

# Lafayette Leopard Lines

The sun has finally arrived! Thank you to all who volunteered on Earth Day and a special thanks to Ellen Zoffel for organizing such a productive day. Our gardens and playground are looking great! Students are busy testing so please be sure your child is getting plenty of rest and a good breakfast on these days.

Our calendar is full so please check out our website for important dates. Two upcoming events at Lafayette this month are the PTA Community Forum on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm and the Spring Fling on May 18<sup>th</sup>. This is such an exciting event for all students.

The painting of Lafayette has been completed and we are anxiously awaiting our new logo.

Lafayette has been chosen as a research site for advanced learning this next year as a result of high test scores amongst our learners in the 2015/2016 on SBA. I will keep you posted of the findings. Please feel free to contact me at 206-252-9505. Thank you all for the Fabulous Staff Appreciation week!!

Cindy Chaput



## From the Library with Ms. Nakagawa:

### Mary's Place Book Drive May 8-19, 2017

Mary's Place has just opened a shelter for homeless women, children and families in White Center. Lafayette and Genesee Hill Elementary are teaming up to help supply it with books!

Good books to donate would be:

- \* new or gently used
- \* for children of any age (babies to high school)
- \* ones with characters from different backgrounds
- \* in English, Spanish, Amharic or Tigrinya

The book can be dropped off in the Lafayette Donation Boxes located in the Main Hall from May 8<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>. In lieu of books, Mary's Place would also welcome financial donations. Donations can be made at: <http://www.marysplaceseatle.org/>

The Summer Reading Book Fair fund raiser is coming-June 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>!

Thank you for your support!

## Last Call for Yearbook Photos!

**We are in need of more grade level photos! If you took any pictures during class or grade level events we'd love to have them!**

Please send them to  
[aebirinyi@seattleschools.org](mailto:aebirinyi@seattleschools.org)

## From the Gym with Ms. Banner:

### **I M P O R T A N T – Roller Skating in Physical Education**

Dear Lafayette Parents,

Beginning on May 1st our Physical Education Classes will be involved in Roller Skating Unit. Skating is a "life time sport" that enhances balance, coordination, agility and other motor skills.

This wonderful form of exercise can either be aerobic and/or anaerobic.

The skates we have at Lafayette have soft and safe wheels designed for indoor use only; hence, no roller skates or roller-blades from home will be allowed.

(unless approved by Ms. Banner ahead of time)

During the unit, students will learn basic roller skating skills including forward & backward skating, turning-corners and stopping. A variety of other roller skating activities will also be offered depending on time. In order to further provide your child with the safest environment possible, SkatePE (our roller skating provider), has offered the children the use of helmets, knee, elbow and wrist guards so we have all the safety equipment provided! All children participating in roller skating here at Lafayette **will and must wear this safety equipment**. Protective gear may be brought from home. Please make sure it is marked with the student's name. The student must be responsible for all their protective gear. If your child is using a school helmet, we are asking you to send a *stocking cap, brimmed hat, or even a shower cap* that your child can wear underneath the helmet for sanitary reasons. Helmets will be shared by all of the children who do not bring their own to use during the unit.

If you have any questions please email me at: [klobrien@seattleschools.org](mailto:klobrien@seattleschools.org)

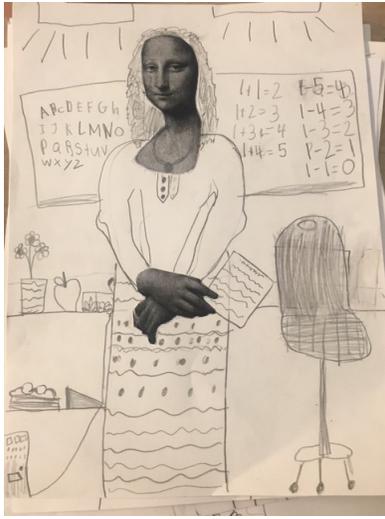
Thank you again for your support  
Ms. Banner



**From the Art room with Mrs. Sandler**

First Grade is working on a project inspired by Leonardo da Vinci's very famous painting: "Mona Lisa"

We talked about the mysteries of the Mona Lisa, why she is so famous and a little history about da Vinci. At the age of 6 and 7, students are developmentally ready to start drawing the human form in a more sophisticated way and consider body parts such as shoulders, underarms and elbows. To add more



visual interest, students are dressing up Mona Lisa in a disguise to represent the two years she went missing. First graders will go over their drawings with ink and will be "colored in" with collage. As always, looking forward to the final product but enjoying the most important part – the



Elliot Anderson, top fundraiser for Jump Rope for Heart! Way to go!

**From Mrs. Daneah**

April was our month to focus on Peacefulness. In all of the grades, we practiced taking some time to be 'mindful' and really listen to sounds we hear around us. We challenged ourselves to just stop sometimes in our busy days and find a way to be 'peaceful' and still.

This month we will be focusing on Problem Solving Strategies in grades K-2 in our classroom meetings. Using "Talk Walk Squawk" as our reminder for ways to solve problems, we are focusing on first using our words to try to resolve conflict. Tying in our RULER anchor tool, the Mood Meter, we are also reminding ourselves to make sure we are 'calm' before we try to talk with the other person! Knowing if we are too far over on the 'unpleasant' side of the Mood Meter gives us a heads up that it might not be the best time for us to try and problem solve. First we need to use strategies to calm down, then we can focus on finding the best solution. Compromise is always a highly recommended way to solve conflicts. The "Walk" part is when we find that talking doesn't work, then we walk away or ignore the person. If our strategies do not solve the problem, then we "Squawk" which means we ask an adult to help with ideas for a solution.

May's PAWSitivity word is Kindness. As we head into the end of the school year and stress levels rise, testing is a prominent activity in our school community, and the anticipation of summer break begins we will strive to be our "Best Selves" and to treat each other with kindness!

**From the Health Room:**

The health room is in need of some more spare clothes. If you have any clean used pants sizes 6-16 they would be greatly appreciated!

**Dates to Remember:**

- 5/9: 5th Grade flash
- 5/10: 2-hour early dismissal
- 5/15: Mary's Place Book Drive Begins
- 5/16: 8am coffee w/the Principal
- 5/18: SpringFling
- 5/31: 7pm Inst. Music Spring Concert @WSHS
- : 2nd Grade to Seattle Tilth
- 6/2-7th: BOOK FAIR
- 6/5: 8am Coffee w/the Principal
- 6/6: 1:15pm Volunteer Tea

**From the Music Room with Mr. Jacquet:**

The K-3 music students will be busy this month dancing, singing and playing musical instruments as they rehearse their songs for the upcoming Wednesday night June 14th K-3 music concert. There is an incredible amount of musical talent at this school and I do hope that you will all get a chance to see it! Information will be sent home soon to parents for the students who are interested in performing that night.

Mr. Jacquet - Lafayette K-3 music

