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For those who may have never attended this event, you will find this a very lively and entertaining way to spend a family friendly Saturday evening. There is no admission to attend. Doors open at 4 p.m. to get an up close and personal look at the Silent and Live auction items. There will be an “Arms Length of Tickets” raffle and some new games this year! The Live auction activities will begin with pre-auction festivities at 6:45 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center with the Best of Live, Arms Length of Tickets, and featured speaker Dollars for Scholars alumni, Jamie Yoder. The “Best of Live” Raffle will allow one lucky winner the opportunity to pick a favorite item (with limited exceptions) from the Live Auction before it begins. The Live auction begins promptly at 7 p.m. There are a variety of items and services up for bid donated by businesses, community members, and school employees. Thanks to the creativity and talents of several of our staff members, we were able to create our Seahawks Ticket package; which includes two tickets for your game (in Section 120 row F seats 9 & 10) and Seahawks swag (Wilson & Lynch jerseys, t-shirts, and a cooler full of goodies). Total package valued at over $800. It is always a lively, fun community event. Hope to see you there!

Prairie students culminated their Dr. Seuss Reading Challenge this morning. They waited anxiously for Mr. Lancaster and Mr. DeMulling to reveal their rewards during our morning assembly. As extra motivation, students were given the opportunity to earn three levels of rewards based on the number of AR points they earned. The first goal was to earn a 15 minute recess, the next level up added an additional 25 minutes of recess for the primary kids and a special activity choice for the intermediate kids provided by the staff. They could choose to go to the dance party, play board games, extra computer time, do art or learn to crochet. The final step in the reward ladder was a Popsicle treat at the end of the day. As always, our students exceeded our expectations and read far beyond the goal we set for them. They really know how to work hard so they can play hard!

Happy Friday,

Debbie McLaren

From the Principal’s Office ...

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Upcoming Events!

Monday, March 4
- 8:00–8:30 a.m.—Pre-auditions for Youth Music Talent contest.
- 3:05–4:15 p.m.—Sixth grade Unicycle practice.

Tuesday, March 5
- 8:00–8:30 a.m.—Pre-auditions for Youth Music Talent contest.
- 3:05 p.m.—Choir practice.
- 3:05—4:15 p.m.—Pogo (only) practice.

Wednesday, March 6
- Late start Wednesday.
- 9:00–9:30 a.m.—Pre-auditions for Youth Music Talent contest.
- 11:30 a.m.—Fifth grade to OJP to see “Let Freedom Ring.”
- 3:05–4:15 p.m.—Sixth grade Unicycle practice.

Thursday, March 7
- 3:05 p.m.—Choir practice.
- 3:05 p.m.—3rd, 4th, & 5th grade Unicycle practice.

Friday, March 8
- 8:40 a.m.—Assembly.
- 3:05–4:15 p.m.—Pogo (only) practice.

Daddy Daughter Dance
“Candyland Ball”
Sponsored by the YHS National Honor Society and Sophomore Class for Yelm students in grades K–6.

Saturday, March 16th
Yelm High School Commons
6:30 p.m.—9:00 p.m.
Daddy and Daughter $10.00
Daddy and 2+ Daughters $15.00
Tickets will be sold at the door—please bring cash.
(Credit Cards not accepted, no ATM)
Attire will be semi-formal or dressy-casual.
Pictures will be available in the Performing Arts Center.
Picture packages cost $12/$15/$20

Five VIP tables will be auctioned off at the Dollars for Scholars. Auction is Saturday, March 2nd.

Students of The Week
Kindergarten:
Bryden Anthony and Ella Stephen.

First Grade:
Keaton Bennett, Emma Biery, and Kendall Houk.

Second Grade:
Olivia Jackson, Kaeley Langdon, and Tristan Pickerel.

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2013 Annual Arbor Day Art Contest
Kindergarten—Grade 12

Theme:
“Why are Trees Important to Yelm?”

Guidelines:
- Draw, paint, sketch, or collage artwork to express the theme.
- Artwork must be on a 8 1/2 X 11 sized paper, text is optional.
- Artwork will be judged on originality and personalization.
- On the back of the artwork: clearly print the name of the student, school, grade, and teacher.
- Students are encouraged to sign their name on their art work.

Artwork must be returned to your teacher by March 15, 2013.

Winning students will be recognized during the 2013 Arbor Day Celebration and will receive a ribbon and a calendar featuring student artwork. Artwork will be on display at the Yelm Timberland Library during the month of May.

Now taking pre-orders for this year’s Prairie yearbook. It is a great opportunity to save money and guarantee your student has one of these beautiful full-color books to enjoy for years to come. Cost is only $15. A limited number of books will be left available. Each year we have to turn away a sad parent or student who did not place their order early, please don’t delay and order today to ensure you get yours! Dedication/ business card size ads are available to purchase, for only $20. Dedication ads are a great keepsake for your student. Space is limited. If you need further information, see Shari or Kate in our office.

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