

Mac's Notes



January 2, 2024

Happy New Year



McDonald International School Students Featured in Sister Schools Blog

- [Take a look here](#): we are so proud of each of you!

From Ms. Finnegan and the Scottie Library

Dear Scottie readers, I hope you've been having a whale of an adventure as we explore the wonders of the Salish Sea through "A Whale of the Wild" by Rosanne Parry. If you have been doing a the read along, I have finished reading all the chapters. Thank you for your patience. The link also includes additional resources and books to check out. If you have finished the book, stop by the office for your All School Read Whale sticker.

[A Whale in the Wild Read Along and Resources](#)

Did you hear about the exciting news for the J-pod? A new calf as of December 26! [Watch for a short video](#)

January Black Lives Matter Year of Purpose Principle is Intergenerational

- Intergenerational means that it's important we have spaces where people of different ages come together and learn from one another.

5th Grade Leadership Opportunity

- Scottie Safety Patrol
 - Please email me at zvfacilla@seattleschools.org, with you child's interest and your permission for them to serve as Scottie Safety Patrol Leaders.
 - Their duties will begin on Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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

- [Please click here to view](#) on our website.

Noteworthy Dates for this week

- School Leader/Caregiver Coffee Chat at 8:00 am this Friday, January 5th.

Coming up next week:

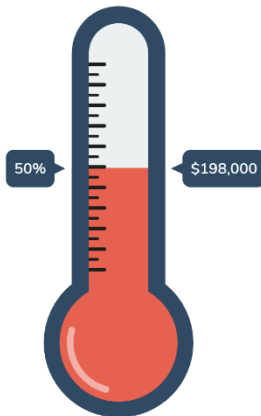
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Virtual Assembly (8 am in classrooms) followed by our annual march to TangleTown and back at 8:30 am on Friday, January 12. You are cordially invited to join us on our walking route.

Thank you for your participation!

BUT, we aren't there yet... we need to raise another \$150K by January 15th, so please donate if you haven't already!

Donate here! via BetterWorld

GOAL: \$400,000



Don't forget about the school challenge going on now through January 11th!

GOAL PARTICIPATION: 90%

ACTUAL PARTICIPATION: 35%

Updated 12/28

Why now? We need to raise at least \$150K more (\$350K total) by January 15th or we risk **NOT** having language support instruction next year. With \$350K, Principal Facilla can renew contracts for our beloved Instructional Assistants and guest teacher program:

- ★ Maestra Enedina (Spanish K)
- ★ Profe Mayra (Spanish 1st)
- ★ Yuko Sensei (Japanese K & 1st)
- ★ Guest teachers (grades 2-5)

There are 3 ways to participate (CHOOSE ONE):

1. Donate NOW - Online or Check. Any amount helps, whether \$20 or \$2,000, or the suggested per-student donation of \$1,300.

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2. You have already donated for School Year 23-24. THANK YOU!

3. If you can't contribute this year, kindly take a moment to [fill out this survey](#). Your response will still count toward the school participation challenge.