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Upcoming Calendar Highlights

- 9/12: **Board Meeting**, 6:30PM
- 9/20: **Grades 4-8 Student Portraits** with Marla Smith
(Details on page 2)
- 9/24: **Carpe Diem Curriculum Night**, 6:30PM at Carpe Diem
(Grades K-3 parents)
- 9/25: **Upper Elementary Curriculum Night**, 6:30PM at Harbor School
(Grades 4 & 5 parents)
- 9/27: **Rise Up & Read!** 4:00PM at Vashon Library
- 9/28: NOON DISMISSAL *(all grades)*
- 10/2: **Middle School Curriculum Night**, 6:30PM at Harbor School
(Grades 6-8 parents)
- 10/4: **Head of School Coffee**
Parent Chats with Mark
8AM at Harbor School
9AM at Carpe Diem
- 10/5: **Carpe Diem Student Portraits** with Marla Smith
(Details on page 2 and 5)
- 10/10: **Board Meeting**, 6:30PM
- 10/11: **UE & CD Conferences**
No School - *Grades K-5*
- 10/12: **NO SCHOOL**
Fall Educators Conference
- 10/17: **Venture Out Day!**
Grades 4-8
- 10/19: **UE & CD Conferences**
No School - *Grades K-5*
- 10/20: **OPEN HOUSE**, 12-2PM
Harbor School campus
PUBLIC WELCOME!

Welcome Back by Mark McGough

One of my favorite times of the school year is the moment, after two months of silence, when student voices once again fill the classrooms, playgrounds and hallways of our campuses. I walk into a room and it is alive with energy, bubbling with ideas, and vibrant with plans. Don't get me wrong. I like the two months of silence well enough but schools are meant for children and when they return their energy, smiles and stories are both infectious and energizing.

The start of school this year has once again brought that great energy with it. New faces abound on both campuses. Kindergarten students are settling into the rhythm of school and 4th graders are adapting to life on a different campus. Camp Niwana, a shortened and streamlined experience this year, left all of us tired but thrilled with the new traditions, the new friendships and the community that was established. Our 8th graders slipped into their role of leaders and

role models as if they had been waiting for that all summer long. All of the new students at camp were resilient, happy and involved, finding their way into their new community with ease.

Our team of teachers this year is building upon the teamwork, camaraderie and understanding that was established last year. They continue to develop curriculum, generate new ideas, and plan and teach together, inspiring each other and your students on a daily basis. Importantly they assume additional responsibilities and roles effortlessly, ensuring that the educational program at Harbor School continues to thrive and develop.

It has been an exciting start to the school year! I look forward to working with your students in this my third year at the helm. As always, a reminder that if you ever have any questions about our school, please don't hesitate to get in touch with a teacher or with myself.

Upper Elementary students welcoming new 6th, 7th and 8th graders!



Student Photos Scheduled

Photographer Marla Smith will be taking student portraits this year at both Carpe Diem and Harbor School.

HARBOR SCHOOL PORTRAITS will be **Thursday, September 20.**

CARPE DIEM PORTRAITS will be **Friday, October 5** at Jumping Mouse in the afternoon.

For students away or out-sick on either photo day, an additional make-up photo session will be scheduled.



CAMPUS WORK PARTY: A pair of alumni sisters, Amelia & Isabelle, grabbed the brooms (left) while Elizabeth and son Grant, spiffed up our classroom windows (right) to help us get ready for the start of school!



Mark (in the center back) had parents on their feet for a 'getting to know you' activity at our All School Parent Meeting last week.

Campus Gratitude

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to everyone who came out on Sunday, August 26th, to engage in a battle with the dirt! At Carpe Diem, we trimmed the bushes, extracted blackberries, and cleaned and weeded the garden.

At Harbor School, the amazing turn out allowed us to clean the toilets, carpets, windows, lockers, desk-tops, and the bus! We washed carpets, buffed floors, power-washed the walkways and the play structure! We planted plants, tidied and weeded and by the end of the day, the Harbor campus smelled and looked better than it ever has.

Thank you to everyone for your support and for joining together to support our efforts in readying the campus and classrooms for the start of the year. Your time, sweat, energy and blackberry blood is hugely appreciated!

Volunteer Sign-Ups

If you missed attending the ALL SCHOOL PARENT MEETING last week, please make sure to check out our Volunteer Sign-Up sheets at both Carpe Diem (*in the hallway*) and at Harbor School (*in the new front office*). Or, click the link below to view.

Volunteer Positions

If you see a volunteer position you would like to add your name to, please email office@harborschool.org and let us know!

We rely immensely on the volunteer support from our families and school community. There are many volunteer roles throughout the year, and lots of options to choose from. Please take the time to sign up and help support your child's school. *We are grateful for your time and effort!*

Thanks, Matt, for adding a fresh coat of stain to our bench!



COMMUNICATIONS

To get the school year started off, we'd like to remind all our families, new and old, about the various ways we communicate throughout the year. From following photos of student activities on Facebook, to reading the digital Cornerstone News, it's important for all of us to stay up-to-date on the goings on at Harbor School and Carpe Diem.

If you have questions about any of the communication tools we use, please email Allison Reid at allison@harborschool.org.



Cornerstone News

Harbor School's **Cornerstone News** is an ALL SCHOOL news publication that will be digitally emailed to your inbox several times each month. The **Cornerstone News** features a calendar column on the front page to highlight our most imminent events; regular updates from Head of School, Mark McGough; classroom content from our faculty; event highlights and so much more. There's even a COMMUNITY page at the end to share island-wide events, classes, and interesting articles.

During holidays and shortened weeks, we may skip an edition and consolidate content in the next issue.

Grandparents and special friends can also sign up to be included in our **Cornerstone News**. If you'd like to add a relative or special friend to receive the **Cornerstone News**, please let us know and we'll be happy to add them to the distribution.

Please note, the COMMUNITY section promotes events and activities by other non-profits on the island. We do not include listings for work, employment, or fundraising efforts by other individuals. Please keep this in mind when submitting any community info.

If you would like to submit an article or item for the Community section, please send it to Allison Reid at allison@harborschool.org and she will make sure it is included in the next issue!

How To Communicate with Us

The very best way to communicate with the school office is to send an email to office@harborschool.org. You are always welcome to call the main office number at **206-567-5955**; however, we have found that the volume of details and information coming in to the office flow best with email.

Likewise, for urgent communications from us (*like ferry delays or scheduled pick-ups*) be sure to check your inbox for an email from the school office.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter!



Follow Us On Facebook

Since the merger of Carpe Diem and Harbor School, we have maintained two Facebook pages. **During this school year, we plan to consolidate the two pages into ONE central page for highlights across all our grades (K-8).** If you have an account on Facebook, we encourage you to "like" the pages below so photos and announcements appear regularly in your Facebook feed.

<https://www.facebook.com/harborschool/>

Posts predominantly for grades 4-8 as well as All School News.

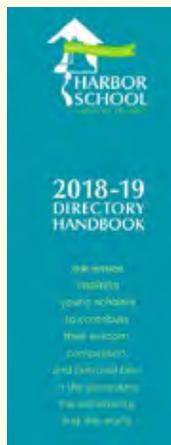
<https://www.facebook.com/carpediemprimary/>

Posts predominantly for grades K-3 as well as All School News.

If you do not have a presence on Facebook, you can view our most recent posts on the school's website by scrolling to the bottom of the homepage here:

<http://harborschool.org/>

2018-19 Parent Directory



Each year Harbor School prints a school Directory & Handbook to send home with all our families. We will also be emailing a digital PDF that we recommend keeping on your computer desktop or saving to your smart phone for easy reference.

We are in the final stages of proofing the directory contact info and will have printed booklets to distribute by early next week.

Each family will receive one hardcopy booklet as part of their enrollment. If you'd like to order additional booklets, the cost for extras are \$5 each.

If you have questions or wish to order an additional booklet, please email office@harborschool.org.

[harborschool.org](mailto:office@harborschool.org).

School Website

You can find lots of information on our school website at www.harborschool.org. The site is predominantly a marketing tool to promote our school and have a presence online; however, we do post calendar updates, press announcements and archive past **Cornerstone News** on the site fairly regularly.

2018-19 School Calendar

For a digital copy of the 2018-19 School Year calendar, please click on the link below to view.

2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

School Times

GRADES 4-8: A reminder that school starts promptly at 8:00AM. Students arriving after 8AM will be asked by their first period teachers to go to the main office and sign in.

GRADES K-3: School starts at 9:00AM at Carpe Diem. Doors open at 8:45AM.

Knowing Who to Contact

- > **SCHOOL ABSENCES:** All notes to teachers regarding planned absences or sicknesses are best communicated to our front office via email (office@hARBORSCHOOL.org.)
- > **MESSAGES TO STUDENTS** are best communicated via email to office@hARBORSCHOOL.org, and will be delivered to students at the earliest possible break from classes.
- > **MESSAGES TO TEACHERS** are best emailed directly to the teacher. Teacher email addresses are their **first names @hARBORSCHOOL.org** (e.g. lauretta@hARBORSCHOOL.org).
- > **TUITION PAYMENTS** can be given directly to Niamh Prince in the main office, dropped in the "Deposit Payments Here" box in the office, or mailed to PO Box 1912, Vashon, WA 98070. We also have a secure after hours drop-box just outside the school's main entrance.
- > **FINANCIAL QUESTIONS** or matters (such as tuition payment amounts, balances due, etc.) should be emailed directly to Niamh Prince at nprince@hARBORSCHOOL.org.
- > **DELIVERIES FOR STUDENTS** during the school day (lunch, books, etc.), must be dropped off in the school office and not in the classrooms.

Drop-Off, Pick-Up, & Parking

HARBOR SCHOOL CAMPUS - The entirety of our drop-off/pick-up lane is a marked Fire Lane. Use the lane for pick-up and drop-off, but do not park there to come into the school.

When arriving, please enter at the south driveway and exit at the north driveway (nearest the crosswalk). We need to keep the traffic flowing in the drop-off/pick-up lane, so if your passenger(s) will not be getting in or out of the vehicle promptly, it is a great idea to pull into a space in the parking lot.

Please remember to pull as far forward as possible and maintain your position in the drop-off queue. To ensure the safety of our students we ask that vehicles maintain their place in line and not pull around the car(s) in front of them.

CARPE DIEM - Parents should park in the rear gravel lot at the Presbyterian Church and walk their children into the building. Doors open at 8:45AM on school days.

Save Your Receipts

Harbor School has been participating in the Thriftway 1% Receipts Program for many years, and this year we have set a fundraising goal of \$2,500 collecting Thriftway receipts. If we can get 75% of our school families participating we will be on our way to meeting our goal.



We all do a little shopping at Thriftway!

Just sign your receipt, add your phone number, drop them at the main campus office or look for the Receipt box at Carpe Diem. We'll take care of the rest!



Thank You Ian Moore & Nashi Orchards!

If you were one of the lucky guests who purchased Ian Moore's Private Concert at Nashi Orchards during last year's *Voyagers Auction*, you caught an amazing performance on August 29th! We'd like to thank **Ian Moore** and his wife **Joleen** (our fabulous *UE teacher*) for giving their time, energy and talents to make this special event a reality.

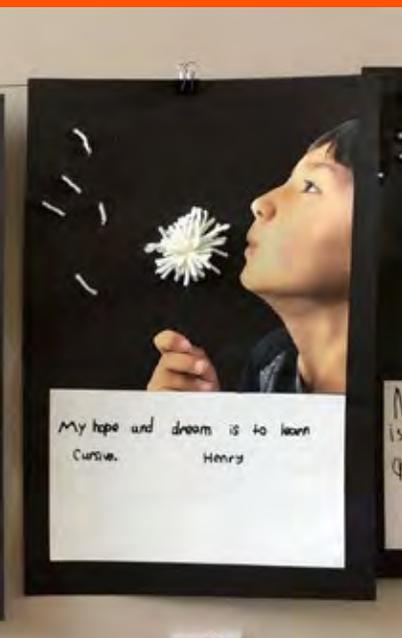
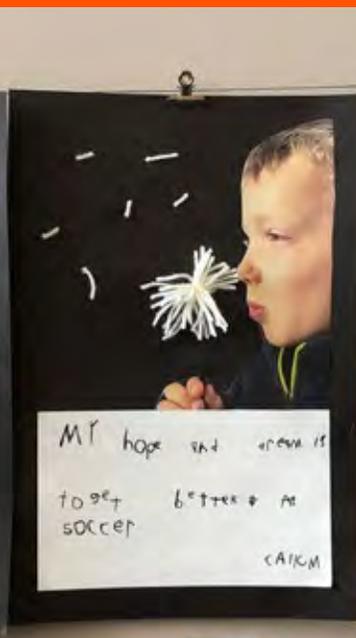
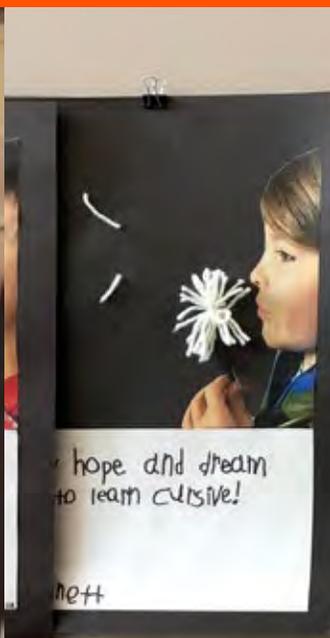
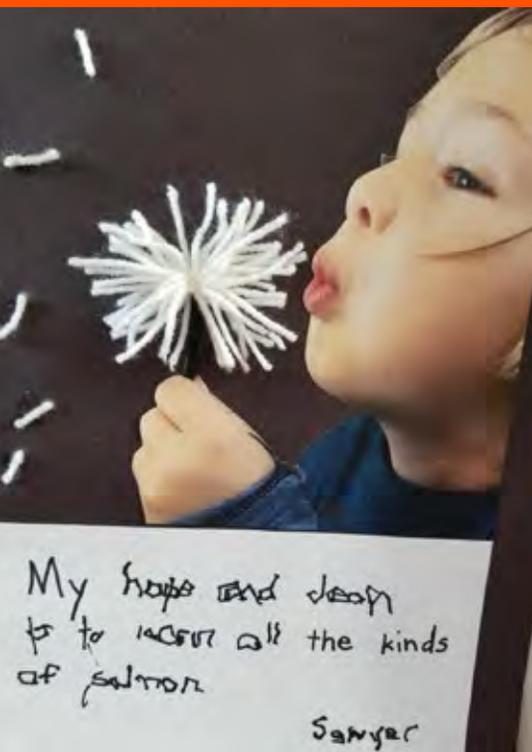
We'd like to thank **Jim Gerlach** and **Cheryl Lubbert** of Nashi Orchards for generously offering their stunning venue (for the third year in a row!) and delicious ciders to the cause.

Thank you Debra Heesch for donating your sound equipment in support of this event.

And of course, thank you to all the guests who came in support of Harbor School and the music of Ian Moore!! *Until next time...*



CARPE DIEM



The Start of School

It may have been a short week, but we sure did pack a lot in. Students spent their days getting to know new friends, establishing routines, learning how to use school supplies, setting goals for the year, and playing. Stop by Carpe Diem to see the thoughtful **Hopes and Dreams** students have created for this school year (pictured above).

Next week, we will really get into the swing of things with regular Core Group classes (*Reading, Writing, and Math*) and also add Science and P.E. to our Wednesday schedule. We will end our week with adventures in the forest at Jumping Mouse on Friday. Look for a detailed e-mail explaining how Jumping Mouse works. Thank you for sharing your children with us. Their zest for life and ear-to-ear grins are contagious!

Click the link below to view our classroom schedule:

CLASSROOM SCHEDULE

Student Portraits Reminder

We're pleased to welcome back photographer Marla Smith who will be taking student portraits of your children at Jumping Mouse on **Friday, October 5**. An additional make-up day will be scheduled for those who are absent that day.

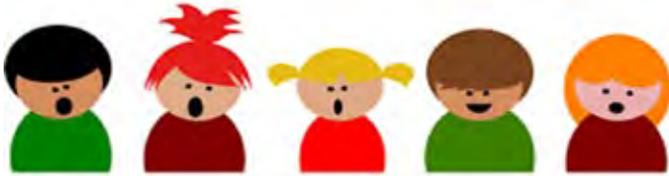


CAMP NIWANA



In the Community

Welcome to our “In the Community” pages! We’re happy to share activities, classes and events going on in our community that are outside of the school day or sent to us from other island organizations and non-profits. You’ll find them listed here. If you’d like to share information with our families, please send it to Allison Reid at allison@harborschool.org.



HARBOR CHOIR

Fall Session 2018

- For kids aged 9 to 14 in the Vashon Community
- Wednesdays* and Saturdays
- 12 weeks (20 hours)
- \$150 plus \$12 materials fee
- *For **Wednesday** rehearsals choose 3:10 to 4:00 p.m. at Harbor School **or** 5:40 to 6:30 p.m. in Ellisport. Meet all together on **Saturdays** 10-11 a.m.
- To register, or for more information, contact Ms. Adrienne adrienne@mildonmusic.org (206)406-3961.



Vashon **P**iano and **M**usic **E**ducation

September 19
through
December 6

Rehearse twice
per week

Perform with
VPME piano and
voice students on
December 6

No audition or
prior experience
necessary

Financial aid
available

In collaboration with

Harbor School
harborschool.org

and

VPME
vashonpiano.weebly.com

Harbor School After School Clubs

IT CLUB on Mondays

Mondays at Harbor School with Jason Staczek, parent volunteer. IT Club starts Monday, September 17th.

Please contact Jason if you have any questions: jason@staczek.net.

After School Math Help on Tuesdays

Tuesdays at Harbor School with Ethan Cudaback, MS Math Teacher. Starts Tuesday, September 11th.

Please contact Ethan if you have any questions: ethan@harborschool.org.

Math 'n' Snax with Ethan on Wednesdays

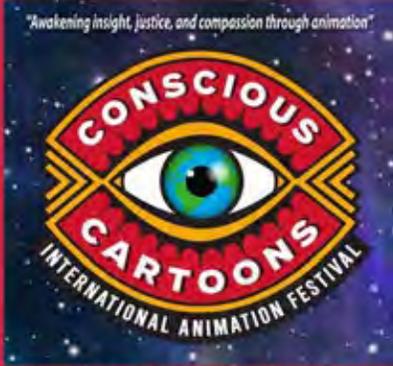
Math'm'Snax starts on Wednesday, September 26th and will be held after school at Harbor School.

Please contact Ethan if you have any questions: ethan@harborschool.org.

Harbor Choir on Wednesdays & Saturdays

Harbor Choir with Ms. Adrienne starts on Wednesday, September 19th (see flyer details on the left).

Contact Adrienne for more info at: adrienne@mildonmusic.org.



September 14-16 Vashon Theatre
8 Different Programs for Adults/ Teens & Kids

FRIDAY 9/14	SATURDAY 9/15	SUNDAY 9/16
PROGRAM 1 @ 7pm Adult/ Teen friendly	KIDS PROGRAM A @ 4pm Ages 8-13 recommended	KIDS PROGRAM B @ 2PM Ages 8-13 recommended
PROGRAM 2 @ 9pm Adult friendly	PROGRAM 3 @ 6:30pm Adult/ Teen friendly	SPECIAL PROGRAM @ 4pm Oscar winning Animator Joan Gratz LIVE
	PROGRAM 4 @ 8:30pm Adult friendly	BEST of the FESTIVAL @ 7pm Final Awards screening

\$10 for Adults \$8 for students 8-18 \$8 for seniors 60+
ADVANCED TICKETS @ vashontheatre.com



Conscious Cartoons International Animation Festival

September 14-16, 2018

The new Conscious Cartoons International Animation Festival, coming to the Vashon Theatre (Vashon, WA) September 14-16, 2018, is the first of its kind worldwide. Conscious Cartoons will feature three days of outstanding animated shorts – many award-winning – from around the world with socially conscious, humanist themes, and includes something for everyone, from kids to adults. The festival will harness the power of animation to inspire compassion and provide insights into the human condition. There are 2 shows that are appropriate for kids 8-13yrs. old. (see flier below)

view the trailer here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8HVmcflrd-A>

Vashon Island ShakesKIDS!

Shakespeare Studies and Performance:

JULIUS CAESAR

**“Experience
is the teacher
of all things.”**

*-William Shakespeare, Julius
Caesar*



www.vashonshakes.org

To register, email:

aimee@vashonshakes.org

Fall/Winter 2018/19 at Vashon Dance Academy and SPOKE

Class starts **9/14th**, Fridays, 3:45-5:45; ages 12-17 @VDA

Class starts **9/13th**, Thursdays, 3:45-5:45 ages 8-11. @SPOKE

PERFORMANCE: APRIL 19TH AND 20TH

Classes taught by Aimée Nicole Lewis van Roekel

Cost for ages 13-17, \$12 an hour; 28 rehearsals, 2 hours each = \$672.00.

Cost for ages 8-11; \$12 per hour, 29 rehearsals, 2 hours each = 696.00

Scholarships available.



SCOUT ME IN™

JOIN CUB SCOUTS TODAY AT BEASCOUT.ORG

As you re-enter the school year, are you and your kids looking for some opportunities to build family time into your schedule?

Consider Cub Scouting with Pack 275!

We are an inclusive pack without religious affiliation, excited to welcome **scouts of all genders...** and siblings are always welcome at all events. Neurodiversity and LGBT families welcome, y se habla español.

No experience necessary -- jump right in at any age, at any time during the year.

Annual dues are \$80, with scholarships available. Applications at <http://www.beascout.org>

What do Cub Scouts do?

- **Get together with friends** every week
 - Pack meeting for all scouts on the fourth Mondays of each month @ 6:30pm
 - Den meetings for grades K/1/2 on all other Mondays
 - Den meetings for grades 3/4/5 on Wednesday nights (except pack meeting weeks)
- **Escape the great indoors:** go hiking and camping, on-island and off!
- Learn **new skills** and explore **STEM projects**
- **Give back** to the community with service projects
- ... and lots more! See our full calendar here: <https://goo.gl/mmwwq5a>

No need to join first--come meet our pack at upcoming events:

- **Learn orienteering basics:** 9/8 @ 1pm, Vashon Cemetery
- **Harvest apples for the food bank:** 9/15 @ 1pm, contact 206-795-3996 for orchard location
- **Get info at a pack meeting:** 9/24 @ 6:30pm, Vashon Sportsmen's Club
- **Build and launch a rocket:** 9/29 @ 1pm, Vashon High School field

Interested? Questions about logistics? Please email our parent-volunteer leadership at vashoncubleaders@googlegroups.com or contact committee chair Jenny Gogarten at 206-795-3996