



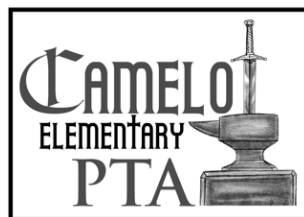
**PeachJar Communications:**

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.

**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** • Just a reminder... 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. Want to volunteer to make popcorn and deliver it to your student's classroom? It's so fun! Sign up in the main office.

**Box Tops: CLASS WINNER** • Please continue to clip box tops from your groceries. Every single box top makes a difference. Also, a SHOUT OUT to Mrs. Eilertson's class for winning the box top challenge. Way to go!

**Penguin Patch** • December 5 – 7 there will be a complete store set up in the Library for students to shop for their loved ones. Watch for more details soon. There's something special about your student having the chance to surprise you with a gift they've chosen. Also, we need volunteers that can help during the school day, so please consider signing up for a block of time in the main office or contact Kim Jenkins ([jenkinskimberly81@gmail.com](mailto:jenkinskimberly81@gmail.com)). Thanks!

**PTA General Meeting UPDATE** • There will be no general meeting in December. Plan to join us on Wednesday, January 17 from 4 –5 PM. You'll meet other parents, teachers and staff and learn about ways to support your student(s).

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](mailto:camelotptarocks@gmail.com)).



**Camelot—DRAWBRIDGE**

Federal Way Public Schools

November 2017



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Maureen Nunley, Office Manager (253) 945-2501

Natalee Daniels, Assistant Principal (253) 945-2504

Lindy Lothian, Secretary (253) 945-2502

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

**From the Principal:**

Dear Camelot Community,

There is a lot to be proud of here at Camelot! We had great attendance during conferences and received lots of helpful feedback. It was exciting to see our scholar's share their hard work and set goals for the year!

This year, Camelot is working to **help families advocate and support their scholars**. Conferences are a great way to assist with this effort. One of our goals was to have 100% family attendance at conferences. Please let us know if you couldn't make your conference so that we can make arrangements to meet with you soon.

Another goal Camelot has is for all scholars to be reading on grade level. I am excited to share that **we have increased on-level readers by almost 10% since the beginning of October!!** We are also averaging 2 months reading growth in just one month! To support this goal, make sure that your scholar is reading 30-minutes at home every day.

A great way for families to help at Camelot is to attend school events. We are scheduling Mornings with moms, Dialing in with dads, Tea and Sweets at Homewood Terrace, and PTA meetings —come and can get involved. We are also looking for volunteers to come read with our scholars. Our younger students are mastering site words and sounds, and we can always use your help.

Thanks,  
Joe Kosty, Principal  
253-945-2504



**Dates to Remember**

<b>November</b>	
17th	Spirit Day - Green and Gold (or yellow)
20th - 8:05am	Mornings w/Mom & Ms. Daniels
<b>22nd - 1:05pm</b>	<b>Remember! Early Dismissal</b>
23rd & 24th	No School - Thanksgiving
30th - 10am	Celebration Assembly
<b>December</b>	
5th-7th	PTA Holiday Shop
<b>6th - 1:35pm</b>	<b>Remember! Early Release</b>
12th - 7pm	Choir Concert



**EARLY DISMISSAL**

Wednesday,

November 22, 1:05 pm

**THANKSGIVING BREAK**

Thursday-Friday, Nov. 24-25

**NO SCHOOL**

## Message From Our Assistant Principal:

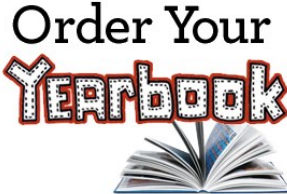
This month, our school wide theme is empathy. In our morning school assembly we'll be reminding students to have empathy, identify their own and others' feelings, notice and respect same and different feelings, and show compassion. Compassion involves saying kind words or doing something helpful to show you care how another person feels. When students can identify, understand, and respond in a caring way to how someone else is feeling, it helps create a positive and accepting school climate.

*Second Step* has lessons to specifically teach about empathy. Your scholar will be receiving Home Links describing why empathy is important. It includes fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify feelings and practice showing empathy and compassion. We hope you find this helpful.

Please tell your child's teacher if you have any questions about how you can help your child learn to identify feelings and show empathy and compassion at home.

Natalee Daniels, Assistant Principal

## Yearbook Presales Forms Coming Home Soon! **Order Your Yearbook**



Yearbooks are 32 color pages. The cost is \$15.00 each if ordered during presales. We are ordering a limited quantity so order yours today. If there are unsold books available in the spring, the cost will be \$17. Please complete the form and return it with your check (payable to Camelot PTA). Books will be handed out at the end of the school year. Please only list one student per book ordered. **5<sup>th</sup> graders that are unable to afford a yearbook and would like to receive one may obtain a scholarship application from Ms. Curran or Mrs. B. Scholarships will be provided based on need.**

### Early Release Days for 2017—2018

December 6th, 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.

## 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 October. 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**—Kameron C., Darwin C., Milan C., Norah D., Harper H., Tyler M., Parker N., Amrit S., Omer S., Valery U.

**Ball-Toughill**—Alyson A., Molly B., Alan C., Ayaan H., Aarav K., Kaiya M.

**Barry**—Hailey B., Emily D., Divinity D., Hannah F., Madelin H., Davide H., Edwin J., Nikolai J., Issiah L., Joel R., Adam R., Ilona T., Ratu V., Trenton V.

**Borg**—Madison B., Alexis C., Andrew G., Joseph G., Elysia J., Dion P., Aden S., Vanessa Z.

**Clough**—Ibrahim I., Bryan K., Arielah M., Kiley W.

**Eilertsen**—Ilya M., Taison V.

**Irons**—Joshua A., Brithany C., Ashlynn D., Christof L., Shabach K., Alyona M., Emma M., Joseph R., Arianna V., Gabriella W.

**Jones**—Raeid T.

**Kimpel**—Yatziry G., Ava L., Tristan N., Jace P., Samuel S., Davien S., Ari\_EI V., Yulila V.

**Kuldanek**—Mia C., Ezron D., El-Manah K., Emma K., Olivia L., Nicholas P., Chloe Q., Samuel S.

**Lippman**—Aarimonie J.

**Pomfret**—Veerpartap G., Santiago H., Alexander J., Eric T., Vitalii V.

**Rolewicz**—Adelaide B., Aden E., Charles F., Alawna K., Trinity N.

**Waterman**—Kylie A., Aaron D., Elijah F., Rocio H., Margalo J., Makinzi K., Mary L., Emma M., Dylan M., Audrey R., Brianna S., Ramo S., Sofia T., Vita V., Lea Z.

**Whitford**—Johnny D., Isaiah D., Max M., Benjamin M., Aiden M., Lucas T.

**Winkler**—Mason B., Finnegan C., Samantha F., Gabriel M., Ava M., Nathaniel P., Israel R., Austin V.



## Cold and Wet Weather

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



## Lost and Found

As the season changes, we see many coats and sweaters that have been left on the playground. It is highly recommended that you **write your students name** on their belongings. You, as parents, are welcome to come and look through our lost and found which is located in the lobby.



## Temperatures and Emergency Cards



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.

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.

## School Attendance

Many Thanks to our Camelot families who have called, emailed, sent notes or come in to let Mrs. Lothian and Mrs. Nunley know your student would not be at school.

We want you to know we appreciate your taking the time to notify us and how much time this has saved us from making individual call outs.

If your child is going to be absent we ask that you contact the office at 253-945-2502 or email us at [camoffice@fwps.org](mailto:camoffice@fwps.org).

This is important even if you have let your students teacher know, as sometimes that information does not get to the office.

Also, please remember that if your child is out of school due to a medical appointment, you will need to have a note from the doctor or dentist to excuse your student from school. You can have it faxed (253.945.2525) or bring the note to the Camelot office. Again, thank you for your ongoing support!

## 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.

I am also available to help with other needs.

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)

## 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.



## 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.



### Christian Faith Center

The **Christian Faith Center Thanksgiving Big Give**, on **Saturday, November 18**, is an annual outreach to the community to provide Thanksgiving Meals for families in need. If you, or someone you know needs a little extra help you may go to:

Christian Faith Center  
33645 20th Ave. S. Federal Way, WA 98003  
Meals will be given away on a first-come first-serve basis.

### Multi-Service Center and Holiday Distribution

#### **2017 Thanksgiving Food Distribution Hours:**

10am-2pm: November 20th, 21st, and 22nd / 5-7pm: November 21st  
*You must be registered before the holidays to receive food, no new registrations during 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.*

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### Salvation Army

Salvation Army provides holiday assistance.  
For details call 253-946-1346  
26419 16th Avenue South, Des Moines



### Camelot Elementary & Westhill Church

Camelot and Westhill Church are partnering again to provide holiday assistance to Camelot families in need. A green Confidential Winter Holiday Assistance Request form was sent home with your student. If your family would like to receive assistance with food and gifts for the holidays, please fill the form out and return by Thursday, November 16th. We are not able to honor forms that are not turned in by the deadline.

### Upcoming Spirit Days

November 17th – Green and Gold Day  
December 15th - Pajama Day

### Camelot Annual Food Drive

Student Council is running our annual food drive now through December 6th. The grade that brings in the most food items will receive a prize on December 8th! All food donations are distributed to those in need of assistance in our own community with the help of Westhill Church.

### Holiday Giving Tree

The annual Camelot Giving Tree will be up in our lobby the week of November 23rd. Please stop by and pick up a tag off the tree and purchase a gift for the child listed, then return it to Camelot by December 6th. Our fabulous Camelot community, together with Westhill Church, will help make this holiday magical for our friends that are struggling.

**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).**