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Giddens e-news

Week of March 10, 2010

Giddens School provides an academically excellent curriculum enriched with a commitment to critical thinking and social responsibility. Staff and families create a community that nourishes diversity, sense of self and love of learning.

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Wednesday, March

10: Internal Open
House, 6-7:30pm

Friday, March 19:

Conferences; No
School, RKC Available

Friday, March 19:

37th Annual Giddens
Auction

Friday, March 26:

Conferences; No
School, RKC Available

April 5-9: Spring

Break, RKC Available

Dear Families, Alumni, and Friends,

We had a busy weekend. On Saturday we hosted the prospective families for "play dates." The children enjoyed themselves and their parents asked great questions. There were about 55 students who were interested in attending our school. On Sunday, the four K/1 teachers and Alison attended a reading conference which they all thought was excellent. I think you will see evidence of this in their classrooms during the spring.

We are excited about the Internal Open House tonight. This will be an opportunity for the current families to visit the school and listen to what their students are doing and learning. I am also excited about meeting many of you as the new Permanent Head and talking about my vision for the school.

The auction is coming soon and I was on the stage today looking over the first batch of silent auction items. Please take a few minutes to look over the items. I want to thank all of the Auction Committee members as well as the Development Committee members for all of the hard work they have put into planning the auction. I am in awe of their commitment and passion. Janet has done a great job organizing all of this and also deserves a big thank you.

This weekend, the board will be having a spring retreat to go over the Strategic Plan. Thanks to all who filled out surveys, attended community forums, and gave us feedback. I believe the plan reflects the input gathered from the community, the board and the staff and will help all of us move forward together. Julie, Gail, and Wendy have done a wonderful job of guiding this process, so thanks to them.

In addition, this month is conference time. This is an opportunity for you to discover what your child is learning and doing and also to have your questions answered. The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you.



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Finally, as I transition from being the interim head to the permanent head, I hope I can live up to the high standards this school deserves. I am excited about the challenges and will enter the job with the passion and commitment this community deserves. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to email, call, or talk in person with me. My goal is to ensure that every student is thriving and achieving, academically, socially, and emotionally. This will be my mission for the next several years.

Take care and have a great week.

Robert
Interim Head of School

SCHOOLWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Don't Forget to Sign Up for RKC during Spring Conferences on Friday, March 19 and Friday, March 26!

Registration forms are available [here](#) and are due no later than **March 15th**. No Drop Ins available.

Please note that there will be no Library Drop In available during your scheduled conference time

Please join your children at school on March 10th for our First Annual Internal Open House!

After our Open House for prospective students this year and the wonderful reaction we got from the families who attended to all of your children's work, we feel that it is time for all of YOU to come learn about the creative and challenging work that your children have been pursuing this year. Between now and March 10th, your students and their teachers will be working to gather either completed projects or work that they feel reflects what they are most proud of as students at Giddens. Please come for a fun evening, let your child show you their knowledge, and let us share some of the joy that we experience teaching your children!

We will begin at 6:00 in the gym, where Robert will give a very quick welcome before we send you off to your child's classroom. The evening will end at 7:30 sharp.

Hope to see you all there!

Do you want to do your part for the auction - and get a FREE ticket? There are still some volunteer slots open for the night of the auction. People working during the auction can get in free! Contact Erin Fanning[erinfc@hotmail.com], 206/723-1989, or sign up in the front hall if you can take a shift:

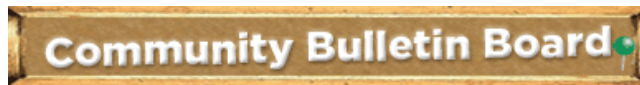
- Registration, 5:45-7:45
- Raffle Ticket Sales, 6:15-8:15
- Silent Auction Monitor, 6:15-8:30
- Live Auction Spotter/Runner, 7:45-10:30

- Live Auction Strut-the-Stuff, 7:45-10:30
- Check-out & Pick-up, 9:00-10:45
- Post Auction Clean-up and Load-out, 10:30-11:30

Clean out your junk drawers! Erin and Micah's 4th-5th grade class needs your small cast-offs - buttons, coins, old keys, machine parts, broken dishes or tiles, etc. - for making mosaics for their class auction project. Don't know what they are? That's okay - Bring them to the 4-5 classroom or put them in Erin's/Micah's box in the office this week. Thanks!

Lost & Found

Please make sure your child's name is on that beautiful Giddens sweatshirt before it turns up in L&F. And check your child's sweatshirt to make sure someone else's name isn't in it. If so, please bring it back and look for yours! Thanks.



Need Childcare? Giddens parent, Erika Hankins has a Nanny that she would like to share. Her nanny has worked with their family for 3 years, first taking care of Nolan (in Steve E's class) and now his 9 month old sister. If you are interested in full or part time childcare, please contact Erika: erika.authenticpath@gmail.com.

Pet Sitting/Dog Walking Services: Kt Hendrie (mama of Serei and Gus) runs her own Pet Sitting/Dog Walking business. She will pet sit in your home or at her home. Kt has many references from other Giddens parents. Contact her for availability and rates: ktpetservice@hotmail.com or 206-349-6625.

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