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Giddens e-news

Week of March 17, 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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Friday, March 19:

Conferences; No
School, RKC Available

Friday, March 19:

37th Annual Giddens
Auction

Friday, March 26:

Conferences; No
School, RKC Available

Wednesday, March

31: Once Upon a Time,
2/3 and 4/5
Performance 6-7:30pm

April 5-9: Spring

Break, RKC Available

Dear Families, Alumni, and Friends,

I love basketball, so March has always meant "March Madness" and paying attention to the teams. I now have a new context for "March Madness" here at Giddens. The month of March means auction, conferences, open houses, admissions season, budget, and strategic planning. All of these events are important and keep the month moving right along.

This note will be short as we are already late, but next week I will give a more detailed update. I hope you can all join us for the Auction this Friday. It will be fun for all and hopefully raise money for our families and students.

Take care and have a great week.

Robert

Interim Head of School

SCHOOLWIDE ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Giddens Island Auction is Friday!

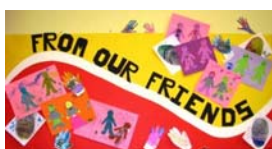
See you at the new venue: Herban Feast in Sodo Park
3200 1st Avenue South, Seattle 98134

We still are looking for a few more volunteers to help out during the live auction portion of the evening, 7:45-10:15:

- Take live items and Classroom Projects up to the stage and display them for the audience while the auctioneer talk about them and calls for bids;
- Be a spotter or runner during the live auction. Spotters help the auctioneer see who is bidding. Runners take the paperwork to the winning bidder to be signed.

We also need help with clean-up and load-out following the auction, 10:30-11:30. If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact [Sheba](#) at 324-4847 ext. 37. Thank you!

Wednesday, March 31st, 6-7:30pm



Join Our Mailing List!

Once Upon A Time...

Four Folk and Fairy Tales for the Whole Family

Let the 2/3s and 4/5s take you on a magic journey through the fantastic realm of fairytales and the mystical Incan Empire!

Spring Break: April 5-9

Join us over Spring Break to make some more original films!

Our Pre Schoolers and Pre K kids will put together some skits that we will film while our K-5 graders will devote the time to writing original stories and acting in some original short films. You won't want to miss out on this star-studded spring break! Please contact [David Guzman](#) for registration info at 206-324-4847 ext.34.

Upcoming Spring Classes:

Chess with Chess4Life: Grades K-5

If you missed out on the last session, or want to continue improving your chess skills, then sign up for the next session! Register [here](#) or use the flyer distributed in your classrooms.

Moon Paper Dress Up Adventures: Grades K-2

Join a magical troop of explorers as they travel through the dream worlds of imagination! Mermaids, Wizards, Superheroes, Fairies, animals and more! Its time to meet in the Magical Forest and create an adventure like no other! Dress up, character building, prop making, and problem solving. The possibilities are never ending! Creative Drama, improvisational play, and emergent arts and crafts at its best! Please contact [David Guzman](#) for registration info at 206-324-4847 ext.34.

Giddens School Library Newsflash!

***The Giddens library has started emailing overdue notices to families ahead of students library visits.** Please review, return or let the library know if there are titles on your child's record which you believe were returned, never checked out, not in classrooms. Together this paperless reminder should help everyone be responsible "citizens" of this great shared library resource.

***The library is in the process of improving classroom access to leveled readers on the upstairs hallway shelving.** If you have a few hours to share, "[Bookman](#)" can put you to work helping level, mark, and move books onto the new shelves and into the hands of eager readers.

***Finally, did you know that this year, to date, our library has added over 200 titles through "birthday book" and other donations, and more than twice that through budgeted purchases?** Thanks to everyone who has helped the library grow, and grow, and grow!

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.

Community Bulletin Board

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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