

AS#1

VOICE



Alternative School #1, A Seattle Public School

January 22, 2010

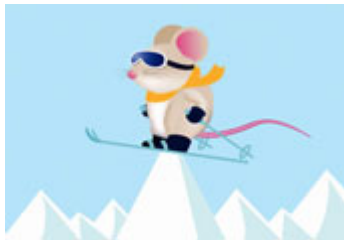
AS#1's Vision, Mission and Values

Learning with joy
Rising to justice
Creating our future

AS#1 is a creative, holistic, experiential learning environment which nurtures respect, self discovery, and integrity, preparing the whole child to engage our global community.

Teamwork – Respect – Equity – Courage – Integrity

Snow Sports Program Has Begun!



The Snow Sports Program has begun! On January 22nd, January 29th and February 5th, forty-one AS#1 4th-8th graders will be heading to the Pass for ski lessons and skiing and snow boarding fun, along with 4 parent chaperones. While the 29th is a no-school day, ski program participants will meet at school at 8:30am, departing shortly thereafter and returning to AS#1 at 6:30pm.

AS1's Snow Sports Program has undergone some changes. Our new co-coordinator, Ms. J, is trying to offer the snow experience to every 4th-8th grader who wants to go. This means students have an opportunity to volunteer at various events like Husky Stadium clean-up days and gift wrapping at B&N during the winter holiday to offset costs. All students must take lessons because this is a school sponsored activity that happens during the school day. Participants will take a 1 ½ hour lesson each time they go to the Pass and then they'll have 4 hours of free time to ski or board with their friends. Alpine West, an accredited member of PSIA-NW, is providing the lessons, www.alpinewestskischool.com. The Snow Sports program meets 9 District Standards in health, fitness, and communication. The goals of the program include successfully problem solving new and challenging situations, understanding body dynamics to increase performance, and developing joy and confidence in a new sport.

To make this program accessible to everyone next year, we should begin thinking of fundraising strategies now. Some possibilities include car washes, cookie dough sales, gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble, and bake sales. Any ideas or thoughts on the program are welcome. Please email Ms. J at sjenkins@seattleschools.org.

Calendar

Enrollment Committee Meeting

Sunday, January 24th, 2-4pm
Megan McCall's house
13516N Park Ave N, 206-817-9846

Open House for Prospective Families for 2010-11 School Year

Thursday, January 28th
6:30-8:30pm

No School/Snow Sports Day

Day between semesters
Friday, January 29th

Tours/School visits

February 4, 11, 25th, March 4, 11, 18th
9:00-10:00am, Room 9

BLT Meeting

Tuesday, February 2nd
3:45-5:00pm, Room 9
These are open meetings.

Site Council Community Meeting

Tuesday, February 2nd, 6-8pm
Food and childcare provided
For childcare, RSVP to Christine at calabar@gmail.com

Snow Sports Day

Friday, February 5th

Equity Committee Meeting

Wednesday, February 10th
6-8pm, Room 9
ALL ARE WELCOME!



**Lunar
New
Year**

Sunday,
February 14th

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Counseling Corner



ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF 8TH GRADERS

The following schools will be hosting open houses for prospective incoming 9th graders:

Ballard- 2/25/10(6:20-8:30PM)

Center School- 1/25/10&2/1/10(6:30-8:30PM)

STEM @ Cleveland -1/23/10(9:30-12PM)

Ingraham-2/3/10(7-8:30PM)

Nathan Hale-3/9/10(6:30-8:30PM)

Nova@Meany-2/25/10(6:30-8:30PM)

Roosevelt-1/28/10(6:30-8:30PM)

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at (206)252-4606
Thanks!

Darryl James, M.S.W.
AS#1 Counselor

Global Studies in Paul's Core

As part of our global learning, Paul's core has begun to study religions of the world.

We had our first meeting on Monday and talked about what is a religion. Soon we'll start covering archaeological evidence of prehistoric religion, ancient religions of Greece & Egypt, modern religions of hunter gatherer societies, including some Native American religions & others, Zoroastrianism, Shinto, Confucianism, Taoism, Buddhism, Hinduism, Sikhism, Judaism, Christianity, & Islam, and a discussion on post-European Enlightenment religion, spirituality, and non-religion. We'll be exploring these through stories, video and audio of art, architecture, music & script, maps and timelines. The kids were VERY excited after our initial talk. They are reviewing some survey of world religion books in class before our next meeting on Monday to each be able to give me a new fact they learned. Tskuina Blessing, parent volunteer.

Learning with Joy

From Celeste McCall Cromer, 3rd grade, Paul's core



“AS#1 is awesome because there are a lot of nice people and there are a lot of fun things to do.”

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Calls for Help

Enrollment Committee

will meet on Sunday, January 24th, 2-4 at Megan McCall's house 13516 North Park Ave N Seattle, WA. Call 206-817-9846 if you have any questions or would like to help but cannot make it. Kids are welcome too. We will be working on the new brochure, strategizing outreach efforts, and planning for tours and open house. The meeting is open to anyone who wants to come and is a great way to learn about the school and meet other parents.
Megan McCall, megaina@yahoo.com

AS#1-a-thon Pledges

If you have not yet turned in your pledged funds for the AS#1-a-thon, please do so. Thank you for supporting experiential education at AS#1!

Help Wanted With the School Directory

- If you have not yet filled out a directory form, please do so. You can pick up a form in the office or contact Lynn Pasley.
- If you have a computer with Microsoft Excel, please consider providing a couple of hours of data entry.
- Make phone calls to parents/guardians in your child's core asking them to complete a directory form or getting clarification. Contact your child's core teacher if you are interested in helping in this way.

Husky Stadium Cleanup Fundraiser

Carmen DiDomenico is looking for someone to take the lead on this great school fundraising opportunity next year. Contact Carmen at 252-4600.

Directory on Its Way, With Your Help

We'd like to get out the AS#1 Family Directory in the next few weeks. Here's how you can help:

- If you have not filled out a directory form, please do so! You may download it from our Website (<http://as1web.com/?p=531>), pick up a form at the office, or call or email me (contact info is below). Forms should be returned to the school office.
- If you have a computer with Microsoft Excel and a couple of hours to give to the effort, help with data entry is greatly appreciated.
- We would like to have one parent from each classroom make follow-up calls to the other families in their child's classroom. For families that haven't returned a form, the phone call will be to find out whether they'd like to be in the directory, and if so, to fill out a form over the phone. There may also be some calls to families that have returned a form, if clarifications are needed. If you are willing to make these calls for your classroom, please let your child's teacher know.

Thanks!

Lynn Pasley
206.783.4322, lpasley@mac.com

Husky Stadium Fundraiser

Something to Ponder...

This was our second year using the Husky Stadium Clean-up opportunity as a fundraiser for AS#1. Last year we were able to support a variety of school related expenses. This aided in the Rite of Passage program by providing for gas cards, classroom coverage, food, and student scholarships. Further, our school was able to provide snacks, uniforms and other necessities for the Ultimate Frisbee team. The rest of the funds remain in the school budget.

Everyone that worked at the stadium in the 2008-09 school year agreed that the funds would be placed in our school Baseline Budget. AS#1 is able to generate more money by sending more workers per Sunday clean-up. Last year, we were at a shortage of volunteers for most of the clean-up dates. Consequently, we decided that with this year's earnings each volunteer could choose where to designate the money. This change helped to generate more workers per Sunday. Do we want to continue this fundraiser? If so, what do we, as a community, want to do with the earnings?

While organizing Husky Stadium Clean-up requires a lot of work, it is a great opportunity for our school. This year we raised \$7,196.88. Would anyone like to take the lead? Please call Carmen DiDomenico with any inquiries at 206.252.4600.

If you worked at Husky Stadium and are not mentioned on this list, thank you and please contact the main office at 206.252.4600 so that we may add you to the upcoming AS#1 newsletter.

Heartfelt Thanks

To UW Husky Stadium Cleanup Volunteers:

Phillip Quinn
Imoni Turner
Pete Johnson
Dana Cochran
Holly Cochran
Mark Cochran
Emily Cochran
Isaac Wenze
Melissa Wenze
Andy Robles
Max Hutton
Chauntae Lea
Makayla Forhan
Megan McCall
Kelly Robson
Zan Lussier
Diane Sophusson
Cheryl Carp
Cylas Schooley
Emanuel Angota
Victoria Withrow
Maxine Leinweber
Patricia Leinweber
Kailynn Sundling
Carmen DiDomenico
Christine Edgar
Laura Demarco
Todd Fedorenko
Leslie Morishita
Hana Morishita Fedorenko
Yoko Morishita Fedorenko
Jessica Garcia
Soren Hawkins
Nigel Hawkins
Josh Hayes
Sam Lockhart
Eleanor Hayes
Joshua Mannhalt
Phillip Quinn
Imoni Turner
Pete Johnson
Antje Mueller
Ellie Johnson
Anthony Cryer
Antje Mueller
Jacob Mannhalt
Ellie Johnson

AS#1 Celebrating Martin Luther King and Struggles for Justice

Thanks to Stadium Volunteers continued...

Students from every grade level contributed to the Martin Luther King celebration through recitations, skits, songs, dancing and more. The assembly grows from and feeds into the ongoing teaching and learning around social justice and growing our students to recognize their own power to bring positive change in the world. Many thanks to Carmen, Ieisha and Zan for your awesome work in coordinating this event for our school.



At the assembly, AS#1 middle schoolers, along with our principal, Roy and counselor, Darryl (the photo on the right!), reenacted the Black Power salute by Tommie Smith and John Carlos at the 1968 Olympics in Mexico City. It was a powerful protest against racism and injustice in our country that has come to be known as one of the most memorable moments in history of the Olympics. For more about athletes and political resistance, check out [What's My Name Fool? Sports and Resistance in the United States](#) by Dave Zirin in the AS#1 Antiracist Library. You may also be interested in Dave Zirin's blog, Edge of Sports, www.edgeofsports.com and this week's column on that blog, "MLK wasn't an athlete, but he understood importance of sports."

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF EACH PERSON AND STRIVE TO NEVER DIMINISH ANOTHER BY CONDUCT OR OUR ATTITUDES

Devon Cantrell
Dan Cantrell
Lynn Pasley
Keith Rouse
Donny McDonald
Harley Annett
Patty Lozano
Joan Redlin
Isaac Lewis
Gage Lorton
Asha Leuellyn
Dan Landers
Ellie Carder-Landers
Cheryl Carder
Paul Banser
Destiny Eversull
Sunshine Eversull
Savannah Eversull
Dylan Healing-Cranston
Raven Healing
Mandy Dallas
Thorin Donnelly
Maddie Laurine
Spencer Laurine
Cyrus McCullum
Isabel Jolly
Kali Parrish
Andre Robles
Misty Levin
Eric Ayrault
Ethan Ayrault
Calan Simpson-Felicia
Chris Simpson
Junior Simon
Bradly Angota
Sean Vanover
Carrie Vanover
Irene Grebenschikoff
Nikos Grebenschikoff
Michael Quinn
Thomas Quinn
Chris Panks
Margarita Rodriguez
Susan Jenkins
Lee Reddin
Maggie Staveley
Elizabeth Peckham
Caitlin Peckham
John Barrickman
Jacob Barrickman
Tsukina Blessing
Ezekiel Blessing

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