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Calendar

- 9/23: Early Dismissal at Noon
THS & CD
- 9/24: Carpe Diem Open House, Saturday 12-2pm
at Carpe Diem Primary
- 9/29: Carpe Diem Curriculum Night at 6:30pm
at Carpe Diem Primary
- 9/30: Jumping Mouse!
Carpe Diem Primary
- 10/4: Middle School Curriculum Night at 6:30pm
at Harbor School
- 10/7: Carpe Diem & Upper Elementary Conferences
No School for Carpe Diem and Upper Elementary kids
- 10/13: Carpe Diem & Upper Elementary Conferences
No School for Carpe Diem and Upper Elementary kids
- 10/14: *No School*
Faculty Professional Development
- 10/15: THS Open House, Saturday 12-2pm
at Harbor School
- 10/18: Carpe Diem Open House, Tuesday, 7pm
at Carpe Diem Primary
- 10/21: Jumping Mouse!
Carpe Diem Primary
- 10/24: High School Preview Monday, 6:30pm
at Harbor School and open to the public
- 10/21: Jumping Mouse!
Carpe Diem Primary
- 11/04: Early Dismissal at Noon
THS & CD
- 11/11: NO SCHOOL
Veterans Day

ART THIS PAGE:
Andy Goldsworthy inspired student art created at Camp Niwana.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

The start of any school year is always an exciting, energy filled, and sometimes anxiety inducing, event. It is, more often than not, a smooth time of year but always full of a number of unexpected pleasures that remind you why you wanted to be a teacher in the first place. The start of a school year at a new school is all of that and much much more.

Ring the bell on the first day was a great moment that seemed to take a long time coming and yet appeared over the horizon faster than I really wanted it to. However, in the seconds after the ringing, everything seemed to happily fall into place. The reason? Children!

A school is nothing without the energy that children bring to it. That energy that makes you feel that anything is achievable and that this group of children are the most amazing you will ever work with. And it is true - every

year that is exactly what they are. Amazing, unique, invincible and full of hope. That is what I felt in the moments after I rang the bell at Harbor. That is also what I felt when our youngest students at Carpe Diem gathered at morning circle an hour later and passed their morning greeting around the group.

During the first week, I watched children discuss the question, "What is Science", work with quotes from the French writer Marcel Proust, learn more about each other as they unveil their '2 truths and a lie' and once again begin to slip in the rhythm of another school year.

It has been a real pleasure getting to know our school and your children and I am excited, even more so now that I know them all better, about the journey ahead this year.

- Mark McGough, Head of School



Mark brought his guitar for circle time and song at Carpe Diem.



First All-School Assembly was held last Friday. Grades K through 8 came together for song and dance!

Board Highlights

The Board held its regularly scheduled monthly meeting on September 8. As usual, we received a report from Head of School, Mark McGough. Mark is excited to start the year and reports that the first week has gone very well. New teachers **Todd Wooster** and **Russell Ray** are settling in, and the enthusiasm for a great year is shared by faculty and staff. After Camp Niwana the kids can look forward to returning to campus with a new play set installed and ready for use.

Allison Reid, Director of Advancement, also reported on the fundraising and development goals for this year. The Harbor Fund campaign is underway, with the goal of 100% participation by all board members, faculty, and families. Look for more on this from Allison this fall.

The next Board meeting will be **October 3 at 7PM**. Parents are welcome to attend or have issues placed on the meeting agenda. If you would like to attend or have an issue addressed, please RSVP at least 24 hours prior to the meeting and submit your agenda item to me directly at sshawver@glpattorneys.com.

- Scott Shawver, Board Chair

Parent Directories

Did you receive your Parent Handbook and Directory? If not, please stop by the Harbor School main office and pick one up. Please make sure to check your contact details and if they need updating, please send your directory changes to office@harborschool.org.



Looking good! New playset installed - this photo was taken before the framing and additional gravel.

New Play Equipment

We are so close to being finished! Our new main campus play equipment was installed on Monday. We are waiting on the final load of pea gravel and cedar chips to be delivered, and alum parent **Jeff Reid** is almost finished with framing in the excavated area.

Work Party Today - 9/16, 5PM: With more pea gravel arriving this afternoon and rain predicted for the weekend, we are hoping to gather a handful of strong volunteers today! Jeff will need help with the outer framing and we'll be spreading gravel so we can have cedar chips delivered. This is one of the last steps in completing the installation (*aside from spreading the cedar chips*). If you can assist, please RSVP to allison@harborschool.org.

Thanks to the folks that came this past week and lent a hand spreading gravel and helping with the outer frame: **Daher Jorge, Jason Staczek, John James, Steve Ellison, Scott Shawver, Tom Hughes, Jeff Reid, Jackie Mollison, Niamh Prince, Allison Reid, and Matt & Leda Langley.**



HARBOR FUND

Our Annual Fundraising Campaign

For families, Fall is the start of new things - new routines, new classes, new friends, new subjects to learn, and more. As we watch the leaves turn, we settle into the patterns of school life.

For independent schools like us, Fall means new students, new lesson plans, new programs, new faculty and a new fiscal budget. It is also the start of our yearly annual fundraising campaign - **The Harbor Fund** - that with your participation and support can make the difference in how we fulfill our budgetary goals.

Help us continue to provide enriching experiences and challenging curriculum for our students, professional development for our dedicated teachers and tireless staff, campus improvements to keep our schools looking vibrant and cheerful, and resources for the unexpected (*buses do need service and our buildings need repairs from time to time*).

The Harbor Fund has begun for 2016-17. We rely on the support of our board of trustees, faculty & staff, alumni and most importantly YOU - *our current families* - to reach our goals. When we reach 100% participation it sends a strong and united message to our island community, prospective families and foundational organizations offering grant support.

Don't delay! Please complete your pledge form today and choose from one of several options:

- 1) Sign up for monthly automatic payments - stretched over a school year or several months can sometimes increase giving and make it easier on a family budget.
- 2) Make a one-time gift - online or by mail - you can check it off your list and not give it another thought for the rest of the school year.
- 3) Choose a date later in the year, like GiveBIG, to fulfill your pledge

What matters most is your commitment to support Harbor School and Carpe Diem Primary in your charitable giving plans. By turning in your pledge form now, you help us plan our year accordingly knowing we have the vital support of our community standing with us.

[DOWNLOAD PLEDGE FORM](#)

[DONATE ONLINE NOW](#)

Pledge Forms can be emailed to office@harborschool.org or dropped off at our main office on the Harbor School campus.

Thank you for continuing to support the students, teachers and programs at Harbor School and Carpe Diem Primary. We are grateful to have a community of families that participate actively in so many ways!

Questions? Please contact Allison Reid at allison@harborschool.org or on her mobile phone (206) 898-1013.

Open House at Carpe Diem

Saturday, 9/24 at Noon

Join us for the first of several Open Houses this Fall. On **Saturday, September 24, from 12-2PM**, we will host at Carpe Diem for families interested in enrollment for Kindergarten through 3rd Grade. Current CD parents and students are encouraged to attend as ambassadors for the school.

Spread the word! There are still a few spaces available at Carpe Diem for this school year. If you know someone who may be interested in joining our community right now, please invite them to attend. We will also provide Admission packets for 2017-18 school year to those interested in enrolling for next Fall.

Our faculty and staff will be on hand to provide an overview of Carpe Diem's academic program and highlight our new K-8 Spanish Language program!

Please stop by and welcome interested families! Your support is invaluable in helping us promote our school and community!

Vashon's Independent Choice! **CARPE DIEM PRIMARY** PART OF HARBOR SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN through GRADE 3

OPEN HOUSE SEPT 24 12 - 2 PM

For families interested in Kindergarten - Grade 3 Admission packets provided. Financial Aid is available. RSVP Today! Call Harbor School at (206) 567-5955 www.harborschool.org



Camp Niwana Gallery

Thanks to Mark and many others for capturing the moments during Camp Niwana this past week. Enjoy!

