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McDonalds McTakeover

What is a McTakeover? McTakeovers are fundraisers for schools where volunteers “work” at McDonalds and receive 40 percent of the sales during their McTakeover. You can enjoy a meal at McDonalds and earn money for Luther Center at the same time! Please come to our McTakeover at the Mile Hill McDonalds in Port Orchard on **Tuesday, June 7**. Our McTakeover will run from **6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Coupon books (\$26 value) will also be available for \$5 each.

Magical Strings Summer Solstice Concert



Philip and Pam Boulding’s Magical Strings will celebrate the longest day of the year by performing their annual summer solstice concert at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church on **Saturday, June 18, at 7:00 p.m.** The Bouldings have made it a tradition to celebrate the longest day of the year by performing their favorite Celtic tunes in a concert designed for the whole family. This year’s concert will also include a bake sale. Tickets for the concert are available at Luther Center, by calling (360) 895-1782, or at the door. Adult tickets are \$10, students \$5, and children under 12 are free. Spirit of Life is located at 3901 SE Mullenix Road (one mile east of Rt. 16 at the corner of Mullenix and Phillips Roads.)

Practically a household name in the Northwest, Magical Strings has toured throughout the United States, Canada, the British Isles, and Japan. Philip and Pam have performed on radio and television networks around the country, including *A Prairie Home Companion*, NPR’s *Weekend Edition*, CNN both at home and in Europe, and prime time TV in Japan.

Mark your calendars now for June 18—you won’t want to miss this extraordinary local concert!

What is the Summer Solstice?

Find out at

<http://scienceworld.wolfram.com/astronomy/SummerSolstice.html>

Dinner and Auction

Luther Center’s first annual auction was by all measures a huge success. In addition to earning over \$7,000 for the school, the attendees had a great time enjoying a delicious catered chicken marsala and salmon dinner by LeGarmaché of Port Orchard, listening to the music of Joe and Carol Baque, engaging in friendly competition for dessert, and bidding on some fascinating items, which included golfing, a weekend retreat, tug boat ride, services for your car, your home or a massage for your body, espresso beverages and a host of other things. Thank you everyone who worked to make the evening so much fun and so profitable!

Mrs. Lyman Joins Luther Center



Luther Center for Learning welcomes Helen Selgren-Lyman as our newest teacher. Described by her peers as “very likeable and tender hearted,” Helen’s creativity and organizational skills are certain to make her a perfect fit for our older students.

In the Classroom

Officer James and **Officer Ayers** from the Port Orchard Police Department visited Luther Center on May 27. They showed the students all their equipment, including their patrol car, and taught the



students about safety and when and how to call for help. On Tuesday, May 31, **Chris Gronberg**, a 911 Dispatcher and father

of one of our students, provided additional safety lessons.

The kindergarten classroom has been coming alive with triops, fairy shrimp, daphnia and Painted Lady Butterflies. Triops, commonly known as tadpole shrimp, are crustaceans originating over 200,000,000 years ago. Triops don't live very long, so they have to grow up fast. This makes them fun to watch.

Science experiments are exciting whether it's exploring how salt changes the density of water and will make things float in **Ms. Meadows'** classroom or learning about magnetism and compasses in **Mrs. Matheson's** classroom. Mrs. Matheson's students have also learned about volcanoes and other natural disasters, rocks and stones and the solar system.



Under the guidance and direction of **Gary Spang**, Luther Center students and staff took part in several weeks of yoga. In addition to the physical benefits of yoga, yoga also builds self-esteem

and confidence. Yoga works on enhancing that inner resource of the child to be able to deal with life as it is. Stronger muscles, increased flexibility and balance, improved posture and body awareness, and the development of an ability to calm down and focus are added benefits of yoga for kids. While yoga has many physical, mental and emotional benefits, for Luther Center kids it's just about having fun and feeling good, both inside and out.

Field trips continue to be a very important part of the Luther Center experience. Our thanks go to the Kobe Foundation for funding field trips to the Tacoma Museum of Glass and the Evergreen Children's Theatre and Puppet Museum in Bremerton. We have also ventured to the Point Defiance Zoo, the Port Orchard public library, and Albertsons for their Healthy Eaters Tour. Our final field trip of the year will be to the beach during the last week of school.



Family Science Night

On May 19 Spirit of Life Lutheran Church was transformed into a science wonderland. Featured was a 30' by 25' Imaginarium (a pretend planetarium made from black plastic sheeting). Constellations were designed and then placed in the Imaginarium by punching holes in the plastic, letting the 'starlight' show. Other activities included a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Science (**Steven Greenfield** and **Robyn Meadows**), a computerized astronomy slide show, a space video, an astronomy computer game, crafts and good things to eat and drink. What a great way to learn how fun science can be!

Donations Help Make Our School Grow!

Some of the recent gifts received by the school include basketball hoops from **Mark Mitzlaff** and **Jim and Carol Foley**, a paper shredder from **Mary K. Heaney**, teaching tools from **Diane Smullin**, tetherball and construction paper from **Betsy Pryor**, and Ranger Rick and other teaching items from **Jeannine Lockert**. In addition, our parents and other volunteers have finished the outdoor playground at First Christian Church which our students are enjoying. Luther Center celebrates your generosity!

If you are looking for easy ways to support Luther Center, please consider the following.

1. **Albertsons**—If you have a Preferred Savings Card you can have a portion of your purchases donated to Luther Center. Sign up at

www.albertsons.com. Luther Center's school code is 49001004016.

2. **Laser, inkjet or FAX cartridges**—Save used printer or FAX cartridges and give them to Luther Center. We will recycle them for cash.
3. **Campbell, Prego, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson** and other products are part of the Campbell Soup Company *Labels for Education* program. Contact the school or visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete product list. Save the labels, lids or UPC Codes and give them to Luther Center. We will submit your donations for cash.
4. **General Mills** products—Clip box tops from hundreds of General Mills products. Contact the school or visit www.boxtops4education.com for a complete product list. **Box Tops Booster Club**—Shopping online can create cash for Luther Center, too. Join the Box Tops Marketplace at www.boxtops4education.com.

Building Learners Lunch

Only one more Building Learners lunch before the end of the school year! If you would like to visit our classrooms and learn how Luther Center is making a real difference for families in our community, please join us on June 9 at 11:00 a.m. Call the school at (360) 895-1782 to make your reservation.

Love and Logic Training Coming to Luther Center

Are you looking for easy to use techniques that will help you raise or teach responsible kids who are fun to be around? Then you may want to attend a *Love and Logic* class. Thanks to funding provided by a grant from the Kitsap County Commission on Children and Youth Luther Center will be developing training opportunities for parents, teachers, and daycare providers in Jim Fay's *Love and Logic* philosophy. Contact the school for more information about this exciting training opportunity.



Releasing the Painted Lady Butterflies



Making Smile Packs for Tsunami Victims



Dry Ice Experiment in Ms. Meadows Classroom

Honor Roll of Donors

Luther Center for Learning appreciates the strong demonstration of support from the many individuals and organizations that have made gifts during the past year. These gifts have allowed Luther Center to operate an excellent educational program and to provide tuition assistance to families who need it. In the honor roll that follows, we are pleased to recognize those individuals and organizations that share the school's commitment to a strong, independent, values-based education.

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