



McAuliffe Elementary  
**PTSA**

# NEWS & Notes

## Used Book Rodeo Sale is Next Week!

Our roping team has herded thousands of books this week, and soon the arena will be set up for everyone to come shop! Students who brought in donations will get their Book Bucks from their teacher either Monday or first thing Tuesday morning so that they can get "first dibs" on the loot! Starting at noon on Tuesday, the Book Rodeo is open to everyone, and we'll take Book Bucks, cash, and checks all week long. Stomp on by and bring the whole posse during these times:

**BOOK BUCKS ONLY!** ➤ **TUES. JAN. 28** ★ 9 am–12 pm

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**EXTENDED HOURS!** ➤ **WED. JAN. 29** ★ 9 am–5 pm

**THUR. JAN. 30** ★ 9 am–3 pm

**HALF-PRICE BONANZA!** ➤ **FRI. JAN. 31** ★ 9 am–1 pm

## The Tree that Keeps on Giving

Yes, the decorations are gone, but there's no question that your generosity through the McAuliffe Giving Tree will be long-lasting. Together we helped 39 kids and adults from McAuliffe and Rose Hill Elementary. Many thanks to our volunteers and everyone who chose a star (or several) from the trees.

## Need A Fun Run Tax Receipt?

You can download one from our website at [www.mcauliffeptsa.org](http://www.mcauliffeptsa.org) and complete the necessary information you need to submit with your tax information. And thanks again for your support!



## A "Math Problem" for the New Box Tops Contest

Our second Box Tops contest is coming February 3-12!

Our goal for this year is 13,000 Box Tops, and we have already collected more than 9,400. So how many do we need to collect this time to reach our goal? (That's right, just 3,600!) Gosh, that might not be such a "problem" after all!

Start clipping and start collecting!



## Volunteer of the Month

Congratulations and Thank You to  
**Anne McKenzie!**

## December's Shining Stars

McAuliffe has the BEST volunteers! Many thanks to:

### Winter Box Tops

- Trish Miller
- Heidi Le Roux
- Shira Burtness
- Susan Lyon
- Heather Chapman
- Kirsten Holsan

### Giving Tree

- Mandy Brunner
- Anne McKenzie
- Jenn Sinclair
- Kelly Blair
- Everyone who brought in gifts!

## International Night Update! 23 Countries...and Counting!

We're thrilled to have 23 countries represented so far at McAuliffe's One World, Many Faces International Night celebration on April 24!

Just in case you're wondering...there's still time for your family to join in the festivities! Sign up to "host" a country, have fun dressing up in native attire, or create a decorative display of your families' heritage and cultural traditions. We want to include as many McAuliffe families as possible. Please note that we're especially looking for more families from South American and African countries to participate.

To officially get yourself on the map, please contact Vicky Garcia ([vicky.garcia@hotmail.com](mailto:vicky.garcia@hotmail.com)) or Leah Ramos ([leahzramos@hotmail.com](mailto:leahzramos@hotmail.com)), or download a Calling all Countries entry form at [www.mcauliffeptsa.org](http://www.mcauliffeptsa.org).



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## Kindergarten Registration is February 6th

Registration for next year's Kindergarten classes will be held February 6 from 1-7 p.m. in the Commons. Children who turn 5 years old by August 31 (2014) are eligible to register for next year's Kindergarten classes.

Parents registering their children for Kindergarten will need to provide proof of residency within McAuliffe's school boundary (such as a utility bill that indicates the home address), a birth certificate or passport, and immunization records.

McAuliffe will be offering all-day and half-day Kindergarten classes next year. There is a fee for the all-day program, which will be approximately \$350/month. Parents registering for all-day Kindergarten must bring two checks to registration — one for the first month's deposit, and another for monthly automatic withdrawals. All-day Kindergarten class rosters will be determined by lottery on February 12th.

Please feel free to share this information with any neighbors who may have Kindergarten-age students.

### Please Volunteer!

We are looking for 6 parents to help with Kindergarten registration. There will be 3 shifts (1-3 p.m., 3-5 p.m. and 5-7 p.m.) with two parents at each shift.

Volunteers will greet parents, help them sign in and get started on paperwork, as well as answer some questions about McAuliffe. Please contact McAuliffe secretary Stephanie McNear ([smcnear@lwsd.org](mailto:smcnear@lwsd.org)) to volunteer.

## Volunteer with LINKS

LINKS is looking for energetic and committed volunteers to work with students one hour per week.

Opportunities include:

- Lunch Buddy Mentor
- One-on-One Tutor
- Classroom Tutor (reading, math, English)
- After School Study Program

It takes one person to make a difference in the life of a child. Be that person.

For more information go to the LINKS web page at [www.lwsd.org/links](http://www.lwsd.org/links), or contact LINKS at 425-936-1410 or [links@lwsd.org](mailto:links@lwsd.org). LINKS is funded by the Lake Washington Schools Foundation.

## Parking Blotter

I know of many people who read the Police Blotter section in the *Sammamish Review* just for sheer entertainment (and sometimes a little bit of shock value, like "you mean someone would actually DO THAT?!") Now, we don't have Parking Police at McAuliffe, but that doesn't mean that a "parking violation" of the 5-minute drop-off and PTSA Volunteer of the Month parking spots don't go unnoticed. And when we continue to hear tales similar to this one, of a volunteer waiting in her car for someone to pull out of the VOM parking spot only to watch someone else ahead of them pull INTO it, well, it's kind of a buzz kill. We joke about silly solutions, such as a "parking security camera" or parking boots (the kind that go on your tire so that if you park there, you'll STAY there), or a "Wall of Fame" Game on the website where people can guess the guilty license-plate. Nahhh. Like I said, those are silly solutions and a silly game.

Parking and pick-up and drop-off at McAuliffe is a challenge as most of us know, but it's not a game.

It's etiquette.



## 2014 PTSA Legislative Focus Day

You're invited to join the Washington State PTA in Olympia on Tuesday, Feb. 4 for Focus Day 2014. This is the WSPTA's premier, statewide advocacy event. Focus Day is a great way to connect with legislators, putting kids front and center .

Registration and other information is available at the Washington State PTA website ([wastatepta.org](http://wastatepta.org)). The event is free. (There is a small charge for the boxed lunch.)

The Lake Washington PTSA Council will again charter a bus to/from Olympia. If you'd like to join them on the bus, please email its VP for Advocacy, Beth Sigall at [advocacy@lwptsa.net](mailto:advocacy@lwptsa.net).

Note: Due to the schedule for meeting with legislators, participants from the Lake Washington School District will kick off Focus Day at 9:30 a.m. in Olympia. Our first legislator meeting is set for 10 a.m. (w/ Senator Andy Hill -Redmond), followed by meetings with Rep. Roger Goodman and Rep. Larry Springer at 1 p.m.

Election Day is February 11

