



# Wilkes Whale Watch

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Newsletter March, 2010

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### March

- 3-5 Conference Day - No School
- 12 9:00 PTO Meeting
- 13 PTO Auction - Kiana Lodge
- 14 Daylight Savings time begins
- 17 St. Patrick's Day
- 25 Science Fair/Open House
- 29 - Apr 2 Spring Break

### April

- Mar 29-Apr 2 Spring Break
- 5 2:30 Site Council
- 7 Early Release - 10:50AM
- 16 9:00 PTO Meeting
- 23 EarthDay Sunflower planting
- 28 - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Music Assembly

### May

- 3-7 Staff Appreciation Week
- 10-14 Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 10-June 4 MSP (new WASL) test window
- 12 Early Release - 10:50 AM
- 14 9:00 PTO Meeting
- 19 3:30-5:00 2nd-4th District Math Mtgs
- 31 Memorial Day - No School

### June

- 1-2-3 4th graders to Islandwood
- 4 9:00 PTO Meeting
- 11 Spring Splash
- 15 Last Day

### Letter from the PTO President

Dear Parents,

The Auction is fast approaching! We have the food, we have the wine, now all we need is **you** to make the fun! If you haven't bought your ticket please do so now. We need to let Kiana know how many are coming so they make enough food. We have some outstanding items to auction, including the kids class room art. Our kids never cease to amaze me with their talent.

We are also making excellent progress on our new school. Check Listserv for upcoming community forums!

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## Letter From the Principal

Please join us for a Parent/Community Forum to provide input for the planning of the new school! Tuesday, March 2 7:00-8:30 PM in the Wilkes Gym. Bring your neighbors – perhaps invite a neighbor with younger children to attend with you.

The Wilkes Auction is just around the corner – Saturday, March 13th! The PTO would love your support. To purchase tickets and find more information, go to <http://www.wilkespto.org>.

First Grade Music Assembly DATE CHANGE – reschedule to April 28th 1:40 PM - Gym

Spring is here, and that means it's time to get ready for the first grade music assembly! Our celebration of music had originally been scheduled for March 18th has been reschedule for April 28th. The time (1:40) and place (Wilkes Gym) remain the same. We really hope you'll be able to join us; it's shaping up to be a great show.

Lice and Flu Alert – We've had a few cases of head lice emerge in the last couple of weeks. Give those heads a good check when they emerge from the tub or shower. We've also heard the flu is on the rise again on college campuses. Good reminder to us all to remain alert.

Sincerely Sheryl Belt

## We Need Your Help!



**Spring Splash needs a Chair** (no not that chair, someone to help organize)! It won't happen unless someone steps up, but you will not be alone, we will have folks to help out. Don't be shy, let Meg Bromfield or Amy James know you are taking the plunge! [arjames@mac.com](mailto:arjames@mac.com)

We also need more **Interviewers for the Science Fair** on March 25. You will only need to be there from about 10:45am to 1:45 (or less, we are still working on the schedule). It's fun, the kids are delightful, and you get to learn more about mold than you ever thought possible. Please contact Marisa Lanning at [marisalanning@hotmail.com](mailto:marisalanning@hotmail.com) for more info. Thanks!

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## District Online Resources that YOU can use at home!

When the need to find information arises at home, excellent resources are available through our school's website. From the Wilkes homepage, scroll down the gray left sidebar to the Library link. On the library homepage, you will find links to:

### Library search:

NOT just for books! Also your best resource for accessing professionally selected, age-appropriate websites for young learners. Select the Wilkes Elementary Library link, then choose Webpath Express from the side menu. Enter your search topic and select from summaries of websites. Results can be filtered further with the aid of drop-down menus. It is no longer necessary to search through millions of Google results for the high quality information our students deserve.

### Enchanted Learning:

One of the clearest, simplest online resources available for primary students.

### World Book: (User name: ferry Password: boats)

Our district's online encyclopedia - check out three versions: World Book Kids (primary), World Book Students (intermediate) and World Book Advanced. The student version includes a dictionary, atlas, foreign language translation, citation (bibliography) builder, biography center, and more.

### District online resources: (password: familylinks)

This link will take you to higher level resources (passwords provided on this link) with access to magazine and journal articles. Be sure to check out Culturegrams, a kid's-eye view of daily life in countries around the world.

### Tumblebooks:

The newest addition to our online collection. Audio books, puzzles, and games for elementary kids. Ask your child to show you the ropes - our students have been having a ball with this site all around our school.

***\*\*Keep your eyes open for our Junior Librarians during Open House/Science Fair. They will be wearing badges advertising their knowledge of these resources. They would be delighted to provide a demo for you that evening on a classroom or library computer.\*\****

Please contact Lynne Ukich if you have any questions, or stop by the library anytime for a demonstration.

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## Bainbridge Schools Foundation

### 1st Annual, all-island "RISE TO THE CHALLENGE" Breakfast



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BAINBRIDGE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION BRIDGING THE GAP

On March 19th, the Bainbridge Schools Foundation invites you to take the 8:45 a.m. ferry boat, work from home or skip work altogether and join the Bainbridge Schools Foundation 1st Annual, all-island "RISE TO THE CHALLENGE" Breakfast at 7 am at Woodward Middle School. Ed Viesturs, mountain climber extraordinaire, the only man to climb the world's highest 14 peaks without supplemental oxygen will be our keynote speaker. The event is free, but bring your checkbook! **All donations are tax deductible and help to keep classroom sizes small.**

Please reserve your seat today by simply going to [www.bainbridgeschoolsfoundation.org](http://www.bainbridgeschoolsfoundation.org) and clicking on the "Register" button. Call 855-0530 with any questions.

**Child care coverage for parents of elementary students:** The Foundation thanks the elementary schools for offering child care from 6:45 – 7:45 am the morning of the Breakfast, allowing parents of this age group to attend. Please reserve your childcare through the Wilkes school office.