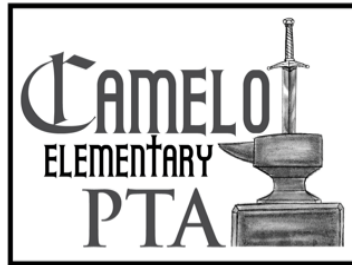


## Camelot PTA News



**Upcoming PTA Meeting:**  
Wednesday, February 6 at 4 PM.

**CAMELOT'S CARNIVAL & AUCTION:** Save the date for **May 31<sup>th</sup>**!! The best PTA event all year!!!

**REQUEST for Raffle/Auction Items:** Do you have an employer, friend, neighbor or family member that might be willing to donate a prize to our auction or raffle? Donations accepted right now! Stop by the office or email [Camelotptarocks@gmail.com](mailto:Camelotptarocks@gmail.com) for a donation letter or procurement form.

**NEON DANCE:** Friday, February 22 from 6 – 7:30 PM is our ALL SCHOOL dance! Wear your brightest color, bring a store-bought snack to share (optional) and boogie. Students must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$2/person at the door, but teachers and adult PTA members are free.

**FREE Family Magic Show:** Wednesday, March 6 at 7 PM families are invited to join the fun! For more info, check out: [www.simplymagic.org](http://www.simplymagic.org).

**!! March PTA Meeting !!** Our March PTA meeting will happen at 6 PM on Wednesday, March 6, right before the free family magic show. For those that attend our PTA meeting, we will also be serving free pizza. Don't miss important info about upcoming events at Camelot.

**Spring Scholastic Book Fair** is coming to the Camelot library Monday, March 18 - Thursday, March 21! Watch for flyers to be sent home with students soon. \*\*\* This event is run by parent volunteers, and we need your help! \*\*\* You can view the shift schedule and sign up at [www.pt-avenue.com](http://www.pt-avenue.com), org code "Camelot", then click "volunteer" box. Choose the date and time that works best for you - Thanks!



## Camelot—DRAWBRIDGE

Federal Way Public Schools

February 2019

Joe Kosty, Principal (253) 945-2504

Sarah Jackson, Assistant Principal (253) 945-2507

Attendance email: [camoffice@fwps.org](mailto:camoffice@fwps.org)

Maureen Nunley, Office Manager (253) 945-2501

Lindy Lothian, Secretary (253) 945-2502



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PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Each Scholar:  
A voice. A dream.  
A BRIGHT future.

### From the Principal:

Semester 1 is done and we are working extremely hard here at Camelot! There is a lot to be proud of this year and a lot to look forward to as we go into semester 2. Semester 1 report cards go home on Friday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. Again, report cards will be in a new format, so please feel free to call if you have questions. Our goal is to partner with you so that your scholar(s) report card is giving you clear information on how to support at home.













Also know that Student-Led Conferences are coming March 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be a time to hear about progress and check-in on your scholar(s) goals. Remember that you can go on ParentVUE to see up to date grades. Camelot teachers are working hard to keep these scores current.

Lastly, 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families, now is a good time to be thinking about preparing scholars for our state Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) test. You can find SBA practice and training tests online if you want to see what the test looks like. This will also help your scholar(s) feel comfortable when taking the tests. During school we will be doing math and ELA practices with all grade 3-5 scholars each month. The actual test will take place in May. We are excited to see how everyone performs, as we are noticing some great growth on our school assessments!

Joe Kosty—Principal

253-945-2504

### February Dates to Remember

<b>February</b>	
13th - 4pm	PTA Meeting 
 14th	Spirit Day - 100th Day (dress like your 100 years old)
14th - 10:30am	Celebration Assembly 
<b>18th</b>	<b>No School - Presidents Day</b>
22nd - 8:05am	 Coffee with Kosty
 22nd	Class Picture Day
22nd - 6pm	PTA All School Dance 
27th - 1:35pm	 Early Release
25th-1st	Read Across America Week
26th or 28th	 Kids Heart Challenge - Jump Day
<b>March</b>	
6th - 10:15am	PTA-Reading is Fun Assembly 
6th - 6pm	PTA Meeting 
6th - 7pm	PTA Family Night - Magic Show
7th - 6:30pm	Jester Show 
8th - 1:00pm	Jester Show Assembly 

## 2019-2020 Kindergarten Registration Opening

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year opened Tuesday, January 22, 2019. Families with a child who will be five-years-old by Aug. 31, 2019 are welcome to enroll their scholar online, or online at school.

To enroll online, visit: [www.fwps.org/kiosk](http://www.fwps.org/kiosk), and click on the “Student Registration” link to start the process (make sure to select the **2018-19** school year). Families can also register online in person at the child’s school during regular hours. The following documents are required at the time of registration:

- Your child’s birth certificate
- Proof of your address (rental agreement, purchase agreement, or utility bill)
- Your child’s immunization records for measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, hepatitis B, and varicella (chickenpox)

If your child has life threatening conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, and seizure disorders, a meeting will be scheduled with the school nurse to confirm that all medications, medical supplies, and health care provider orders are in place prior to the first day of school.

The following are recommended at the time of registration:

- Two emergency contacts, including addresses and phone numbers
- Physician, dentist, and child care addresses and phone numbers



### Early Release Days for 2018—2019

February 27th, March 13th and 27th, April 24th, May 22nd and June 5th

Mark your Calendar for Early Release Days!!

**School is dismissed at 1:35pm.**

**Remember!**

## Attendance Matters, Every Day Counts, cont...

**Waterman**—Kylie A., Hailey B., Davide H., Mary L., Dennis M., Elina M., Joel R., Audrey R., Brianna S.

**Whitford**—Alyson A., Porter L., Kaiya M., Lillian N., Archer S., Zachariah V., Taison V.

**Williams**—Mercedes C., Cruz D., Ryland D., Keira H., Aarav K., Ryan R., Maya Z.

**Winkler**—Carter D., Samantha F., Haylin H., Mireille I., Nathaniel P., Sebastian R., Israel R., Lily S., Samuel S., Karina Z.

### Planning A Family Trip/Other Absence Longer than 2 Days?

- Be sure to submit your scholar’s pre-arranged absence form at least three days prior to taking off. Forms are available in the office and online.
- There is a chance your scholars absence may not be excused if this important step is missed, or if the absence causes a significant impact on the student’s educational progress.
- See the Rights & Responsibilities Handbook for details. Handbooks are available at your child’s school and can be viewed on our website at [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org)

### Standards-Based Grading & Reporting Family Forum

Mark your calendars and attend one or all of our upcoming SBGR forums:

March 13, 6 pm – 7:30 pm at Federal Way High School,  
30611 16<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Federal Way 98003

May 15, 6 pm – 7:30 pm at Twin Lakes Elementary,  
4400 SW 320<sup>th</sup> St. Federal Way 98023

Light refreshments will be provided. Spanish, Korean, Russian, Ukrainian and Somali interpreters will also be available.

If you have questions about SBGR in FWPS, contact us at (253) 945-2126 or visit [www.fwps.org/SBGR](http://www.fwps.org/SBGR).

## Attendance Matters, Every Day Counts!

Camelot recognizes students for having perfect attendance (with occasional tardies and early releases). Below are the names of students with perfect attendance for January. If your student is not on this list, encourage them to come to school *on time* every day. If your student will be absent or tardy, please call Mrs. Lothian at 253-945-2502. If there is a hardship, please contact Ms. Curran—Family Liaison at 253-945-2516 or Mrs. Bryant—Counselor at 253-945-2508 for support. Congratulations Knights on your perfect attendance.



**Albade**—Assane B., Norah D., Joshua F., Natalia F., Emily F., Hailey K., Hailey Lee., Kenji Z.

**Ball-Toughill**—Adelaide B., Michael C., Isabella C., Mya D., Ignacio G., Christof H., Michael J., Shabach K.

**Borg**—Nevaeh C., Alondra C., Anthony D., Aaron D., Divinity D., Rocio H., Anika K., Issiah L., Emma M., Nicolas N., Ratu V., Vita V., Nazar Z.

**Clough**—Ousseynou Ba., Hailey B., Antonio D., Cristiano G., Kiley H., Evelyn H., Adrianna M., Ashley N., Adrian Q., Makenzie S., Joey Z.

**Doyal**—Jorge C., El-Munah K., Olivia L., John L., Riley N., Anna T., Vitalii V.

**Eilertsen**—Maxwell D., Alawna K., Jason M., Joseph R., Arianna V., Krischana V., Gabriella W., Anatoliy Z., Noah Z.

**Jones**—Tyler B., Jeshua C., Troy L.

**Kuldanek**—Emily D., Yatziry G., Shia H., Ava L., Victoria P., Jessica R.

**Lippman**—Isreal L., Ava-Marie O., Raeid T.

**Mak**—Ezron D., Alexander J., Emma K., Haruni M., Nicholas P.

**Pomfret**—Alexis C., Garrett G., Hawa M., Alice R., Myla S.

**Smith**—Malakai B., Aubree M., Graham N., Jadon N., Jonathan V.

## Message From Our Assistant Principal:

In the age of phones, tablets and social media, kids come across strong language in everything from YouTube videos to online comments. Swearing in public places, on television, and in music has become more and more common. We have even noticed an increase of cursing and inappropriate language here at Camelot. While we do respect that every household has their own rules and opinions about language, Camelot does not allow any kind of inappropriate language. Ultimately, this connects to our three expectations of safe, respectful and responsible. You can help support our expectations at home. For example, elementary school age is a great time to help kids understand that there are places where certain language is OK (like in movies) but not in others (like at school).

Below are some suggestions from [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org) to give you some ideas on supporting us at home with this Camelot expectation.

Thank you for your support,  
Sarah Jackson  
Assistant Principal

### ***Four Ways to Talk to Your Kid about Swearing and Why***

**Think time and place.** What might be no big deal at your house could be offensive at your best friend's place. Remind kids to keep their audience in mind when they are speaking. The language you use when texting your best buddy can be a bit looser than the words you use in a classroom or when speaking to Grandma on Skype.

**Expand your own vocab.** You can almost always find a substitute for a curse word. Encourage kids to check out a thesaurus and find some creative alternatives to common curses or different ways to describe the feeling that's making them want to curse.

**Words can hurt.** Being called a bad name can sting. And just like it's not OK to hit someone or bully them, it's not OK to curse at someone to hurt them. Plus, hate speech (words used to specifically target someone's race, religion, gender, etc.) can have major consequences. Point out when TV characters call each other names, and ask kids how they could have handled the situation differently.

**Language reflects on you.** Maybe some of your kids' friends think cursing makes you cool, but the reality is that someone who curses a lot tends to look immature and not at all classy. Remind kids to keep that in mind, especially when they're sending their language out into the world on social networks, online communities, etc.



### Parents—Recycle Your Crayons

Parents – Do you have broken crayons at home? Don't throw them away! The Camelot Crayon Club is collecting old and broken crayons to recycle. They will sort and send them to The Crayon Initiative who then melt them down and mold them in to new large crayons and then donated to Children's Hospitals nationwide. The classrooms have collection boxes and they may also be brought to the library.

### Multicultural Evening Help Needed

We are starting to plan for an exciting Multicultural Evening, Thursday, March 28th. We are looking for volunteers who would like to share a talent (**song, dance, skit, favorite ethnic food**, etc.) that celebrates your culture!

If you would be interested in sharing your culture with our school, please return the bottom portion of this page to your child's teacher or to the Camelot Office. For more information, contact Joe Kosty, Principal (253-945-2504) or Sarah Jackson, Assistant Principal (253-945-2507).

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes! I or my child would be interested in sharing our talent.

Description of talent/performance:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholars Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholars Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Student Council

### Val-O-Grams Are Here!

If you would like to send a valentine surprise to a friend or teacher, Val-O-Grams are the answer! For **\$1.00 each** your valentine's will receive a heart-shaped card with a novelty valentine themed toy.

You can order a **whole class set for \$20** (if your class has less than 20 students you pay for actual number). Parents...you can order them for your students too!

Order forms were sent home on Wednesday the 6th. Additional order forms are available in the front office.

Need more space than is available on the form? Go ahead and attach a sheet with a list of additional orders to the order form, making sure to include the recipient's name and teacher.

Please send exact amount in CASH ONLY. Happy Valentine's Day from your Camelot Student Council!

### Yearbook Club Wants Your Photos

Have you taken photos on a class field trip or at a school event? Yearbook Club would love to have your photos! Please email photos to [cbryant@fwps.org](mailto:cbryant@fwps.org).



### Upcoming Spirit Days

**2/14**—100th day of school! Dress like you are 100 years old!

**2/28**—Crazy Sock Day

**3/15**—Duo Day: Think Batman & Robin, Peanut Butter & Jelly... Dress like a famous duo... with a friend or on your own!

**4/25**—Funky Hair Day: The funkier, the better!

**5/23**—Crazy Hat: Let's see those hilarious hats!



## Counselor's Corner

### **TRANSITION TO MIDDLE SCHOOL**

**Thursday, May 23rd, during the school day**

5th Grade visit to Kilo Middle School — students visit Kilo with 5th grade teachers.



### **FEDERAL WAY PUBLIC ACADEMY (FWPA) Information Night:**

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019 / 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm**

**34620 9th Ave S, Federal Way**

FWPA is a school in the Federal Way Public School District which provides students a rigorous and challenging academic program. The school's mission is to provide a college preparatory curriculum for students in grades six through ten.

You will have the opportunity to meet some of the staff, students and parents.

Details about the Choice Enrollment program can be found on the district website at [www.fwps.org/page/434](http://www.fwps.org/page/434) and you can learn more about Public Academy by visiting [www.fwps.org/fwpa](http://www.fwps.org/fwpa). The choice application window is between January 3 through 4:30 PM February 20, followed by the lottery drawing held on February 28th at the ESC.

## Read Across America Week

Celebrate Reading & Dr. Seuss!

Monday:	Green Eggs & Ham	Wear Green
Tuesday:	The Lorax	Wear a Mustache
Wednesday:	Oh, the Places You'll Go	Wear College Gear
Thursday:	Fox in Sox	Wear Crazy or Mismatched Socks
Friday:	The Cat in the Hat	Wear a Crazy Hat or Crazy Hair

## Safety Patrol

Brrrr!

As winter approaches, we want to help remind everyone of some guidelines for staying safe during drop off and pick up.

### Please pay attention to the cones

- The cones are on the street to help provide safety to everyone.
- Turning left actually backs up traffic and is more unsafe.
- We have had several near-crashes from cars turning left, PLUS it only takes an extra 30 seconds to turn around on a side street.

### Use the crosswalks

-By using crosswalks, we are teaching our students how to stay safe at school and whenever they have to cross a street outside of school.

### Smile

- Our Safety Patrol members are wonderful and doing their best day in and day out.
- Please greet them with patience and a smile.



## Choice Application Timeline for 2019-2020

**Online Choice Application link: <https://bit.ly/2F412Ho>**

— **January 3 - February 20, 2019** – Applications available online, at the schools, and the Educational Service Center.

— **February 20, 2019** – Deadline for filing applications for the "Choice Lottery" is 4:30 p.m. All applications must be date-stamped "received" by the CHOICE & Student Release Specialist, at ESC, 33330 8th Ave S, Federal Way. Late applications will not be accepted. No exceptions.

— **February 28, 2019** – Lottery held at the ESC

— **March 7** – Notification of placement status will be e-mailed to all applicants.

— **March 15** – Acceptance deadline. Parent/guardians must sign and return their placement acceptance letter to the Business Office at ESC.

For more details visit: <https://www.fwps/Page/434>

## Jump Rope For Heart aka Kids Heart Challenge

Camelot is doing its part to help in the fight against heart disease by participating in the American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge program. Along with learning all about the heart and the steps we can take to keep ours healthy, we are raising money to donate to the American Heart Association.



You can get started right now by visiting <http://american.heart.org/kidshheartchallenge/> and creating your very own home page. This is where family and friends can donate money from anywhere simply by visiting your students' personal fundraising page. The official donation collection envelopes will go home on February 11<sup>th</sup>. With these envelopes students can ask for in-person donations of cash or check. \*Please remember to stay safe - We have talked in class about NEVER going door to door to strangers' houses especially by yourself! A better idea is to ask friends, family and neighbors you know, or have mom, dad, aunt, uncle, etc. take the envelope to work and ask coworkers.

Students will have until February 28 to collect donations online and in person. On Tuesday and Thursday (Feb. 26 and 28) students will be participating in JUMP DAY in their PE classes to celebrate their collection efforts and of course strengthen their hearts through exercise!

Our goal this year is to raise \$5000! Thank you in advance for all your help and support for this extremely important cause!

### Important JRFH Dates:

Begin collecting online donations at <http://american.heart.org/kidshheartchallenge/> RIGHT NOW

Collection Envelopes go home	February 11th
Collect in-person donations as well as online donations	February 11th-28th
JUMP DAY! - during PE	February 26th/28th
ALL Money Due!	February 28th
Questions? Please contact Adam Barry at 253-945-2518 or <a href="mailto:abarry@fwps.org">abarry@fwps.org</a>	

## PBIS

Our Student PBIS Team has been handing out Knight Notes during Morning Assembly and have been doing surveys for our lunchroom. This way all students have a voice in this process of continuing to improve our lunchroom.



Celebration Assembly is coming up on Feb 14 from 10:30-11:00. Here the students are celebrated for classroom work, music participation, sportsmanship, mighty tidy in the classroom, green team awards, King Arthur academic awards, and Golden Knights.

Home connection: Brainstorm ways for your student to be a Golden Knight or earn any of the rewards for celebration assembly.

## Green Team News



### **\*\*Green Team after school beginning Feb 5th\*\***

Green Team is open to every 3rd - 5th grader at Camelot. Our meetings are every **Tuesdays from 3:05-4:30pm**. Students are still welcome to join! Please turn in the required permission slip as soon as possible!

Please mark your calendars with the upcoming events, happening on early release days:

Wednesday March 13th: Whole Community Garden Work Party, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Tools and gloves will be provided. Students that wish to help MUST be accompanied by an adult. Everyone is welcome to help us get the West Forest and garden cleaned up and prepped for spring planting.

Wednesday March 27th: Green Team Only Work Party, 1:30pm-3:30pm. Since this work party is not on a regular Green Team meeting day, members of Green Team that wish to stay after school on this early release day must turn in a permission slip. Tools, gloves and snacks will be provided. We will be finishing clean up, planning and planting the garden!

Remember, Green Team **RECYCLES!** Please bring in your old cell phones and tablets, old batteries, plastic bags, dead markers of any kind, and clean, dry styrofoam. There are bins in the hallway under the Green Team bulletin board ready to be filled with these items.