



# Muir Elementary News

March 15, 2018

## Principal News from Jeff DeGallier

### 2018-19 Start and End Time Changes

School start and end times will be changing in the 2018-19 school year as a 7-period day is implemented for high school students. We acknowledge any change has an impact to families' current schedules. We want to ensure families have ample time to plan for the change. Our school will start at 9:20 and end at 3:50. This change does not take effect until the start of next school year.

### Why are start and dismissal times changing?

Starting with the Class of 2019, students are required to graduate with 24 credits. In 2015, a Task Force of staff and parents convened to study, analyze and make recommendations to expand options for students to meet the 24 credits required for graduation. In April 2017, the Task Force recommended adding time to the end of the high school student day to provide a 7-period day.

### Will there be further changes to school start and end times in future years?

A School Start Time Advisory is continuing work in 2018-19 to study the impacts of potentially changing high school start times to later in future years. The Advisory includes staff and parents from elementary, middle and high school levels. They will make a recommendation for any potential further changes to school start and end times. Further changes in the 2019-2020 school year may or not occur, depending on their recommendation. There will continue to be ample opportunity for families to provide input throughout the process. Any changes to the high school start and end times result in adjustments to middle and elementary start and end times due to transportation.

We know that this change will impact families so I want to make sure you can begin planning for this change now. Have a great weekend with your family!

Jeff DeGallier

## Pennies for Patients March Fundraiser



John Muir Elementary Natural Leaders are partnering with Pennies for Patients to collect donations for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

Students may bring in their collection boxes on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and empty them between 8:30 - 8:55 am. Last day of collection will be Thursday, March 29.

If you wish to donate directly to Pennies for Patients here is the link:  
<http://events.ils.org/pages/wa/John-Muir-Elementary-School-Kirkland-2018>.

Last year JME raised nearly \$1,500.

## JME Celebrates Kindness

Have you Filled a Bucket Yet? JME Shows Kindness in Many Ways! On Wednesday, March 14, students at JME participated in a school wide assembly titled "The Cultural of Kindness."

Vice Principal Ric Baileykaze led the assembly and talked first about what being kind means, things like inviting a friend to sit with you at lunch, holding a door open for someone, and saying thank you!

5th Grade students read the story – Have You Filled a Bucket Today? This heartwarming book encourages positive behavior by using the concept of an invisible bucket to show children how easy and rewarding it is to express kindness, appreciation and love by "filling buckets."

It was cool to see the students and staff showing their support at the assembly by wearing blue.

Students will be receiving special slips in the shape of water drops noting the act of kindness. Students are encouraged to give to each other these water drops as well as staff giving to students. Each classroom has individual buckets and at the end of each week classes will fill the two giant buckets located on the first and second floors.

At the end of the assembly JME students took the Oath of Kindness:

"I pledge at John Muir every day  
I will be kind in every way.  
Honest and helpful  
Good deeds I will send.  
I pledge to be everyone's friend."



## Reserve a Place for Your Child for the 2018-2019 School Year

We are starting to plan for next school year. Will your child be returning to John Muir next fall? Your child will be bringing home a bright green reserve a place form. Please let us know by filling out the form and returning to your child's teacher. Thank you!

## Read-a-thon Winners

During the 2-week school Read-a-thon students read a total of 77,132 minutes. Congratulations to the lucky winners in the random drawing: 1st grader Eleanor L.F. and 4th grader Cooper A., winners of the Kindle Fires in the all school Read-a-thon. We are proud of all our students who read and turned in their reading minutes.



## Calendar

Teacher LEAP Day, No School, Friday, March 9th  
Class/Activity Photos, Thursday, March 29th

## Grade 3-5 SBA Testing Dates

Please mark the following dates on your calendar. It is essential that all students who are taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) attend school these days. Please make doctor appointments on other days or before or after school. Your help in making sure your child is attending school well-rested, healthy, and fed on these days is appreciated.

	ELA CAT	ELA PT	Math CAT	Math PT	Science
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	5/8	5/10	5/31	6/1	N/A
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	5/1	5/3	5/22	5/24	N/A
5 Grade	5/15	5/17	6/5	6/7	5/11

## Calendar

**Class/Activity Photos, Thursday, March 29th**

**Spring Break, No School, April 2-6th**

More events can be found on the [Muir Tandem Online Calendar](#)

## Quick Links

Muir: <http://muir.lwsd.org>

LWSD: [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org)

PTSA: <http://muirptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

Peachjar: [Community flyers](#)

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