

CORNERSTONE

Newsletter for Harbor School & Carpe Diem Primary community

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Calendar

2/20-24 **NO SCHOOL**
Mid-Winter Break

2/27: **Movie Night at 4PM**
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3/03: **Jumping Mouse**
Carpe Diem

3/04: **VOYAGERS AUCTION:**
In Our Own Backyard
at Open Space

3/07: **Race Equity Parent**
Group Meeting at 7PM
Harbor School campus

3/10: **NO SCHOOL**
Teacher In-Service Day

3/12: **Daylight Savings**
Spring Forward!

3/13 - 3/17
Voyagers Week Trips
Grades 4 - 8

3/17: **Jumping Mouse**
Carpe Diem

3/20: **Late Start at 10AM**
Grades 4-8 Only

Top Corner Art by Adela, Grade 8



Very Important Auction News

Before you embark on Mid-Winter Break, the *Voyagers Auction* team would like to plant a few seeds and remind everyone of some important details:

Buy Tickets Before You Go On Mid-Winter Break

As of Thursday night, we have sold over 70% of the available seats for *Voyagers Auction*. We do have a limit and want to make sure our school families get first dibs!

Please reserve your tickets today before we reach capacity. You can make your reservation online or you can call Allison or Niamh. Details below.

BUY TICKETS NOW

Item Donations Are Due on February 24TH

During mid-winter break, we will be prepping the auction catalog and finalizing all the wonderful treasures that will be up for bid on March 4th. However, with families departing for a week off, we ask that everyone who has yet to turn in their donations, please submit your donation form or item description before you go. Items can be delivered after the 24th before the event, but the item details must be recorded by next Friday, at the latest.

Donations can be entered online here

ITEM DONATION

Or, email office@harborschool.org with **WHAT** you are donating, the item **VALUE**, a brief **DESCRIPTION**, and if there are any **RESTRICTIONS** worth noting. Thank you!

Questions? Contact:

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Childcare RSVP for Auction Night

Harbor School's Class of 2017 (*with parent chaperones, of course*) will be running **Movie Night** on March 4th so parents can attend the auction. Here's the nitty-gritty:

- 👉 **You must RSVP** to hold a spot for your child. Email office@harborschool.org.
- 👉 Siblings as young as 4 may attend and incoming 2017-18 families may also participate.
- 👉 **The cost of Movie Night is \$20** per child and includes food and beverages. If your child has food sensitivities or allergies, we ask you to provide a meal for them.
- 👉 **Drop Off as early as 4:45PM** and **Pick Up as late as 9:45PM**.
- 👉 There will be two age-appropriate movies in separate classrooms. We will also have art projects and games set up for anyone who is interested.

Funds for **Movie Night** will benefit the 8th Grade Class Trip to Iceland in May. If you plan to write a check, please make it out to Harbor School and Jackie will make sure it is set aside for the Class of 2017.

Call for Wine & Desserts

We are collecting wine for our auction Wine Wall, where we feature several high value mystery bottles mixed in with a variety of popular mid-range wines. If you've got a spare bottle (*or 2*), with a minimum value of \$20, please consider donating it to the Wine Wall!

Wine can be donated as late as March 2. Please let us know and we will be happy to pick it up!

We are also in need of 3 more desserts for our Dessert Dash. If you'd like to make one, please contact **Wendy Kearns**, our dessert organizer, at wrkvashon@live.com.

< Morgan Brig's "Wizard" will be taking bids at Voyagers Auction!

MORE NEWS >

When We Return

There will be no *Cornerstone News* during Mid-Winter Break. The week we return from break is the final prep work for the auction and Allison Reid, who produces the newsletter, will be too busy to layout the full issue. We'll return to our "normal" *Cornerstone News* program as soon as the auction concludes!



Movie Night February 27

Race Equity Parent Focus Group is sponsoring a documentary movie night in honor of Black History Month on **Monday, February 27 from 4-6PM** at Harbor School. The evening will feature a showing of the 1998 movie ***Ruby Bridges***. The movie is based on the true story of 6-year old Ruby Bridges, the first black student to attend integrated schools in New Orleans, in 1960. Her story is one of incredible courage in the face

of hatred and fear and is a great starting point with children for discussions about racism, bigotry social justice and the importance of standing up for what one believes in. The movie is appropriate for school age children and is approximately 90 minutes long. *All are welcome!*

Race Equity Parent Focus Group Meeting on Mar 7

Please join us for the next Race Equity Parent Focus Group meeting on **Tuesday, March 7 from 6-7PM** at Harbor School. Both Carpe Diem and Harbor school parents are encouraged to attend. Our Head of School Mark McGough will also attend.



Iceland: Parliament Building

The Class of 2016 is standing in front of Iceland parliament building. This year's class will also be touring parliament. It can be argued that Iceland's democracy is the oldest continuous democracy in the world. Known as *Althing*, it was formed by the Vikings in 930 AD.

Voyagers Week Trip Costs

All *Voyagers Week* invoices have been sent out to families in grades 4-8. **Trip payments are all due in the school office by March 10, 2017.** For easy reference, the trip costs and leaders are listed below:

TRIP	COST	LEADER	EMAIL	CO-LEADER
Sante Fe, New Mexico	\$1,280	Laurette Hyde Alisara Martin	laurette@harborschool.org alisara@harborschool.org	
Digital Photography	\$625	Mark McGough	mark@harborschool.org	Ray Pfortner Christine Beck
Snowsports	\$585	Leslie Blair Erin Blaser	leslie@harborschool.org erin@harborschool.org	Todd Wooster Jaffrey Clark
Animal Adventures	\$325	Zoë Hughes	zoe@harborschool.org	Russ Ray

If you have any questions about a specific trip, please contact the trip leaders directly.

If you did not receive an invoice, please contact Jackie at jmollison@harborschool.org and she will re-send a copy.



Week's Highlights

The photos say it all - **Valentine's Day Celebration** and Native American theme activities - *fry bread making, weaving, book binding and journal making* - it was a fun and fulfilling week! Enjoy your time off next week.

Spanish with Profe

We continue to circle and use high frequency nouns & verbs to name the world around us.

K-1: We are reading and talking about a story called *La Semana de Ana (Ana's week)*.

2-3: We are almost to the end of our story, *La Rana Hambrienta (The Hungry Frog)*.





Team Pizzazz Families,

Thank you all so much for filling our room on Tuesday morning and supporting our team with their presentations all about the Revolutionary War and Colonial America. *They were amazing!*

Thanks for raising such thoughtful, compassionate, hard-working young scholars. It's amazing getting to learn with and from them. *Enjoy your time off next week!*



Our Thursday Field Trip

What a wonderful Travel Study day we had on Thursday to the Daughters of the American Revolution Chapter House in Seattle. Our tour guide showed us the 'ins' and 'outs' of this beautiful building, including a highlight for the kids: the fancy bathrooms. Our guide helped us understand the role that the DAR play in communities around the country, as their primary focus is on service and giving back to veterans and their families. Finally, to celebrate our coming together as a

group we toasted each other and our host with a cup of sparkling cider. To the DAR!

Yesterday reminded me of the power of Travel Study, and how it takes us far beyond just academic learning. Travel helps students forge new social connections, embody the cornerstone values outside of the confines of a classroom, transform the bus ride into an experience all its own, and build bridges between what we do in school and the broader world.

New Unit Starts Soon

We will be beginning a new unit of study as we return back from Mid-Winter break: Architecture and Engineering via Bridges. Do any of you have a love of, knowledge about, or experience with bridges? Any cool connections to people or places that would help deepen our knowledge of bridge design and structure? Any stories or insights into bridging communities or people? Please share if you do.

Assessments

Be looking for your child's narrative assessment coming home soon. The idea of these reports is to share information and to continue our ongoing conversations about your child. I hope it's a helpful tool for you and that it gives you a glimpse into our view of your kiddo as a student here at Harbor School.

Art with Alisara

Team Pizzazz designed castles and trebuchets (*photos below*) as a connection from their simple machines unit and their upcoming bridges unit. Stations for cardboard, clay, glue, sticks, and projectiles made for an exciting day of medieval fun.



Service Learning at



Spanish with Profe

6TH Grade

We continue to take a closer look at cultural elements & grammar structures embedded in our story, *Sandra y el vestido perfecto*.

<http://huachinango.wikispaces.com/Sandra+y+el+vestido+perfecto>

7TH & 8TH Grade

In Chapter 7 of *Las aventuras de Isabela*, they go to a market. We are taking a look at and talking about markets and food. Time, family, calendar, weather, location, likes/dislikes, are vocabulary themes we employ to talk & write about markets and food. This will continue to be our focus for the first two weeks after break. *Great job, everyone!*

Here is a link to a classic *Sesame Street* song you may remember from childhood.

<https://youtu.be/UPGTzSPz0gU>

Social Studies with Laretta

6TH Grade

Students will be taking their Rome reports to the rough draft stage. No need to do any further work on this project over mid-winter break. Lots of rest and play is the only homework.

7TH Grade

We will be wrapping up *The Breadwinner* and doing what is known as the Parvana project. I will send a photo of the bulletin board we create from this project - it is always a favorite. It will be completed by the end of the week and I invite you all to my classroom to take a look at it once we return from mid-winter break. Also, we have answered the question of why the middle-east is so messy and will be moving on to discuss the roots of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

8TH Grade

Students will continue to discuss the African American experience focusing on the 1850 Fugitive Slave Act.



8th Grade Forum Project trip to UW took a detour to Fremont!

Math with Leslie

MATH 6

Milestone within grasp! After two days of review on Monday and Tuesday and a **Chapter 7: Percent** test on Wednesday when we get back from break, Sixers will have completed level 6A of their *Dimensions* Textbook. Awesome work! Bring on 6B! This group is ready.

MATH 7

We are near to finishing up **Chapter 4** but still need a few good work periods to solidify. Also, I want to spend extra time on lesson 4.7 which has the only coordinate plane graphing for the 7th grade Common Core. We will not have the test until about the first or second of March. Study guides went out last Monday. Students can work on this over break if it is convenient for your family.

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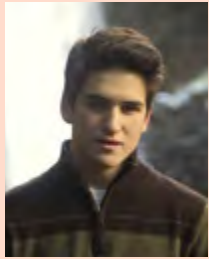
Just finished **Chapter 5: Simple Equations in One Variable**. Began **Chapter 6: Ratio, Rate and Speed** on Thursday. In Chapter 6 we will learn to understand the concept of ratio, state the relationship between ratio and fraction, solve problems involving ratio, understand the concepts of rate and average rate, solve problems involving rate, understand the concepts of uniform speed and average speed and solve problems involving speed.



Painting/illustration by Kai, Grade 8

In the Community

Alumni Participating in 2017 Amigos de las Americas Program



Harbor School alumni **Alden Hinden-Stevenson**, Class of 2015, is participating in the 2017 *Amigos de las Américas Program*, along with other VHS students. They are in the second stage of their fundraising now: the Give Big drive. If any one would like to support their efforts, please consider making a donation!

Here's what Alden had to share with us:

“ I will be spending 6-8 weeks volunteering with AMIGOS in Latin America this summer where I will work with community members and other participants on community development projects in areas such as public health, youth engagement, or environmental sustainability. Because AMIGOS is a non-profit organization, participants are responsible for both fundraising for the organization and paying for their experience. I am responsible for fundraising \$3,000. Supporting AMIGOS transforms participants, as well as communities in Latin America. My fundraising effort directly affects the work AMIGOS does in Latin America and the community-based project that I will be working on this summer.

If you wish to find out more or to donate, please visit my fundraising page at

<https://amigoslink.givebig.org/c/Net/a/seattleamigos/p/AldenHinden/>




Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Alden Hinden-Stevenson.

PS: In addition to going into Central America, I will be bringing my camera and taking lots of photos. I will certainly be making a photo-album and would love to share it with you. Thanks! ”

We are looking forward to Alden's return and hearing all about his experiences!



**SAVING OUR
ELEPHANTS**
WITH DR SAMUEL WASSER
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 7 PM

KATHERINE L WHITE HALL
TICKETS: VCA, HERON'S NEST GALLERY, 463-5131,
VASHONCENTERFORTHEARTS.ORG

Have a wonderful
MID-WINTER BREAK
and we will see you on Monday, February 27!