Art Start program. Kids need ART!"

"Jennifer Sinclair has taken on so many tasks with the Art Start program. As a fellow Art Start mom, Jennifer has helped me so much with our projects. This is the first year that I have really connected with Jennifer and learned how the program works. She has taken the time to support and guide me through some of the most difficult art projects. She has offered to come into the classroom and help with my projects and with the kiln. She never had to look at her calendar, she would just say "Give me the day and time, and I would love to help!" This was the first year I did clay and glass art, thanks to Jennifer. I never had the courage to tackle something like this. She was very patient with me and showed me all the tricks to clay modeling and glass cutting. We pulled off an amazing glazed clay project this year for the Art Walk.

She has given all her time with the Art Program and has made it a complete success! Jennifer has a warm smile every time I greet her. She is very passionate with art and always gives her best. She makes great leadership decisions.

She carried on so many roles with the Art Program this year, that all her hard work and own sacrifices displayed a huge effort in the successful Art Walk this year! Probably the best I've ever seen! I don't know of a parent that wouldn't agree with me, that the program has been awesome this year and there is new life and ideas in the hallways. Jennifer and the Art Start Team worked very hard for the event.

Please consider Jennifer Sinclair as a nomination for the Golden Acorn Award.

"I'd like to give a special thank you to our Art Start Volunteers. This program is truly special, and the love and care that our Art Start volunteers put into each lesson and the tireless preparation is beyond measure. Classroom teachers constantly hear from students "When will it be Art Start again?" This is a true testament to how much our students value having the opportunity to express themselves artistically. Academic subjects can be a barrier for many students; however, art is an outlet. It's also a way for students to express their understanding of concepts (math, science, language arts) in ways that are not always found in the traditional classroom setting. Thank you, for bringing beauty and life to our students. We (both teachers and students) are grateful for your dedication to bringing a vibrant arts education to our students and children."