

Notes From Our Family Liaison:

Parents, I have children's books for you to check out in my office (in the Library). Students may not check out a book without a parent present. I will be available Mondays and Wednesdays after school until 3:30pm. In the event you are not able to make either of those days, please call me at 253-945-2516 and we can set up a time for you and your child.



Any 5th grader who needs financial help purchasing a yearbook, please see Ms. Curran.

Camelot has a backpack program that can help provide food to take home for scholars every Friday. We also have vouchers for clothing and household items

Camelot Families who would like assistance with the holidays please call Ms. Curran before November 1st.

Shannon Curran—Family Liaison

253-945-2516 scurran@fwps.org

Green Team News

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

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

Green Team has **WORK PARTIES!** Our first work party is scheduled for Wednesday October 17th, 1:35-3:35pm, and is open to EVERYONE. This is a whole community work party to help prepare the garden and West Forest for winter. We have all the tools, gloves and materials, and all we need is your help! Every student must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Camelot—DRAWBRIDGE

Federal Way Public Schools

October 2018



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From the Principal:

Dear Camelot Community,

I am so excited to share the exciting work that is taking place here at Camelot! Our scholars are working extremely hard in their classrooms and we couldn't be more proud. All scholars now have a reading level and a power goal to help them learn new skills. You can help by reading with your kids and asking them questions related to their power goal so they can practice. If you don't know their power goal, just ask them during their nightly reading - they should know.

Another skill that you can work on with your kids is vocabulary. As a school, we are focusing heavily on teaching vocabulary because it is such an important skill kids can use to be successful in school. We began focusing on teaching vocabulary as a school-wide goal last year, and we are already seeing some great growth. Our beginning of the year reading data shows that we have a lot more scholars who know on-grade level vocabulary than we did last year. When a word comes up in conversation at home or on TV that your child does not know, make it a quick teachable moment to talk about that word.

Another huge focus for us, is making sure that scholars know what they are learning. Research shows that when kids know what they are supposed to be learning, they are more likely to learn and retain the information. Simply asking about their day at school encourages children to restate what they are learning.

Lastly, I want to share that we have a lot of fun opportunities for families to get involved. Our PTA is looking for more members and volunteers, we have a bullying awareness/prevention night coming up, we have STEM night at the end of October, and we are going to be continuing mornings with the principal where you can have some donuts, ask questions, and help us make positive changes for our school.

Thanks,

Joe Kosty
Principal
253-945-2504

Message From Our Assistant Principal:

Bullying Prevention

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. In our morning assemblies, we'll be reminding students to act and speak in safe, respectful, and responsible ways. We'll also focus on bullying prevention in our *Second Step* lessons as part of our social emotional curriculum.



Additionally, as part of our efforts to build family partnerships, we held a Bullying Prevention Education Night for families and caregivers this past Tuesday night, October 9, 2018. During this engaging hour, we had interactive stations addressing the following:

- The difference between bullying and conflict
- What happens when bullying is reported at Camelot
- Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit logistics

Thank you for your support with this important topic! Please reach out to me with questions at 253-945-2507 or at sjackson@fwps.org.

Sarah Jackson, Assistant Principal

**CAMELOT DOES NOT
CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN.
PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR
STUDENT TO SCHOOL IN
COSTUME ON OCTOBER 31ST.**



Attendance Matters, Every Day Counts, cont...

Smith—Malakai B., Aria D., Graham N., Arwehlati N., Andrea S., Tatianna V., Jonathan V.

Waterman—Kylie A., Hailey B., Elijah F., Edwin J., Nikolai J., Shelby L., Dennis M., Dylan M., Presley P., Stephanie R., Adam R., Brianna S., Ramo S., Ilona T., Dana V., Londyn W.

Whitford—Alyson A., Max B., Kaiya M., Lillian N., Archer S., Zachariah V.

Williams—Mariyah A., Molly B., Cruz D.

Winkler—Jayson C., Mireille I., Nathaniel P., Lily S., Audrie T.

Student Tardies

We are seeing double the amount of tardies this school year in comparison to the last 2 years. The primary years are the best time to establish good school habits such as promptness, organization, and interpersonal skills. Please have your student in the Great Hall for the first bell which rings at 8:30. School starts at 8:35, and any student that is later than that will have a tardy on their record. If enough unexcused tardies add up, you and your student may be invited to conference with a member of the attendance team. If you are late for school because of an appointment, please remember to ask the doctor for an excuse note.

Let's get our Knights to school every day and ON TIME!

Pre-Arranged Absence

Planning a family trip or other absence longer than two days?



- Be sure to submit your scholar's pre-arranged absence form **at least three days prior** to taking off.

- There is a chance your scholar's 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 district website at www.fwps.org.

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 September. 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 253-945-2517 or Mrs. Bryant—Counselor at 253-945-2508 for support. Congratulations Knights on your perfect at-

Albade—Esteban A., Darwin C., Emily F., Melvin F., Treyton J., Hailey K., Hailey L., Lorenzo L., Tristan L., Esteban M., Madeleine O., Brycen S., Aldin S.

Ball-Toughill—Joshua A., Adelaide B., Isabella C., Aaron J., Adrian R., Charlotte W.,

Borg—Alondra C., Alexis C., Aaron D., Divinity D., Janiah H., Anika K., Lacy M., Zebella M., Ratu V., Vita V., Trenton V., Jermellatu V.

Clough—Hailey B., Lydia B., Luzy C., Cash F., Cristiano G., Bryan K., Adrian Q., Makenzie S., Mateo T.

Doyal—Josiah H., Olivia L., John L., Riley N., Julian P., Samuel S., Anna T.

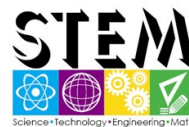
Eilertsen—Ashlynn D., Alawna K., Veronika K., Rina L., Emma M., Joseph R., Elizabeth S., Xavier T., Krischana V.

Kuldaneck—Mason B., Emily D., Brian J., Ava L., Victoria P.

Lippman—Isreal L., Ava-Marie O., Heidi O.

Mak—Payton D., Ezron D., Alexander J., Emma K., Haruni M., Nicholas P., Eric T., Atame Z.

Pomfret—Josiah C., Liam G., Alexander Q., Therin R., Myla S., Jackson S., Omer S.



Family S.T.E.M. Night

Tuesday, October 23rd
6:00-7:30 PM

Camelot Elementary Great Hall

Please join us for Family STEM Night. This is an evening of fun, with hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for the whole family and all grade levels! There will be estimation jars and prizes by grade level groups: Pre-K and 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th. Don't Miss Out!

S.T.E.M. Night

Contributions

Contributions for STEM night are needed!






Send in: interesting packaging, straws, paper towel/toilet paper tubes, empty water bottles, lids, cereal/shoe boxes, egg cartons, **CLEAN** empty milk/plastic containers, any unused “crafty” items or anything else that might be fun for a creation table. Please send in by Monday, October 22nd.

Thank you!





Dates to Remember

October

12th	No School - In-Service
17th - 1:35pm	Early Release 
19th - 8:05am	 Coffee with Kosty
23rd - 6:00pm	STEM Night 
26th	Individual Picture Retakes 
26th 10:30am	Celebration Assembly
31st - 1:35pm	 Early Release

November

6th, 7th & 8th	PTA Book Fair 
7th - 9:10am	Veteran's Day Assembly
8th & 9th	No School - SLC's
12th	No School - Veteran's Day 

Battle of the Books



The 2018-2019 Battle of the Books list is out!

This year's titles are:

A Night Divided by
Jennifer Nielsen

Dog Man by Dav Pilkey

Fuzzy by Tom Angleberger

Ghost by Jason Reynolds

It Ain't So Awful Falafel by
Firoozeh Dumas

Ms. Bixby's Last Day by
John David Anderson

Pax by Sara Pennypacker

Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks

The Evil Wizard Smallbone by
Delia Sherman

The Inn Between by Marina
Cohen

The Key to Extraordinary by
Natalie Lloyd

The Midnight War of Mateo
Martinez by Robin Yardi

The Skeleton Tree by
Iain Lawrence

The Tapper Twins Go to War
(With Each Other) by Geoff
Rodkey

The Wild Robot by Peter Brown

Wish by Barbara O'Connor

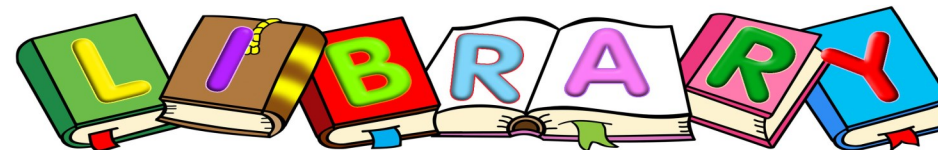
The books will be available in the Camelot Library soon.

Mrs. Daniels, BOB Coach

HIV FAMILY NIGHTS

Washington State law requires that scholars learn about HIV/AIDS annually from 5th – 12th grade. Parents are allowed to opt their children out of this learning if they attend an event to preview the curriculum. The district is required to host these curriculum preview nights at least two times per year. HIV Curriculum Previews are scheduled this year on November 15, 2018, 6 – 8:00 p.m. in ESC room 104.

The Latest in the Librarium



Hello,

I am Mrs. Steininger and I am the librarian at Camelot. This is my third year at Camelot and going on my 12th year as a teacher in our district. I am here every other week. I have a passion for literature and do my best to inspire a love of reading in our students. Mrs. Daniels is our library clerk. We are both here to help and support our students. Please feel free to contact us if you have any needs from the library or questions.

Things are off to a great start in the Camelot Librarium. Our intermediate students will be learning about figurative language and different genres and vocabulary associated with those genres. In primary grades we read nominated Washington Choice Children's Picture Books and have a lesson- like retelling a story or describing characters. We will also be learning how to be good "digital citizens" when we are on our electronic devices.

We are also hoping to start keyboarding with our 2nd through 5th graders on the Fridays I am at Camelot.

Makerspace-

During recesses on my Camelot week we are having Makerspace in the library with activities where we build and create.

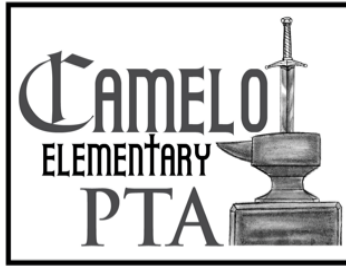
We are in need of empty water bottles and lids, old scratched up CDs, and shoe box lids. If you have any to donate, we would love to have them for some future projects.

Thank you,

Mrs. Steininger

Camelot PTA News

Camelot PTA is comprised of hard-working Camelot family members and friends committed to enhancing every student's experience. Your participation (no matter how big or small) makes a huge difference.



Every Friday = Popcorn + Cookies • It's baaaaack! Every Friday you can send \$1.00 (or more) to school and your student(s) can purchase two fresh baked chocolate chip cookies (\$1.00) or a bag of popcorn (\$1.00), hand delivered to their classroom. You can even help. Make popcorn and cookies!

Jog-A-Thon: RECAP • Jog-A-Thon was a huge success. We wanted to say how much we appreciate the volunteers and big congratulations to everyone who participated. Great job!

Fall Fundraiser/Catalogs • Students received amazing catalogs to sell items. Have you seen it? These are due back no later than Monday, October 15.

Fall Scholastic Book Fair: November 6 – 8 • Come pick up some great new books for Fall! Camelot PTA is sponsoring Book Fair in the library during morning recess and after school, and also during Student-Led Conferences on November 6 – 8. Watch for flyers to come home with students soon! This event needs parent volunteers in order to happen! If you can help out, please email Jen Case at jencase@comcast.net or check out our Facebook page for the PT-Avenue Link. You can also go directly to PT Avenue here: <https://bit.ly/2QDfUP>.

Available to volunteer? Interested in helping with a specific area? We always need help! You can drop us a note at the front office (just mark it for PTA), find us on Facebook or email us (camelotptarocks@gmail.com).

Yearbook Club... Calling All 5th Graders

Yearbook Club will be starting soon!

If any of the following sounds like something you would like to do, look for a permission slip to come home soon.

- Taking candid photos of students around school
- Taking make-up portraits
- Taking group/club photos
- Marketing – making posters and encouraging friends to purchase a yearbook
- Designing and picking layouts for the yearbook
- Selecting photos from our collection to include in the book

Questions? See Mrs. B or Ms. Curran



Yearbook Presales Forms Coming Home Soon!

Yearbooks are 32 color pages of student designed and photographed memories that your child will cherish for years to come! Make sure to order yours early for a great keepsake and to support the continuation of our Camelot Yearbook Club!



Cold and Wet Weather

More rain will come! And when it does, we will still have recess outside. Dress your students in raingear and warm clothes. If possible, pack extra clothes in your student's backpack. We do not have a lot of extra clothing in the Health Room.

Notes From The Nurse

REMINDER—students in preschool through fifth grade will not be in possession of over-the-counter or prescription drugs or medications/remedies on school premises. This includes cough drops.



If your student needs a medication during the school day please contact the school nurse, Deborah Bellinghausen, for a Medication Order Form. This form will need to be filled out and signed by your child's doctor and parent/guardian.

Flu Season is Here! Flu season occurs in the fall and winter. Influenza, also called the flu, is a contagious viral infection of the nose and throat. It easily spreads between people and can cause mild to severe illness. Prevention is key to minimizing the spread of illness. This includes getting the flu vaccine, washing your hands often, covering coughs and sneezes, and staying home when you are sick. Flu symptoms can come on suddenly and usually include fever over 100 with fatigue, body aches, headache, cough, sore throat, runny nose, and muscle pain.

5 Reasons to Get a Flu Vaccine

- **Influenza is more serious than you may think.**
Influenza claims the lives of about 100 children in the US every year and hospitalizes approximately 20,000 children annually. About half of children who die from influenza were previously healthy. And influenza is the 8th-leading cause of death in the US among people of all ages.
- **Influenza can worsen chronic medical conditions—don't put your family's health at risk.**
Influenza vaccination is especially important for people with compromised immune systems or certain underlying medical conditions, such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease. Influenza can worsen these conditions or cause serious complications in those who have them.
- **Keep your kids at school and yourself at work.**
Children have plenty to worry about without having to catch up on missed school work, a big game, or a special get together and when kids miss school, parents often lose work days to care for them.

Notes From The Nurse—Cont...

- **Your child doesn't live in a bubble.**
Children share close quarters inside schools and childcare facilities. And let's face it – their hygiene habits are often less than stellar! Your child is constantly touching, playing, and sharing with others. It's no wonder more children get influenza every year than people of any other age group. So when you can't be there to protect your child, the vaccine is.

The influenza vaccine is safe and effective.

Vaccines are safe and are subject to extensive testing in the US. Vaccination is the best way to prevent influenza. The influenza vaccine can reduce chances of getting the flu by 70 to 90 percent and, if someone gets vaccinated but still gets the flu, chances are they will get a less severe case.

Thank you.

Deborah Bellinghausen RN, BSN



The Specialists' Corner



It is hard to believe that it is already October! The month of September really flew by at Camelot. There has been exciting learning going on throughout the school, and music and P.E. are no exception! Camelot Honor Choir started in September and is already working hard to prepare for the December 18th concert. The fifth graders have begun learning to play recorder and many are taking them home to practice! The intramural soccer jamboree is on October 27th at Saghali Middle School; and students in grades one through five that have signed up will have practices on October 11th, 18th, and 25th from 3:15pm to 4:15pm to prepare for the jamboree.

In PE the students have just finished up the soccer unit, and are starting the throwing and catching unit. To help conclude the soccer unit, the Federal Way Football Club (soccer) is hosting an intramural soccer session! They will have a coach accompany Mr. Barry to bring soccer to the students of Camelot!

There are a lot of great things happening inside the classroom, the gym, and the music room; encourage your Knights to share (or teach you!) what they are learning!

Anything Can Be in Music and P.E.!

Mr. Barry and Ms. Beck