

Mac's Notes



December 4, 2023



Exciting All School Read: "A Whale of the Wild"

Dear Families,

I'm thrilled to share our chosen book for this year's McDonald All School Read: "A Whale of the Wild" by Rosanne Parry.

In this captivating tale, we follow Vega and Deneb, two young orca whales navigating the Salish Sea. Vega, under the guidance of her mother, is being trained to become the group's Wayfinder. However, their journey takes an unexpected turn as Vega and Deneb find themselves separated from their pod. The story unfolds as Vega utilizes her wayfinding skills to reunite with their elders, shedding light on the environmental challenges our resident Orcas face.

"A Whale of the Wild" not only delves into the world of Orcas but also explores the rich environment of the Salish Sea. The story serves as a introduction to the sea's diverse inhabitants and the vital connection it holds for local tribes, particularly in relation to salmon.

While the book is targeted at an older reading level, it makes for an excellent read-aloud experience. Many teachers are incorporating it into their classrooms, and I've curated an online resource to enhance your reading journey. Currently, there are 10 chapters available, each accompanied by a thinking question. I have included additional that support the story and further your journey. I invite you to join us on this literary adventure as we explore the wonders of the Salish Sea through "A Whale of the Wild." Feel free to access the online resource at [A Whale in the Wild Read Along](#), and let's embark on this exciting journey together!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Finnegan, Librarian

December Black Lives Matter Year of Purpose Principle is Loving Engagement

- **Loving Engagement** means that we actively practice how our community can be peaceful, just, and free.

McDonald Lost and Found

Are you missing a jacket, water bottle, or something else? Here's what to do:

1. Check the Lost and Found rack on the playground at drop-off or pick-up.
2. Label (First and Last name) your items. Our volunteer team regularly checks for labelled items to return to the kids' homeroom teachers.
3. Look out for monthly communications (like this one!) for a last chance to claim your items before they are donated.

If you recognize any of these items, please reach out to mcdonaldlostandfound@gmail.com to claim them. Unclaimed items will be donated after 12/08. Thanks!







5th Grade Leadership Opportunity

- Scottie Safety Patrol
 - Please email me at zvfacilla@seattleschools.org, with your child's interest and your permission for them to serve as Scottie Safety Patrol Leaders. (by this Friday, December 8 at 5 pm).
 - Their duties will begin on Monday, December 11, 2023 and require your fifth grader to be dismissed 5 minutes early from class to walk students to their bus line on 55th NE.
 - Duties will conclude at 2:35 pm when the buses leave.
 - Please let me (Zoe) know if you have any questions.

Scottie Café Menu

- Monday
 - Breakfast: coffee cake
 - Lunch: Chili cheese dog. Or Yogurt, crackers, cheese stick
- Tuesday
 - Breakfast: cereal
 - Lunch: Grilled cheese with turkey bacon bits sandwich. Or Sunbutter
- Wednesday
 - Breakfast: bagel and cream cheese
 - Lunch: Cheese Pizza. Or Turkey sandwich in Hoagie roll
- Thursday
 - Breakfast: Egg and Cheee Breakfast sandwich
 - Lunch: Mushroom Risostto with Chicken Thigh. Or Bagel with Cream heese
- Friday
 - Breakfast: muffin
 - Lunch: Bean and cheese Chalupa. Or yogurt and crackers

Noteworthy Dates for this week

- Monday, December 4, 8 am, Caregiver Coffee in the Scottie Library
- Tuesday, December 5, 8:30 am, Shelter in Place Drill
 - Please continue learning as usual during shelter in place.
 - Students and staff are inside
 - Doors closed to classrooms but unlocked
 - Students may use the restroom and walk in the hallway freely
 - This drill's purpose is to practice our response to an outside threat (chemicals in the air, unsafe person/activity in the vicinity, etc.)
- Friday, December 8, 6:00 pm, PTA Movie Night for grades 3-5
- **Parking Lot Closed for Bikes (PE lessons for grades 3-5)**