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Highlights

- 10/23: **High School Preview**
6:30PM at Harbor School
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- 10/25: **High School Test Prep Class for 8th Graders**
3-4:30PM for students who signed up (*optional*)
- 6th Grade Parent Mtg with Mark McGough**
6:30PM at Harbor School
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- 10/26: **Trivia Night (Adults Only)**
6:30PM at Snapdragon
with host Mark McGough
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- 10/27: **Crafternoon**
1-3PM at Carpe Diem
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- 10/31: **Poet's Afternoon**
1-3PM at Carpe Diem
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- 11/01: **HOS Coffee Morning**
9:05AM at Carpe Diem
Parent coffee chat with Mark
- High School Test Prep Class for 8th Graders**
3-4:30PM (*optional*)
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- 11/2: **Dia de los Muertos**
*All School event at 2PM
Harbor School Campus*
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- 11/8: **High School Test Prep Class for 8th Graders**
3-4:30PM (*optional*)
- Race Equity Book Club Reading**
4-5PM at Vashon Library
- Race Equity Focus Group**
7PM at Harbor School
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- 11/9: **Game Time!**
4-5PM at Carpe Diem
with Admission Q&A to follow for interested families
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- 11/13: **WS Education Fair**
7PM at Alki Masonic Center
(see page 4 for details)
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- 11/16: **PROMISED LAND**
Documentary Film Screening
6:30PM at Carpe Diem

Corner Art: portrait by Will, grade 6

What You May Have Missed

On Wednesday afternoon the 6th grade took time to visit with Carpe Diem students and join them in playing with playdough, board games, and puzzles. It is part of our effort this year to ensure that 6th and 7th grade get to experience being an older buddy to our younger Carpe Diem students. The 6th graders jumped in with commitment and energy and all students do what kids do – they had fun playing together and getting to know each other better. Following the friendship time, 6th graders headed over to Vashon Heritage Museum to look at their latest exhibit Mapping Vashon. If you have not had the opportunity to visit the museum and take a look at the maps on display it is certainly worth doing. Students explored the maps and spent time sharing what they discovered about their island.

Voyagers Week information was sent home to students in 4th-8th grade this week. Trips range from exploring the wilds of Utah and the Shakespeare

festival in Ashland to local explorations of food, physical activity and how to transform trash to fashion. A diverse range of experiences are on offer and I look forward to watching these trips unfold.

On Friday we were fortunate enough to welcome Alex to our assembly. Alex shared his love and knowledge of Manga, its origins in Japanese history and how it spread across world cultures.

On Saturday a number of students, parents and faculty gathered on campus for our first fall Open House. The energy was high and during their tours, visiting families heard a wide range of Harbor School and Carpe Diem perspectives. A huge thank you to **Niamh** for her work in making this event a success and of course, to all our students, parents and faculty who spoke passionately about our school.

Here's to next week being equally as engaging! - *Mark McGough*

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New buddies:
6th graders and
Carpe Diem
students bonding
over board games.

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE: CD Coffee Morning

Dear Carpe Diem Parents,

Unfortunately, due to the final rehearsal for Poet's Afternoon, the **Head of School Coffee Morning** on Monday October 30th will have to be postponed. This will now take place on **Wednesday, November 1st** at 9:00AM. Jaffrey will use some of this time to engage you in learning about the new phonics program being used this year at Carpe Diem and then Mark will discuss the start of the year and answer any questions you may have about the school.

HARBOR SCHOOL presents

Trivia Night

with your host
Head of School
Mark McGough!

Alumni Parents
Welcome!

THURS, OCT 26 at 6:30PM

SNAPDRAGON RESTAURANT

Trivia Night is for Parents & Adults Only!

Join Us for Trivia Night

Don't forget to head on over to Snapdragon Restaurant this **Thursday night, October 26, at 6:30PM**, for a return of "Trivia Night" with your Head of School Host Mark McGough! It's a great opportunity for parents, alumni and friends of the school to join in some hilarious fun! Feed your brain by coming early and enjoying a Snapdragon dinner!

SAVE THE DATE!

HARBOR SCHOOL & CARPE DIEM RACE EQUITY BOOK CLUB
INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON

BOOK READING

Reading Aloud
Stories Inspired by
Refugee Experiences

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 8

4PM at Vashon Public Library
in the Meeting Room
For children in grades K - 5

FEATURED BOOKS INCLUDE:

- "Stepping Stones: A Refugee Family's Journey"
Written by Margriet Ruess | Art by Nazir Ali Babir
- "Somos como las nubes"
(We Are Like the Clouds)
Written by Jorge Argueta | Illustrated by Alfonso Ruano
- "Our Table of Memories"
Edited by Merna Ann Hecht | Illustrated by Morgan Wright

Once a month, Harbor School & Carpe Diem's Race Equity Book Club invites the Vashon community to read aloud age-appropriate children's books that introduce topics and people that have been typically underrepresented in children's books. We aim to engage the youngest early readers in kindergarten through 5th grade. These events also include games and creative movement.

FREE | PUBLIC WELCOME

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Race Equity Focus Group Wednesday, November 8 at 7PM

Dear Parents,

Please join us for our next Race Equity Focus Group meeting on **Wednesday, November 8 at 7PM**. We'll meet at Harbor School. All are welcome.

ALL SCHOOL NEWS



ABOVE: Student ambassadors Freddy, Gigi, Emerson and Rebekah at the Open House.

Open House Gratitude

A huge thank you to parents and students for attending the open house on Saturday. Students and parents led tours, answered questions and brought lovely homemade cookies! Our thanks to parents **Leda Langley, Callie Deegan, Michelle Cohen** and **Mike Calvert**. (A special shout out to Mike and Gigi for driving over to Vashon after a soccer game in Snohomish!) Student ambassadors were **Freddy, Gigi, Emerson, Rebekah, and Abigail**. Thank you all for giving up your Saturday afternoon to share your love of our school!



ABOVE: Volunteers had their hands full tidying up after students at Carpe Diem learned how to make tamales.

Tamale Cleaning Crew

It was a real treat to have Patty (of *Patty's Tamales*) visit Carpe Diem last week to show us how tamales are made. A very big thank you to the parent volunteers who stayed afterward helping remove all the masa from the carpet!

Attn: 6th Grade Families

On **Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30pm** there will be an informal meeting with Mark to discuss the beginning of the school year with 6th grade families. This is an opportunity for you to share any observations or ask any questions. It is also an opportunity to look forward and ensure that you are all in the loop for the next few months. We hope to see you all there.

Below: Our 6th graders visited Vashon Heritage Museum last week to check out their latest exhibition on mapping Vashon.





Carpe Diem students and families enjoyed a very special tamale-making workshop with Patty of Patty's Tamales!



Profe with Chautauqua's Spanish interns Javier and Wendy.

Spanish with Profe

The Chautauqua Elementary Spanish interns visit us this week. We are continuing to build our relationship with that program. It is exciting thinking about how we are laying groundwork which will benefit both schools. We started helping to train their interns last year, and continue this year. We are looking forward to them sharing culture and language with our students this year. It's a great group; three young people from Spain and one from Columbia. Thank you, Chautauqua!

Word on the street: *Mucho gusto*
Pronunciation: (moo-cho goo-stow)
Translation: Nice to meet you

CARPE DIEM PRIMARY
GAME TIME!
PUBLIC WELCOME
FOR CHILDREN GRADES K-5
ALL ARE WELCOME!
FAMILIES FROM OUR WASHON COMMUNITY ARE INVITED TO JOIN US AND SHARE OUR INSPIRATION OF LEARNING PATH THROUGH THE FUN OF GAMES.
FUN ACTIVITIES GALORE!
MATH IS FUN!
FREE!
THURSDAY NOV 9 4-5PM
INTERESTED IN LEARNING MORE ABOUT OUR ACADEMIC PROGRAMS? JOIN US FOR AN ADMISSIONS Q&A at 5PM
Mick McLaugh, Head of School, will be on hand answering following the event to answer questions about our academic programs.
AT CARPE DIEM 17708 WASHON HWY SW IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Questions? Call 206.562.2195 or email: jf@carpediem.org



CISPUS: 7th graders having breakfast together on their adventures at Cispus Learning Center.

Spanish with Profe

In 6th grade: We are getting great traction with sending and receiving messages that name the world around us, and convey classroom directions. I am excited about reading our first story, completely in Spanish. The story is called **Chavela quiere ir a la casa de su abuela** (*Chavela wants to go to her grandmother's house*). This story is a great introduction to the *Día de los Muertos* season. Please allow your student to read to or with you. The story is located near the bottom of the *Día de los Muertos* page of **HUACHINANGO**. Also located on that page are dozens of links to great stories, recipes, and articles about my favorite holiday. Check it out!

Word on the street: *No hay ningunos*

Pronunciation: (no eye nin-gooh-ohs)

Translation: they are none/there aren't any

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/Dia+de+los+Muertos>

In 7th and 8th grade: I am excited about how well we are reading **Tumba**. This novel is a great platform for expanding cultural knowledge and for classroom discussion. We are taking a closer look at grammar and beginning to examine the two simple past tenses in Spanish; preterite & imperfect. Another exciting thing going on is that we are taking a look at national language standards in a way that students can take a more active role in assessing their progress. In doing so, it really helps them understand what they can do in the language and what they are working toward. Great stuff!

Students can review vocabulary and grammar structures in their notes and on the Tumba page of HUACHINANGO.

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/+Tumba>

Word on the street: *Calavera*

Pronunciation: (kah-lah-vair-ah)

Translation: skull/*Día de los Muertos* poem about family and the holiday

Parents - Thanks for continuing to sign/initial student planners each evening.

7th Grade at Cispus

7th graders spent part of this past week at Cispus Learning Center in Randle, Washington taking what is known as a low-ropes course. This includes outdoor games and physical puzzles that have to be figured out as a group in order to be successful. Students reflected on this experience in the "star" room, sharing heart-warming compliments with each other, as well as relaxing under the stars.

Social Studies with Laretta

6TH Grade: Students are completing their first unit, Mesopotamia, and will be bringing home their folders for parents to review. Just so you know.....they did FABULOUS work! We will begin our examination of ancient Greece this coming week. Zeus, here we come!

7th Grade: We are wrapping up Comparative Religion this coming week with a debate on the importance of religion in 21st century America. I cannot wait to hear your students thoughts. Please know your children have been open-minded, curious, and respectful throughout the entire course of this sensitive unit.

8th Grade: Students are starting a project that will help them to get to know the character traits and personalities of our founding fathers. They have a requirements page, timeline, and evaluation form already and will begin their research into their particular "father" this coming week.



IN SCIENCE: 8th graders making a model of the human digestive tract (*yes, that's the actual length!*).

English with Todd

One of the highlights of my week was reading (*and hearing*) the poems that the 8th graders modeled after Walt Whitman's famous "Song of Myself." Like Whitman's writing, their poems are long, sweeping, passionate, inclusive, prophetic, and personal, while also revealing that our 8th graders indeed 'contain multitudes.' The range of perspectives was striking, but I was also impressed by how seriously each student endeavored to express his or her own, individual voice.



Above: 8th graders working on their self-directed art projects.

Art with Alisara

Eighth grade students took on their first big project of the year, and are just a couple of weeks away from finishing! From proposal to display, this project is entirely self-directed.

Students were given the perimeters and themes of the Bellarmine Preparatory School contest rules, and they each designed a project that fits the guidelines, shows their technical strengths, and challenges them in content or form.

Not all students are planning on submitting work to the curatorial committee, but all works will be shown, either at the Bellarmine Prep or the concurrent Harbor School show.

I am thrilled to share the results as these projects come together. Quinn is choosing to paint a large scale watercolor, Morgan is altering a copy of *Alice in Wonderland* to draw and tell a murder mystery, and Emerson is creating a nail and string relief piece to foster awareness of dog heart disease. We have many more stories emerging and will continue to share them with you in the coming weeks.

Below: 6th grade self-portrait projects. Self-portrait by Katie (left), Liv painting (center), and Nola's self-portrait (right).

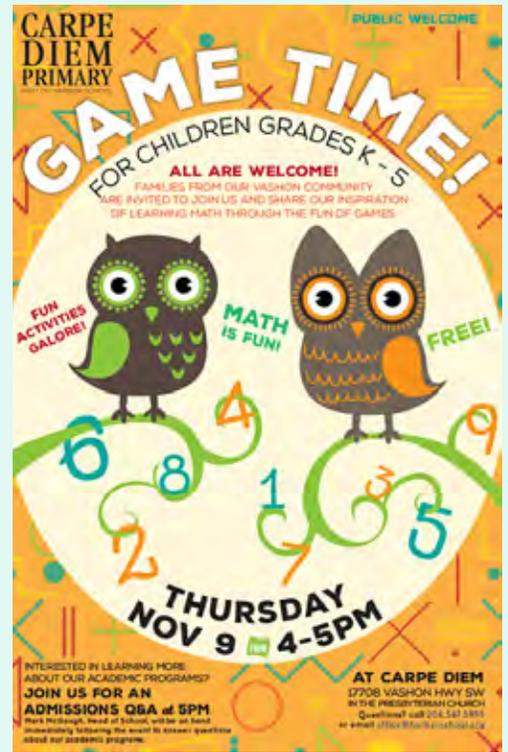
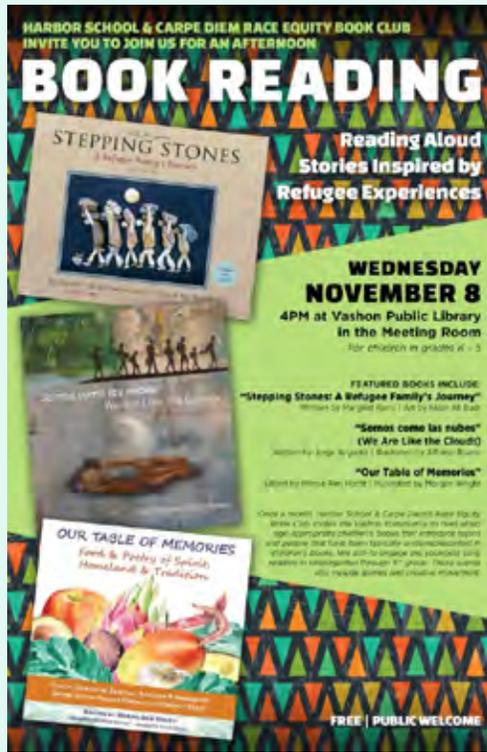
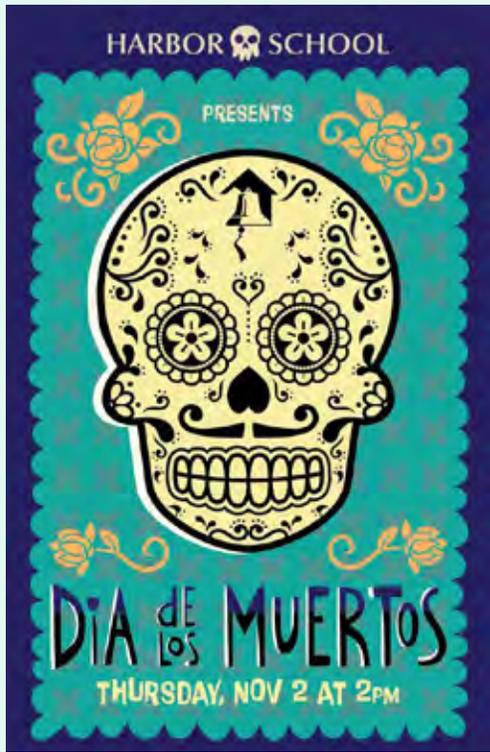


Above: 8th graders enjoying a little Algebra!



EVENTS COMING SOON

Make sure to save these dates for upcoming school events!



Be sure to follow, or "like," our school pages on Facebook for regular postings about these and many more great activities. Just click on the links below:

