

# news

## Calendar Highlights

- 10/3: **Middle School Curriculum Night**  
6:30PM at Harbor School  
(Grades 6-8 parents)
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- 10/4: **Board Meeting**  
6:30PM at Harbor School
- Book Reading Event**  
4PM at Vashon Library  
(details on page 2)
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- 10/10: **Race Equity Group Mtg.**  
7PM at Harbor School
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- 10/12: **Elementary Parent Conferences**  
No School - Grades K-5
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- 10/13: **NO SCHOOL**  
NWAIS Faculty Conference
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- 10/17: **Harbor School Student Portraits** with Marla Smith
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- 10/20: **Elementary Parent Conferences**  
No School - Grades K-5
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- 10/21: **OPEN HOUSE, 12-2PM**  
Harbor School campus  
PUBLIC WELCOME!
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- 10/23: **High School Preview**  
6:30 at Harbor School  
Talk to HS representatives, THS alumni and admissions staff to learn more about the high schools in our area.  
PUBLIC WELCOME!
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- 10/25: **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Mtg with Mark McGough**  
6:30 at Harbor School
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- 10/26: **Trivia Night (Adults Only)**  
6:30 at Snapdragon  
with host Mark McGough  
(more details on page 3)
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- 10/27: **Crafternoon**  
1-3PM at Carpe Diem

Corner Art by Josie, Grade 3



## Read, Rise, Resist

Every couple of weeks throughout this year, I will be displaying a different picture book outside my office on the Harbor campus. I will briefly share the book with students but the intention is that perhaps they will spend a few moments of their day taking some time to look at the book. Each book will be about an individual, well or lesser known, who had an impact on people, culture or society. This is meant to inspire and inform but it also simply a way for me to share my love of picture books with kids.

The first one that was on display is called *The Girl who Ran*, written by Frances Poletti and Kristina Yee and illustrated by Susanna Chapman. This book is about the challenges faced by Bobbi Gibb, the first woman to run the Boston Marathon as she confronted societies views of women in the 1960's. It is both a beautifully illustrated and written book.

The current book on display is a picture book called *I Dissent* written by Debbie Levy and illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley, which details the life and times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg. - Mark McGough

## Content in the Cornerstone News

The *Cornerstone News* has become central to the way in which we communicate what is happening at school with our community. It is the product every week of a lot of hard work and coordination and I hope you take time to read through it and stay up to date with the many exciting things that happen across the grades on both campuses.

As we move forward into the new year there will be a slight shift in the type of information we share, particularly in

regard to Middle School. In retrospect some of the information shared by Middle School teachers is information that can be gleaned from the student planner or from a conversation with your child. As we move forward, we will be moving toward sharing more of the highlights of our working week concentrating more on the things that inspired us, that we hope inspired your children, and that make our school a vibrant and rich learning experience for all students.

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HARBOR SCHOOL presents

Trivia Night

with your host  
Head of School  
Mark McGough!

Alumni Parents  
Welcome!

Tales

THURS, OCT 26 at 6:30PM

SNAPDRAGON RESTAURANT

*Trivia Night is for Parents & Adults Only!*

## Trivia Night Returns

Where is the Sea of Tranquility? How many valves does a trumpet have? What flavour is Cointreau? What element begins with the letter "K"? What was the exact speed the car in Back to the Future had to go to travel through time?

Last fall, our Head of School Mark McGough kicked off a new evening event - TRIVIA NIGHT - where parents and alumni friends came together to test their knowledge, enjoy a refreshing social gathering, and laugh a lot!

Our first Trivia Night of the school year is set for **Thursday, October 26, 6:30PM** at Snapdragon.

Come with a team or come on your own and we will happily assign you to a team on the night. The games begin before 7PM and should be done at about 9PM. Snapdragon owners Megan and Adam are graciously hosting the event as long as we promise to fill our cups and have a merry time.

Mark will be the *Emcee Extraordinaire* for the event and will be the sole adjudicator of correct answers. (Yes, he really gets to wield all the power!) Join us if you can but be warned - no "google"-ing!!

*Reminder: this is grown-ups only and parents should line up their childcare plans.*

## Harbor School & Carpe Diem Race Equity Book Club invite you to Book Reading Event

**Wednesday, October 4 at 4PM**

**Vashon Public Library Meeting Room  
For children in grades K - 5**

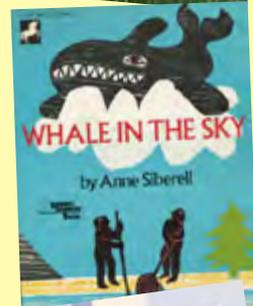
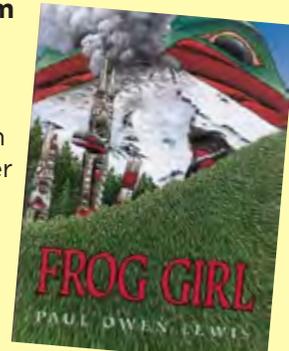
In honor of Indigenous Peoples Day on October 4, we'll be reading several selected children's books. Join our Race Equity Book Club for another great book reading afternoon.

### Featured books include:

*Frog Girl* by Paul Owen Lewis  
*Whale In The Sky* by Anne Siberell  
*Fall in Line, Holden* by Daniel W. Vandever

**Carpe Diem Families:** If you are unable to attend this event but would like your child to attend, please contact parent **Rebecca Lanphear** to arrange transportation. Rebecca will coordinate getting your child to the library from Carpe Diem. She can be reached at [rebecca.a.lanphear@gmail.com](mailto:rebecca.a.lanphear@gmail.com).

*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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. These events also include games and creative movement.*



## Race Equity Group Meeting Tuesday, October 10, 7PM

The first Race Equity Group Meeting of the school year will take place on **Tuesday, October 10 at 7pm** at Harbor School.

At our first meeting of the school year we plan to discuss a bit about last year, update the group on our presentation to the Board of Trustees this past July and begin to chart our path forward for the year. In addition to continuing the book readings and out of school events that highlight underrepresented voices in our community, this year our goal is to establish a set of measurable actions around Race Equity education and a process to assess the effectiveness of those actions. *Please join us if you can!*



## REMINDER

### HARBOR SCHOOL STUDENT PORTRAITS

- SAVE THE DATE -

**October 17**

Marla Smith will be visiting to photograph Harbor School students for their 2017-18 portraits!

*If your child is absent, there will be a make-up day scheduled.*

## Picture Day - **Tues, October 17**

Marla Smith will be taking student portraits at Harbor School for Grades 4 - 8, on **Tuesday, October 17**.



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VASHON'S INDEPENDENT CHOICE

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[www.harborschool.org](http://www.harborschool.org)

## HS Preview

**Monday, October 23**

**6:30PM at Harbor School**

Harbor School's annual High School Preview event returns this Fall on Monday, October 24 at 6:30PM. This event is an opportunity for Middle School families to learn more about the high schools in our area, both public and private. In addition to meeting admission reps from a variety of school, Harbor School alumni return to answer questions about the high schools they attend.

### High School represented include:

- Annie Wright Schools (Tacoma)
- Bellarmino Preparatory (Tacoma)
- Charles Wright Academy (Tacoma)
- Northwest School (Seattle)
- SAMI/SOTA/IDEA (Tacoma)
- Vashon High School

## Support Harbor School

### Make your Harbor Fund gift or pledge today!

When you support the Harbor Fund, you are making a commitment to support our students at every stage of their kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade journey. The benefits of a Harbor School education are vast - from nurturing each child's intellect, igniting their creativity, and helping them to reach their personal best with confidence and character.

When you support the Harbor Fund, you are also supporting the outstanding faculty who enrich our students' lives every day.

By supporting the Harbor Fund you ensure the health and well being of Vashon's only independent school for kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**MAKE A GIFT TODAY**

## Your Harbor Fund Questions

**Question:** Where does my Harbor Fund gift go?

**Answer:** When you make a donation to our annual giving campaign, The Harbor Fund, you are directly supporting the Harbor School experience across all grades - kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup>. The Harbor Fund designates gifts as "unrestricted" and they are used during the current school year. Harbor Fund dollars raised support areas of immediate need that are determined by the Head of School and Board of Trustees. Examples include curriculum initiatives, tuition assistance/financial aid, text book purchases, technology upgrades, student transportation costs, campus maintenance, and extracurricular activities... and a whole lot more!

If you would like to ask a question about charitable giving or making a pledge to the Harbor Fund, please email your questions to: Allison Reid, Director of Advancement, at [allison@harcorschool.org](mailto:allison@harcorschool.org).



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## Your gift supports our students and programs!





Special guests Soyinka Rahim and Leah Mann with Carpe Diem students - we were filled with joy!

## Special Guests

We had a wonderful morning with our special guests, parent and performer **Leah Mann** of Lelavision and **Soyinka Rahim**, a musician and “grassroots spiritual practitioner” who led us in some breathing and meditation exercises, chanting, and singing and movement. It filled us with an empowering sense of joy to start our day!

## Super Power Writing

Meanwhile, our younger writing students shared their ideas about what they would do if they could choose to have any superpower. We had a great time imagining one another morphing into dragons, using “The Force,” breathing underwater, flying, and having superhuman soccer skills. Tasked with choosing just one, we had one very conflicted kindergartner who just couldn’t decide between having the ability to open portals, fly, or being the elemental master of ice. *Decisions, decisions.*

## Mexico Theme

Where in the world is Mexico? *Just ask your student!* We had a little fun with Google Earth zooming in on our school and then navigating our way out to see our state, country, neighboring countries, oceans, and continents. Table groups are named after Mexican states, so after each student labeled her or his map, groups worked together to find their namesake state.

Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade readers noted that maps are a common feature in informational text. We studied a National Geographic article about Mexico and highlighted unique text features that help us use this form of writing in a different way than our chapter books. The article referenced poverty, which led to a very innocent, sincere, and beautiful discussion about how to end it.

[MORE CARPE DIEM NEWS >](#)





Walking to Jumping Mouse.

## Social Emotional Learning

by Peggy Rubens-Ellis

We've been busy talking about feelings at Carpe Diem!

**HAWKS:** Tommy the turtle introduced the idea of inside hurts (*also called feelings*). We discussed the following feelings: *Calm, happy, excited; annoyed, mad, irate; anxious, scared, terrified; and blue, sad, miserable*. The framework is that feelings can be big, medium or small. The students also met **Slow Down Snail** who carefully makes each choice, and **Fast Fiona** the Flamingo who rushes into things and forgets to plan it out. The homework was to be a feeling detective and try and guess how others are feeling by looking at clues like their eyebrows. We've read a couple of fun movement orientated books about feelings. **UP NEXT:** More feelings, learning about the five point scale, Kelso's choice and learning how to join a game.

**OWLS:** The Owls learned about big and small feelings also. We spent our first lesson with just the Owls doing an activity called

**Corners.** In this activity students walk to one of four corners that best describes their learning style (*likes to work with noise, works well under pressure, likes to work on an uncluttered desk etc.*). This was related to personal best and that we are all our own "fireworks." (*Yes, we listened to the Katie Perry song Firework*). **UP NEXT:** Finish **Corners** and read leadership letters left by last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students. Talk about leadership.

**PARENTS:** Parents have given me some good ideas of topics already (*friends/body image*). Please continue to pass along your concerns at home and/or at school and I'll try and integrate them into the class.

## Spanish with Profe

We further personalized our journey this week by beginning to talk about when we celebrate our birthdays. It's always fun to hear a student cheer when they hear, in any context, mention of their birthday month.

**WORD ON THE STREET:** *cumpleaños* (*koom-play-ahn-yose*)

**TRANSLATION:** Birthday!

## Crafternoon Date Change

Quick note to let our Carpe Diem families know that the upcoming Crafternoon date has changed. We will be moving Crafternoon to **Friday, October 27, from 1-3PM**. Please update your calendars. *Thank you!*

## CD Conferences

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

START TIME	END TIME	STUDENT
8:00 AM	8:20 AM	Amelia
8:30 AM	8:50 AM	Simon
9:00 AM	9:20 AM	Sophia
9:30 AM	9:50 AM	Vaughn
10:00 AM	10:20 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM	10:50 AM	Garrett
11:00 AM	11:20 AM	Weston
11:30 AM	11:50 AM	Emily-Skye
12:00 PM	12:20 PM	Emeilia
12:30 PM	12:50 PM	BREAK
1:00 PM	1:20 PM	Henry
1:30 PM	1:50 PM	Jonathan
2:00 PM	2:20 PM	Alexis
2:30 PM	2:50 PM	Ivy

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

START TIME	END TIME	STUDENT
8:00 AM	8:20 AM	William
8:30 AM	8:50 AM	Isabella
9:00 AM	9:20 AM	Josephine
9:30 AM	9:50 AM	Lucy
10:00 AM	10:20 AM	BREAK
10:30 AM	10:50 AM	Max
11:00 AM	11:20 AM	Martile
11:30 AM	11:50 AM	Mira
12:00 PM	12:20 PM	
12:30 PM	12:50 PM	BREAK
1:00 PM	1:20 PM	Josie
1:30 PM	1:50 PM	Emily
2:00 PM	2:20 PM	Grant
2:30 PM	2:50 PM	Svea

## Poet's Afternoon

Tuesday, October 31 at 1PM

Carpe Diem's annual Poet's Afternoon will be held on **Tuesday, October 31 at 1PM**. Each child will recite a poem and we will perform seasonal songs. Everyone is invited! Stay tuned for more details coming soon.

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Upper Elementary gets moving with Soyinka and Leah Mann!

## Notes from the Classroom

Thursday rolls around and that means “MATH FUN” day! This week, Ethan, Mark, Steve and myself presented the “Traffic Light Challenge.” The challenge is to take a red light, yellow light and green light and figure out how many different combinations/ patterns can be made with those colors. We provided graph paper, white paper, markers and colored pencils and they could choose how they wanted to jump into the challenge. They started off with about 10 minutes of independent work and then they could share their strategies with their table mates. I am truly in awe of the varied and many ways that the students went about attacking the problem. Some kids jumped in with no plan. Some had a carefully laid plan before they began to draw their patterns. We had several share their strategies with the class. This hands on, higher level problem solving is so crucial for kids to find their own strategies and share their ideas with others. I love these activities because they are truly about the process and the meta-cognition that happens in that process. Of course, it is always great to come up with the right answer in the end too, but if you don’t, you can go back through your process and find out where you got off track.

We also got to spend time on Thursday with **Soyinka** (see *photo*), a drummer, artist and performer. This great connection was facilitated by **Leah Mann**, Kairos’ mom. She shared with us her music and her calling to let the world know that we can all come from a place of love instead of hate. We danced with her and sang affirmations to ourselves focusing on how each and everyone of us are pure love. Big thanks to Leah for always being on the look out for amazing artists and guests in the classroom! - *Joleen*

## Conferences

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12

START TIME	END TIME	STUDENT
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Cassandra B.
8:35 AM	9:05 AM	Kairos L.
9:10 AM	9:40 AM	Connor O.
9:45 AM	10:15 AM	Luka S.
10:20 AM	10:50 AM	Quentin C.
10:50 AM	11:30 AM	LUNCH
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Sabine J.
12:05 PM	12:35 PM	Grace H.
12:40 PM	1:10 PM	
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	
1:50 PM	2:20 PM	Paloma F.
2:25 PM	2:55 PM	Oliver M.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20

START TIME	END TIME	STUDENT
8:00 AM	8:30 AM	Fanny Z.
8:35 AM	9:05 AM	Ava D.
9:10 AM	9:40 AM	
9:45 AM	10:15 AM	Sasha H.
10:20 AM	10:50 AM	Florian B.
10:50 AM	11:30 AM	LUNCH
11:30 AM	12:00 PM	Annie B.
12:05 PM	12:35 PM	Delilah S.
12:40 PM	1:10 PM	Abigail F.
1:15 PM	1:45 PM	
1:50 PM	2:20 PM	Avery G.
2:25 PM	2:55 PM	Hermyny S.



Cozy new sofa in the classroom!

## English with Todd

On Monday of this week, the language room got a couch. It was a very generous donation by Sabine's family, and it is positioned next to the library and across from the pod chair that Nola's family so kindly donated last week. My goal was to create a comfortable reading and writing space for the students, and I was also hoping that we could make even more active use of our library.

A highlight of my week has been watching students use the couch and chair for writing time in class, but also being able to see them socialize in that area between classes and during lunch. Seeing how easily and kindly our students interact with each other has been a reminder of what unique and special kids we have here at Harbor School. I can't wait to read the writing they produce in our new, comfy space.

## Important Reminder!!

**MIDDLE SCHOOL Curriculum Night**  
Tues., Oct. 3, 2017 | 6:30PM

## Art with Alisara

Special guest **Erica Howard** came in to 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade last Monday to do action filled workshops to learn about systems, movement, flocks, and swarms. Students learned the parameters of a game, predicted a hypothesis, and then went to work flocking and swarming. After we moved in patterns, we checked our results against our predictions.



Students taking a workshop with guest Erica Howard.

## Math with Ethan

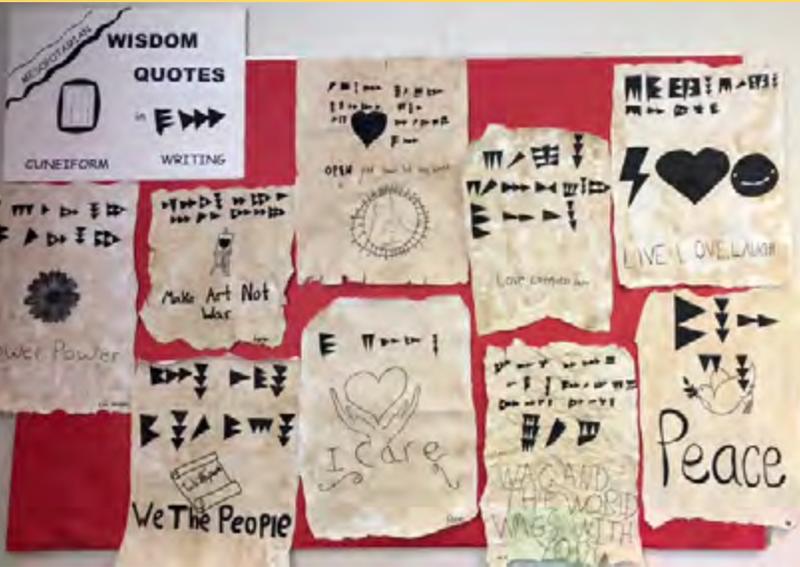
What a fantastic start to the school year in math class! It has been a real treat getting to know all the students at Harbor School, both the Upper Elementary and Middle School students I get to work with daily. Hearing our students talk about math and the way they think has been very impressive. These first few weeks of class time have been all about

students developing a common language they can all use and rely on to express mathematical ideas for the current year. I have very high expectations for all our students, and each student continues to meet those expectations. Thank you, parents/guardians, for all your support of your students at home, and for welcoming me into your community.



**LEFT PHOTO: Special guests Soyinka Rahim and Leah Mann visited with Middle School students this week.**

[MORE MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS >](#)



## Spanish with Profe

We are continuing to build and expand the relationship, started last year, with the Spanish intern program at Chautauqua Elementary School. This past week, their interns (*three from Spain, one from Columbia*), visited our 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. I am excited for the future of this relationship and it's potential impact on students of both schools.

If you or someone you know has interest or special skill/knowledge that could boost our Spanish program experience, please contact me. *Great things ahead!*

**REMINDER:** In MS this year, we are asking parents to initial/sign student planners each day we have class.

*Again, thanks for your part in our success!*

Social Studies display: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders write messages of unity in cuneiform, the first type of writing in human history.

## Social Studies with Laurretta

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade had the benefit of hearing about Judaism from Julie Shannon this week. She spoke eloquently of why she loved her faith and brought apples and honey as well as a *shofar* (an instrument made of a ram's horn) so students could get a feel for some of the elements involved in Jewish holy days. *A big shout out of thanks to Julie.*



Let's talk about SLEEP! Students and faculty take a power nap during Community Mindfulness Time (formerly known as community lunch).

Getting out the microscopes in the Science Lab.





**Wednesday, October 18**

**3:30-5:30pm**

**Vashon Library**

Unplug and enjoy gaming with other teens.  
Feel free to bring your own games to share as well.  
Supplies provided by  
Vashon Friends of the Library.



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**Friday, October 13, 6:30-9pm**

**Vashon Library**

Grades 6-12 only.

It's Friday the 13th and we're having Teen Late Night at the library!

Use the library computers, play video or tabletop games, make craft, or just hang out. We will be making slime and be raising from the dead Frankenstein creations! Costumes encouraged, no full face coverings please.

Free snacks and raffle prizes all night long!

Teens must be picked up by 9pm.

Sponsored by VARSAs and the Vashon Friends of the Library.

## ROBOTICS, CODING & TECH

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## Use E-Textiles to Make an LED Cuff

**Sunday, October 15, 2-3:30pm**

**Vashon Library**

Presented by Lisa Keller, Galloping Horse Makers.  
Ages 10 and older.

Learn how to stitch a light-up felt wrist cuff using  
conductive thread, LED lights, and embroidery floss.  
*Registration required.*

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Open to students in grades 5-8  
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or email: [holly@hollyboaz.com](mailto:holly@hollyboaz.com)

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