

## It's Your Chance To Be A Star!

Camelot Jester Show Try Outs are coming on Thursday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> & Friday, Jan 18<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm in the Music Room. Students can sign up for auditions with Miss Hroncich during the first two weeks of January. The Jester Show will take place on Thursday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Miss H. at [chroncic@fwps.org](mailto:chroncic@fwps.org) or 253-945-2526.



## Camelot—DRAWBRIDGE

Federal Way Public Schools

December 2017



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### From the Principal:

Dear Camelot Community,

Thank you again to families who have reached out to Camelot to support, give feedback, and partner with us. We are excited to hear your valued ideas at PTA meetings, during Mornings with Moms, Dialing in with Dads, and/or through meetings with the principal or assistant principal. A common trend we are hearing is that we need to increase the communication that is coming home. We take that very seriously, and are working as a staff to be more proactive in reaching out. We are going to be increasing how often we input grades, so please join us on ParentVue to see how your scholar(s) are doing. If you have questions, then just call/email classroom teachers, Mr. Kosty, or Ms. Daniels. We also want to share what scholars are learning. If you are curious about the math skills, ELA skills, or more, just ask what the current learning is. You can also find this in our learning partnership guides (if you need a copy reach out to Shannon Curran). Thanks for all you do and please let us know if the communication is getting better or not.

Don't forget that winter break begins December 18<sup>th</sup>. The building will be closed during this time. School starts again on January 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please make sure to read with your scholars at home during the break. We will be jumping right into work when we come back from break, so also make sure that your scholar is getting some rest.


Thanks,  
Joe Kosty, Principal  
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### Dates to Remember

#### December


12th - 7pm Choir Concert 

15th Pajama Spirit Day

15th - 1:10pm Winter Sing-A-Long Assembly 

**18th - Jan 1st No School - Winter Break**

#### January

10th - 1:35pm Early Release 

12th - 10am Martin Luther King Jr. Assembly

**15th No School - MLK Day**

17th - 4:00pm  PTA Meeting



### Winter Choir Concert

Come hear the Camelot Choirs perform in their Winter Choir Concert on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm in the Great Hall. Choir students should report to the music room in uniform at 6:30 pm. Everyone is invited to hear Honor Choir, Minstrel Choir, and a variety of soloists perform some amazing music. Hope to see you there!



#### **peachjar** PeachJar Communications:

Parents, make sure your email address is correct in ParentVue  
(or call the Camelot office to communicate updates).

PeachJar is a convenient and efficient way for your students, school and the FW district to communicate with families.

### Do You Play Chess? Would You Like to Learn?

Enter to win the chance to meet Superintendent Dr. Tammy Campbell, learn to play chess and receive a chess board! This opportunity is in support of the district Strategic Plan Goal 3, "ACTIVE LEARNERS: Engaged, Empowered Critical Thinkers." Pick up a flyer in the Green Gables office or print page 9 of this newsletter and enter EVERY MONTH for the chance to win. Dr. Campbell will randomly draw scholars names and contact the winners. Limit one entry per scholar, per month. You can also enter online at : <http://bit.ly/2y4TWOU>.

## “Because of You” Nomination Form

Dear Scholars: This award is created by the Scholar Advisory to the Superintendent to provide you with an opportunity to nominate any FWPS staff member that you believe has positively impacted you, your school, and/or your community.

You may find and submit this form online at:

<https://goo.gl/forms/O2Q16RAdCWRZyzC02>

You may also find the form in the Camelot office.

Make sure to submit nominations online or to the Camelot office who will forward it to the Office of the Superintendent by the 30th of each month.

## Highly Capable Program Services—Referrals

**Highly Capable Program referral window opens soon:**

**December 1, 2017 – January 5, 2018**

The FWPS Highly Capable Program (HCP) provides services to scholars who are designated as highly capable learners, typically in math and/or English Language Arts (ELA).

If a scholar is designated as a highly capable learner, he/she will receive specialized instruction and support to meet his/her needs.

If you feel your scholar will benefit from HCP services, please submit a referral at the FWPS website: <https://www.fwps.org/Page/386>—starting December 1st.

Nominated students for HCP services will be given the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) to determine potential HCP services.

This is only a referral window, meaning the referral triggers an evaluation process and review of data, NOT that the scholar is automatically qualified to receive the Highly Capable Services. Refer to <https://www.fwps.org/Page/386> for more information.

## How and Why We Close School Because of Weather, Continued

When the decision has been made to cancel or delay school, we make information available in as many ways as possible:

- Calls, email and text messages are sent to parents through the district’s automated call-out system. Calls are scheduled to go out around 6am so that early start students and parents get the information before leaving for the day. If we are experiencing an extreme stretch of weather, such as just prior to Thanksgiving last year, you may receive a call the night before.
- On the front page of the district website, at [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org)
- On major television and news radio stations. If you do not see Federal Way School District listed, or if the station says “no report”, it means we are operating on a normal schedule.
- E-mail notification can be sent to you at the same time the TV and radio stations get them. To receive these, you must sign up for emergency notification at [www.schoolreport.org](http://www.schoolreport.org).
- Finally, a recording will be on the district’s main number, 253-945-2000, if there is a change in our normal schedule.

Remember, if you feel it’s not safe to make the trip to school, you are well within your rights to keep your child home. You are in the best position to decide about your local conditions and driving capabilities. While we go to extensive measures to determine if roads district-wide are safe for travel, it’s physically impossible for us to be on every street corner and side-street at all times. We rely on you to be the final judge when it comes to the safety of your child.

### Sign Up for Emergency Notification

Sign up for email emergency notification from [www.schoolreport.org](http://www.schoolreport.org); and/or sign up for email emergency notification directly from Federal Way Public schools, at [www.fwps.org/info/emergencies/](http://www.fwps.org/info/emergencies/).

### In Case of Snow

Arrangements have been made with the radio and TV stations to broadcast information regarding the operation of school during emergency conditions, including inclement weather. Information will be delivered to these stations by 5:30 a.m. Radio and Television stations will use the following information when making announcements regarding schools:

**"Closed" or "Schools Closed"** This means that NO schools in the District will be in session for that day only. There will be no out-of-district transportation, and no athletic or activity events.

**"2 Hours Late"** Classes will begin two hours later than normal. Bus pick-up schedules will also be two hours later than normal. Buses will start their schedule two hours later, but road conditions may slow their progress, so buses could be running later. Classes will dismiss at the normal time. There will be no A.M. or P.M. Preschool classes when there is a 2 hour late start.

**"Limited Transportation"** This means that part or all of some routes will not be covered. The District map in the original Emergency Procedures Bulletin shows the stops where buses WILL NOT OPERATE.

**"No Transportation"** Schools are open, classes are in session, but NO BUSES will be operating. This includes in-district, out-of-district, and special needs buses.

## Emergency Cards and Temperatures

This is also a good time to remind you that you can update your student's emergency information on ParentVue. As well as any changes in phone numbers or addresses. It is critical for us to be able to contact you when your child is sick at school.



Remember if your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or over, he or she needs to remain at home. Children should be fever free (without the use of medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.



## Winter Clothing

-Winter weather is here, which means that we have days that are rainy and colder. Please remember when the chill sets in and the rain begins, students should come to school with appropriate sweaters or coats, mittens, hoods, good shoes and hats. Our students go out to recess in all kinds of weather, children benefit from the fresh air and activity.

-The Health Room does not have extra clothing for children who get wet at recess. Please pack a change of clothes in your child's backpack for such emergencies.

-Labeling all your child's coats, hats, scarves, lunchboxes and any other attire will help these find their way back to your student quickly. Encourage your child to visit the Lost and Found to look for misplaced articles.

## How and Why We Close (or Delay) School

### Because of Weather

In spite of Doppler radar and other advances in weather prediction, it is difficult to be sure about the weather and the road conditions we may encounter in the thirty-five square miles the District encompasses. Our highest priority is always the safety of our students and staff, whenever we consider whether to delay or cancel school. Long before the start of the school day, we take a series of steps to assess the weather and road conditions during inclement weather.

This literally starts the night before: As the district's night security officer makes his rounds, he checks road conditions and monitors the weather. Our Transportation staff is on the road by 3:30am to do further spot checks within the district. The decision to alter our school schedule is based on observations made during this time. We must make the decision to delay or cancel school by 5am in order to have sufficient time to notify the media, our drivers and our students' parents.

## 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 Monday 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.



We have a backpack program that sends food home with scholars in need, every Friday. We also have vouchers for clothing and household items available. Please call if you have questions or family needs and I will do my best to help or find someone who can be of assistance.

Shannon Curran  
Family Liaison – Camelot Elementary  
253-945-2516 [scurran@fwps.org](mailto:scurran@fwps.org)

## HERE!

At Camelot we have a program called HERE! Each day that **all** scholars in a classroom are at school on time the class circles one letter of HERE! When all of the letters have been circled the class earns a prize. It is important that all scholars be at school every day and on time.

## Early Release Days for 2017—2018

January 10th, February 14th, March 14th and 28th,  
April 11th and 25th, May 16th and June 6th

Mark your Calendar for Early Release Days!! School is dismissed at 1:35pm.

## Counselor's Corner

### Holiday Help



In order that we are able to help as many families as possible, we request that you **only apply for assistance at one place**. If you have students at multiple schools, apply for assistance for the entire family at one school. If you need additional resources, please call Shannon Curran, Family Liaison at 253-945-2517 or Cindi Bryant, Counselor at 253-945-2508.

### Multi-Service Center and Holiday Distribution

#### **2017 Holiday Food Distribution Hours:**

10am-2pm: December 18th, 20th, and 22nd / 5-7pm: December 21st

*You must be registered before the holidays to receive food, no new registrations during holiday distribution.*

#### **Bring with you:**

Picture identification

Bill or mail not older than 30 days to show proof of address

Bags or boxes

*First Visit Only:* social security number is requested (but not required) for each household member

**Location:** 1200 S. 336th St., Federal Way

*From the parking lot, follow the gravel path that leads between our food bank and warehouse. The line forms under the breezeway.*

### Salvation Army

**Salvation Army** provides holiday assistance.

For details call 253-946-1346

26419 16th Avenue South, Des Moines

**If you have questions, concerns or interest in any of the above, please feel free to call Mrs. Bryant at 253-945-2508 or email [cbryant@fwps.org](mailto:cbryant@fwps.org).**

## Annual Notification FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

### **ENGLISH**

Federal law requires schools inform parents that some of their child's information, called "Directory Information," might be used for certain school-related purposes. Parents and guardians may tell schools not to release this information. This is part of a law called The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

By restricting your child's directory information for school publications, your student's name and photo cannot be included in student annuals and yearbooks. He or she will not be able to be part of classroom, team or club photos which are intended to be published in yearbooks.

Publishing photos of your child in district publications and websites, or in the news media, is one of things you can restrict, if you wish. For more information about FERPA, please visit the district website at: [www.fwps.org/Page/2215](http://www.fwps.org/Page/2215).

If you would like the FERPA form, please contact your school office manager.

### **SPANISH**

La ley federal requiere que las escuelas informen a los padres cuando información de su niño/a, llamada "Información del directorio," pueda ser utilizada para ciertos propósitos relacionados con la escuela. Los padres y tutores pueden exigirles a las escuelas a no divulgar esta información. Esto es parte de una ley llamada Ley de Privacidad y Derechos Educativos de la Familia de 1974 (FERPA).

Le pedimos a los padres a pensar cuidadosamente antes de restringir esta información. Desafortunadamente, restringiendo la información del directorio de publicaciones de la escuela, el nombre y foto de su hijo/a no pueden incluirse en anuarios escolares. Él o ella no podrá ser parte de fotos de la clase, equipos o clubs las cuales pueden ser tomadas con intención de ser usadas para ser publicadas en anuarios.

La publicación de fotos de su hijo/a en sitios web y publicaciones del distrito, o en los medios de comunicación, es una de las cosas que usted puede restringir, si lo desea. Para obtener más información acerca de FERPA, por favor visite el sitio web del distrito en: <http://www.fwps.org/Page/2215>.

Si usted desea obtener la forma FERPA, póngase en contacto con la administradora de la oficina de su escuela.

### **RUSSIAN**

В соответствии с Федеральным законом, школы должны сообщать родителям учащихся, если какая-либо информация о их ребёнке, называемая "Directory Information" (справочная информация), может быть использована в школьных целях. Родители и опекуны могут запретить школам использовать эту информацию. В соответствии с одной из частей закона называемой "The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)" (Закон об образовании и неприкосновенности частной жизни от 1974 года).

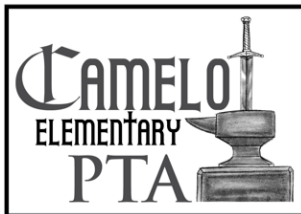
Мы просим родителей взвесить все за и против принимая решение о запрете публикации этой информации. Если Вы решите отказаться от публикации справочной информации о Вашем ребёнке в школьных изданиях, имя Вашего ребёнка и фотография не сможет быть упомянута в ежегодных школьных публикациях, а также в ежегодной школьной книге выпускаемой в конце года. Также, он/она не смогут быть на фотографиях класса, спортивной команды или кружка, членом которых они являются, так как эти фотографии будут помещены в ежегодной книге публикующей в конце года.

Если Вы хотите, Вы можете ограничить публикацию фотографий вашего ребёнка в печатных изданиях и веб-сайтах школьного округа, или в средствах массовой информации. Более подробную информацию о "FERPA", Вы можете прочитать на веб-сайте школьного округа: <http://www.fwps.org/Page/2215>. Если Вы хотите заполнить форму "FERPA" для отказа по использованию справочной информации, обратитесь в канцелярию школы, где учится Ваш ребёнок.

## Camelot PTA News

Happy December, Camelot Families!

**Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 17 at 4pm in the Library.** We hope you'll join us! In honor of the month of December, we've put together "12 Days of PTA". This works best if you sing it outloud.



On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas, PTA gave to me...

12 carnival games

11 refreshments at events that my kids want to \$\$ buy

10 call outs home & I don't understand why

9 salmon colored flyers

8 PTA meetings with prizes & snacks

7 events my kids beg me to go to

6 chances to earn money by bringing in box tops

FiiiiVE book fair things

4 PTA officers

3 penguin patch gifts

2 volunteers

aaaand a bag of popcorn and cookies!

We hope you enjoyed our fun & silly spin on this classic song. Truth is, you do NOT need to be a PTA member to hang out, come to meetings and volunteer with us! We need you. Your help makes more of a difference than you could possibly imagine!

Thanks so much.

2017 DECEMBER						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 POPCORN & COOKIES	2
3	4	5 PENGUIN PATCH STORE SHOPPING DAYS	6	7	8 POPCORN & COOKIES	9
10	11	12 4/5 CHOIR CONCERT REFRESHMENTS	13	14	15	16
17	18 WINTER BREAK	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 WINTER BREAK	26	27	28	29	30
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## Counselor's Corner

### Holiday Stress

The holidays can bring to mind celebration, love, joy, happiness, time with family, good food and friendships. Holidays can also be a time of enormous stress for families and children. This time of year can increase stress through the lack of money, lack of sleep, irritability, excessive demands on time and intense family relationships. People of any age who are stressed are more likely to become physically sick, feel sad or seriously depressed, have sleep problems, over eat or under eat, drink alcohol or consume drugs in excess, and have a lack of energy.



### Tips for reducing holiday stress:

**Set realistic expectations.** about gifts and activities. Openly discuss finances and money available for the holidays.

**Keep things in perspective.** Identify and focus on what is really important about the season to you and your family.

**Make connections.** Meet and celebrate with family and friends who you have good strong relationships with.

**Take care of yourself.** Ask for and accept help if you need it. Try to keep regular eating and sleeping, and exercising routines. Take more vitamin C, which helps stop the secretion of stress hormones. Take short breaks periodically (1 to 5 minutes) to breathe deeply and relax.

**Learn from the past.** Avoid things that have made you unhappy, or have been particularly stressful in the past.

**Laugh as much as possible.** Laughing reduces physical signs of stress in your body, improves mood and even helps you fight off viruses.

Source: Kent Youth and Family Services

### Upcoming Spirit Days

December 15th—Pajama Day

Come dressed in some cozy pajamas as we get ready to head into our winter vacation!

### Hot Cider Sales

Student Council will be selling hot cider in the lobby!

December 11th—15th, 8:15-8:30am for \$1.00

It's a nice way to warm up on these frosty mornings!

## Attendance Matters, Every Day Counts!

We want to recognize our students for having perfect attendance (with occasional tardies and early releases). Below are the names of students with perfect attendance for November. 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 attendance.



**Albade**—Darwin C., Norah D., Bryce H., Harper K., Graham N., Parker N., Brycen S., Omer S., Valery U., Phonpasueth X.

**Ball-Toughill**—Molly B., Rebecca C., Kaiya M., Lillian N., Jason, P., Antony R., Michael S.

**Barry**—Hailey B., Alexis C., Emily D., Madelin H., Davide H., Issiah L., Melissa M., Lai Lonni P., Vanessa P., Joel R., Adam R., Ratu V.

**Borg**—Madison B., Alexis C., Elysia J., Sofiia K., Edward M., Abigail M., Joshua N., Jorge O., Dion P.

**Clough**—Arya B., Liam G., Dylin H., Tate H., Bryan K., Kamden L., Eli M., Jadon N., Angel S., Adrian Q.

**Eilertsen**—Cruz D., E'Lani F., Elijah J., Porter L., Ilya M., Ryan R., Taison V., Sarai W.

**Irons**—Brithany C., Katelynn C., Ashlynn D., Christof H., Michael J., Shabach K., Jason M., Joseph R., Elizabeth S., Arianna V., Krischana V.

**Jones**—Raeid T.

**Kimpel**—Elizabeth D., Emily D., Shia H., Lucas N., Samuel S.

**Kuldaneck**—El-Munah K., Samuel S.

**Pomfret**—Veerpartap G., Santiago H., Mykhailo K., Payton O., Sofiia S., Anna T.

**Rolewicz**—Diana B., Adelaide B., Michael C., Maxwell D., Jaiden G., Daniel G., Noah Z.

**Waterman**—Kylie A., Nevaeh C., Rocio H., Margalo J., Makinzi K., Anika K., Mary L., Emma M., Dennis M., Dylan M., Vincent P., Brianna S., Vita V.

**Whitford**—Katerina B., Johnny D., Isaiah D., Bianca E., Saige G., Max M., Jacob P., Eliana S., Lucas T.

**Winkler**—Samantha F., Mireille I., Gabriel M., Jamesin P., Nathaniel P., Sebastian R., Jessica R.



## School Attendance ...every school day counts!

**ATTENDANCE MAKES A DIFFERENCE.** Students who go to school nearly every day are more likely to read at higher levels, perform better in class, score higher on tests, have stronger school relationships, participate in school leadership roles, graduate high school, and succeed in college and on the job.

### **SOME WAYS TO IMPROVE YOUR STUDENT'S ATTENDANCE INCLUDE:**

**Sleep tight.** Kids need 9+ hours of sleep each night. Set regular sleep and wake-up times. Use alarms.

**Be on time.** Wake up early to get to school before first bell at 8:30. Eat breakfast, enjoy fresh morning air, and visit with friends. Use a backup friend or neighbor to get your student to school if you can't.

**Stay healthy.** Drink lots of water, wash hands, sleep, and get immunizations through a primary health provider, clinic or local pharmacy.

**Have fun.** School spirit is motivating. Be a Knight family who talks about school, reads together, volunteers, and comes to Camelot events. Upcoming activities include celebration assembly and choir concert.

**Keep a calendar.** Stay aware of school dates so you can plan vacations, doctor visits, and family activities on days when school is out.

**Use ParentVue** to track attendance and assignments.

**Get help.** Students who do well in school enjoy school more. If your student feels behind or anxious about school, ask your student's teacher, counselor, or family liaison for help. For example, King County Library offers free after school tutoring.

**Keep up the great work!**