

LawtonNews

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

MEASUREMENT OF STUDENT PROGRESS (MSP) TESTING

Each Spring the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction requires an assessment of student learning to show what progress students are making toward their grade level standards. In past years children, starting in third grade, have participated in testing the core academic subjects in the Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL). The results are communicated to the school and families and are used to show progress in each school. This year the students of Lawton will be participating in the state MSP testing from May 17-21.

What is different about MSP Testing?

- Reading, Math and Science tests are shorter
- Reading passages are shorter (they are grade level X 100 words)
- Functional reading will be included e.g. bus schedules, movie times, etc
- Math-no calculators will be used

What parents need to know:

- MSP Testing is for Grade 3 Math and Reading, Grade 4 Reading, Writing and Math, and Grade 5 Math, Reading and Science
- Make up testing will be done May 24-28 except 5th grade where make up tests will be given on Friday, May 21.
- Students must use #2 wooden pencils – no mechanical pencils will be used
- Attendance will be taken to ensure all students have an opportunity to do make up tests

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CALENDAR

Friday, May 14

Deadline for Science Fair registration

May 17-21

MSP Testing (*see cover page for more details*)

Tuesday, May 18

BLT Board Meeting • 3:30 pm

Wednesday, May 19

Early Dismissal • 1:10 pm

Thursday, May 20

4th & 5th grade concert (*details to come soon*)

May 25-27

Islandwood Camp for 5th Graders

Monday, May 31

No School - Memorial Day

Tuesday, June 1

Lawton Night at the Mariners (*see page 3*)

Thursday, June 10

Science Fair

What is the role of the teacher:

- Teachers will distribute the tests, take attendance and proctor each test
- Proctors must monitor students while the test is being taken by walking around the classroom
- Proctors must not leave students unattended during the testing
- All students who receive Special Ed services have testing accommodations in their IEP – these must be followed during MSP testing

What is the role of the principal:

- Monitor testing in classrooms
- Be available to resolve “irregularities”

**SCHEDULE FOR MSP TESTING
WEEK OF MAY 17-21**

Grade 3	May 18	Math
	May 19	Reading for Ms Rybock and Mr. Terry
	May 20	Reading for Ms Palewicz and Ms Wong
Grade 4	May 17 & 21	Writing
	May 18	Math
	May 20	Reading
Grade 5	May 18	Math
	May 19	Science
	May 20	Reading
	May 21	Make Up Testing for 5th Grade

3rd and 4th graders will do make up testing during the week of May 24-28. All students who have an IEP will follow the accommodation plan in the IEP.

If you have any questions about your child taking the tests, please contact your teacher.

Lawton Student Placement Process For 2010/2011

As the school year ends the staff and principal at Lawton will be working on creating the learning groups for next year. During this process the staff will use all the information they have collected about the student as well as parent input and input from other staff who have worked with the children to create classes for next year. The following criteria will be used to determine the best possible learning environment for each student:

- The primary goal of class placement is to establish productive learning groups
- Placement decisions are based upon the consideration of all educational factors; academic and social factors are the primary determinants
- Factors considered include academic achievement levels, learning styles of children, instructional levels, balancing racial/ethnic and gender groups, discipline issues and separation of students who interfere with each other’s progress. Sometimes children are great friends but this can be a detriment to their education; other times children thrive with placed with certain children.
- Children who qualify for the Spectrum Program will be placed together in a group at each grade level
- On Wednesday, May 19th teachers at each grade level will meet together and will use the information and staff and parent input to place the children in their next grade from first grade to fifth grade. The goal is to create balanced groupings for all teachers. These groupings will then be reviewed by other staff, who work with all the children, and recommendations can be made to the principal about possible changes in the groupings.
- The principal will confirm placements and class lists will be developed to be used as we develop our plans for next year. Lists will be finalized and posted in early September.
- **In order to provide a vehicle for parent input into this process we will be sending out a form to be completed and returned by May 17th. Please look for this form when it is sent home with your child or on our website.**

FUNdraising opportunity... with Ray's Boathouse

Lawton Elementary PTA has partnered with Ray's Boathouse in Ballard for a delicious twist to our fundraising efforts.

Eat at Ray's Boathouse or Ray's Cafe between **May 10-23** and tell your server that you are supporting Lawton Elementary and 10% of your bill before tax and gratuity goes to Lawton PTA !

This benefit applies to anybody who goes to Ray's – the guest just has to say that they are supporting Lawton Elementary. So please forward to friends and family. Entertain a client...Enjoy a date night...Plan a mom's or dad's night out.

Thanks to Ray's Boathouse for making this offer available to our community and supporting Lawton PTA programs.

Pillow Cases/Mouse Pads Needed!

With the economic times, Carrie Wheeler (Occupational Therapist) and I (Nancy Hunter, Speech Therapist and OT wanna-be) have come up with a cheap-free "seating focus tool".

We are cutting foam to fit the seat of a chair and putting them in pillow cases. We put a mouse pad down on the chair (so the pillow case does not slip) and then put the pillow-cased foam on top. The bottom line is that we are asking for donations of used or new pillow cases: plain, standard sized would be the best. In addition, if you have any extra mouse pad to donate that would be great too. You may put these in our mailboxes.

Thanks so much in advance.

DISPLAY SHOWCASE

THIS WEEK

Adam and Justin Theriault • Bionicles

If you have a collection you would like to display for the school, sign up with Mrs. Thomas in the office.



Play Ball!

**The PTA is happy to announce
that Lawton Night at the
Mariner's is BACK!**

Tuesday, June 1, 2010 • 7:10 pm
Seattle Mariners v. Minnesota Twins
Tickets: \$11.00

Lawton folks will be seated in the same section. If you would like to sit right with another family, please place one order for the entire group.

LINK TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

www.mariners.com/schoolgroups

Lawton password is lawton0601

Deadline to purchase tickets is May 31st at noon.

Questions?

Contact Kimball Mullins at kimball_mullins@yahoo.com

or call or Mariner's rep at 206.518.3879

Lawton News

Lawton News is compiled weekly by Marla Master, PTA communication officer.

Contact: marla@masterdesign.ca • 285-0590

When sending submissions please put the word **LAWTON NEWS** in subject line. Thanks!

Deadline: Friday 5pm

For the following Tuesday's edition

Lawton Elementary 2009 – 2010 Yearbook Order Form

Now is the time to order the 2009-2010 Lawton Yearbook!

It's a keepsake that your child will treasure for years to come.
There are a limited number of books printed so guarantee your copy by preordering.
This year the book will be printed in color!

**The cost of each book is \$15 and the order deadline is May 28th.
Books will be delivered in June.**

Student Name: _____ Room _____

Student Name: _____ Room _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Books: _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

I would like to pay \$2.00 and request a scholarship book. *(Requests are confidential)*

I would like to purchase a yearbook for a child in need.

Amount donated \$ _____

Please turn forms into the office. **Make checks payable to: Lawton PTA**

Questions: Marla Master marla@masterdesign.ca or 285-0590

POSITION OPENING Program Manager, Debate Club

This part-time position runs during the school year for 10 months, Sept. – June, and is responsible for all aspects involved in administering two, 12-week debate club sessions in four public elementary schools.

Specific duties include: Recruit and facilitate training for debate coaches, handle PR, student registration, and scheduling, and establish and maintain clear and consistent communications with parents and coaches. Organize and run each session's culminating debate tournament. Work with the Executive Director to conduct and analyze program assessments and assess student outcomes.

The individual in this position reports to and regularly meets with the SSIA Executive Director, and as an important member of the SSIA staff is additionally expected to participate in general SSIA meetings and events.

The ideal candidate will have:

- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Good interpersonal skills
- Strong organizational skills – ability to handle and track multiple tasks
- Experience with scheduling and managing data – a basic understanding of Excel and Word features a must
- An ability to work well independently and take initiative when appropriate

- No prior knowledge of debate is required, training will be provided.
- A basic understanding of public schools systems and some familiarity with local schools a plus.

Hours: Flexible hours averaging 10/week

Estimated Start Date: September 2010,
with possible training spring 2010

Compensation: Monthly stipend DOE

This is a contract position and does not include benefits.

For more information or to apply, contact:

Lisa Moore, SSIA Executive Director

lisa.moore@schoolsinction.org - Email only please

Volunteer Tea

**334 volunteers have recorded
over 7600 volunteer hours
so far this school year!**

**And on Wednesday June 2, the Lawton staff
will be honoring these volunteers at the annual
Volunteer Tea. All adult Lawton volunteers are
invited to join the staff in the Lawton Commons
from 3:30pm to 4:15pm.**

Limited childcare for school aged kids is available, so please reserve a spot for you child by contacting Suzy Minto at 252 2172 or smminto@seattleschools.org

If you forgot to log in time you spent at Lawton or at home helping our school, it is not too late for your volunteer time to be counted.

Have you helped with
World Cultures? Walking School Bus? Fieldtrips?
Please let me know!

For the safety and security of our students, we ask that ALL visitors and volunteers enter through the main entrance on 27th Avenue and sign in every time you come into the building at the kiosk, which is to your left as you come in through the main Lawton entrance. Please wear a Visitor or Volunteer badge if you'll be onsite.

MISSING: LAWTON BADGES

Please check your home and car for Lawton Volunteer or Visitor badges and if you find any, please return to the sign in desk in the Lawton front entrance lobby.

If you ever have any questions about volunteering at Lawton, please contact Suzy Minto
phone 252 2172

email smminto@seattleschools.org

Lawton's Drama Summer Program Presents:

ATTACK OF THE GRASSHOPPERS

June 21 - 25 • 9:00 - 3:00
\$100.00 • 1/2 day \$55.00

- Mornings will be dedicated to the science of bugs
- Afternoons will be dedicated to the theatre arts
- Week will culminate in a performance and science exhibit

THE BREMENTOWN MUSICIANS

July 5 - 9 • 9:00 - 3:00
\$100.00 • 1/2 day \$55.00

- Mornings will be dedicated to learning what makes a neighborhood
- Afternoons will be dedicated to the theatre arts
- Week will culminate in a performance and a publishing party

WESTERN DAYS

July 12 - 16 • 9:00 - 3:00
\$100.00 • 1/2 day \$55.00

- Mornings will be dedicated to folk tales and native american legends
- Afternoons will be dedicated to the theatre arts
- Week will culminate in a performance

GREEK MYTHS

July 19 - 23 • 9:00 - 3:00
\$100.00 • 1/2 day \$55.00

- Mornings will be dedicated to reading and illustrating greek myths
- Afternoons will be dedicated to the theatre arts
- Week will culminate in a performance and art exhibit

ALIENS FROM OUTER SPACE

July 26 - 30 • 9:00 - 3:00
\$100.00 • 1/2 day \$55.00

- Mornings will be dedicated to learning about the solar system
- Afternoons will be dedicated to the theatre arts
- Week will culminate in a performance and science exhibit

Note: prices are for the whole week

Needed: Debate Club Judges and Timers on Saturday May 22, 8:30-11:30am

No experience necessary, must be 15 or older – qualifies for service hours! Parent, friend, and neighbor volunteers are welcome, too!

Tournament is at Blaine K-8 in Magnolia. Orientation materials will be sent by email, and a half-hour training for volunteer judges and timers starts at 8:30am on tournament day. Each judge evaluates two teams of 2 kids in two rounds. A detailed description of a tournament is here:

<http://www.schoolsinaction.org/debate.php>, click on Tournament Information at the bottom of the page. We also need volunteers to monitor sign-in, snack table, and make copies.

Debate Club is sponsored by Successful Schools in Action, www.schoolsinaction.org, and is for 4th & 5th graders of Blaine, Lawton, Coe, and Hay Schools.

Contact sandynielsen@schoolsinaction.org

The Seattle Girl's Choir

The Seattle Girls' Choir (SGC) is holding Placement Auditions on June 5th and again August 21st for our fall semester. SGC has six choir levels for girls ages 6-18 and we would like to invite your daughter(s) to sign-up for a placement audition appointment today! Girls ages 6-10 no previous music experience is needed and for older girls it is recommended. If your daughter is interested in singing and learning more about music and how it works SGC is the place for her! Rehearsals are after school in the north Capitol Hill neighborhood.

Sign-up for Summer Music Day Camp today!

Two sessions: the week of July 19th and the week of July 26th. Full day camp for girls 7-10 and morning half-day for girls and boys 5 & 6 will be hosted by Seattle Girls' Choir.

Call today for more information, (206)526-1900, or visit our website at www.seattlegirlschoir.org.
Seattle Girls' Choir, Stacia Cammarano
1828 12th Ave., Suite A, Seattle, WA 98122

It's Party Time

There are spots left at these special parties/events sold at Casino Night. All proceeds go right to the PTA so if you missed Casino Night, this is a great way to contribute and buy your family some fun as well. Remaining spots are available on a first-come-first-served basis. They sell out so if you are interested, act now! To sign up, grab a sign-up sheet from the big board in the school foyer or email Tracy.Pozil@comcast.net.

EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	SPOTS LEFT	COST
3rd Annual Lawton School of Rock Concert	5/15/10	Magnolia Village Pub	SOLD OUT	\$50/person
Roller-Rama 2010 Rollerblading Party Grades 3-5	5/19/10	Lawton Gym/Commons	9	\$25/kid
Roller-Rama 2010 Rollerblading Party Grades K-2	5/21/10	Lawton Gym/Commons	6	\$25/kid
"Girls Just Wanna Have Fun" - Mom's Night Out 80s' Style	6/4/10	Ashford-Freeman Home	15	\$50/person
3rd Annual Kids Amazing Race Magnolia	6/12/10	Lawton Gym/Commons	8	\$30/kid
5th Annual Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament	9/25/10	Denke Home	10	\$125/person
Guys' VIP Party at Fox Sports Grill – UW @ USC	10/2/10	Fox Sports Grill	10	\$50/person
2nd Annual Father-Daughter Hoedown Dance	11/6/10	Lawton Commons	30	\$50/family
Holiday Crafting Extravaganza	11/7/10	Monette/Berta Home	15	\$50/pair
Over-The-Top Gingerbread House Decorating Party	12/4/10	Knoll Home	10	\$75/house

McClure News

McClure Block Party
Thursday, May 13 • 6:30pm

McClure's PTSA is delighted to announce that Julie Keaton will be serving as board secretary next year!

Thursday May 13th

McClure Block Party

Information On MAP Scores

And Much Much More

6:30 p.m. Ice Cream Social

Math Games

All Community Members Welcome
Newly Beautified McClure Campus

Poetry Reading
Student Writing

Go Mavericks

Incoming Families



1 Green Planet

**Green Education One Community at a Time
Recycling Free & Easy for Electronics, Appliances, Metals**

FREE Pick up and recycling for the following:

Computers & parts
Printers
Fax Machines
Phones
Record Players
Speakers
Radios
Game Systems
TV's all sizes
VCRs
Christmas Tree Lights
Anything with a plug!!

Also accepting for free;

Appliances any size
Appliances no limit
Car Batteries
Computer Batteries
Medical Equipment
Ink toner & cartridges

Scrap Metals like:

Bicycles
Tools
Furniture
Exercise equipment
BBQs
Lawn mowers
(please empty gas & oil)

If you have any questions about what items can be recycled please contact ;

susan@1greenplanet.org
or call 253-638-1536
or 206-406-6319

1 Green Planet, a local non-profit recycling organization will be at the

**Magnolia
United Church of Christ
3555 W. McGraw**

**on June 5th
from 9:00 am-1:00 pm**

This is your opportunity to recycle for FREE computers, electronics, appliances, scrap metal etc.

Magnolia UCC is a Greening Congregation committed to actively caring for God's creation by increasing our understanding, celebration and stewardship of this good earth.

1 Green Planet is a local non profit 501 (c)(3) recycling organization that gives back to the community. Our business is to create a greener planet by helping you recycle equipment you no longer need. Your donations help support education and training programs, local food banks, homeless shelters, hospitals and other causes.

Drop off location;
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