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Luther Center and Little Doves Come Together



Luther Center for Learning is moving to Spirit of Life Lutheran Church in September. This means that for the first time in its three-year history, Luther Center for

Learning and Little Doves Children's Learning Center can easily team their services for families in our area. Little Doves is a well-established and respected preschool, daycare, and latch-key program (before and after school care). And now, beginning in September, Luther Center families who need extended daycare before or after school have the opportunity for that service in the same facility as Luther Center. Likewise, Little Doves families who desire a strong academic Christian school for their children can more easily enroll at Luther Center. "It's a win-win opportunity," says Little Doves director, Kitty Abbott.

Magical Strings Family Concert



Luther Center's annual Magical Strings concert is Saturday, June 10, at 7:00 p.m. This is the tenth year that Philip and Pam Boulding have graced our school with a benefit performance of their favorite Celtic tunes in a concert designed for the whole family.

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. The concert will be held at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church, 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 10—you won't want to miss this extraordinary local concert!

Pastor George Larson Retires

Pastor George Larson of Spirit of Life Lutheran Church retired April 30, 2006, after 38 years in the Lutheran ministry. Pastor George is the initial inspiration for Luther Center for Learning. He did not want to start 'just another private school' in Kitsap County. Rather his dream was to create a school that was unique in its educational approach—a school where each and every child would be taught at his or her individual level as they grew academically, physically, socially, and spiritually. Hence, our motto became "Teaching as Christ Taught; Learning as Christ Learned; and Living as Christ Lived." Thank you Pastor George for your many years of service in the past and for all that you will continue to provide to Luther Center for Learning in the years to come. Pastor George will remain on the Board of Directors for Luther Center.



Teacher Openings

As Luther Center for Learning grows, we need to expand our teaching staff. We currently have two positions open for teachers—primary teacher for grades one and two, and intermediate teacher for grades three, four and five. For more information, call the school (360-895-1782) or visit our website (www.LutherCenterForLearning.org).

Dinner & Auction—Another Huge Success

Luther Center's second annual auction was by all measures a huge success. In addition to earning over \$9,000 for the school, the attendees had a great time enjoying a delicious catered chicken marsala dinner by LeGarmaché of Port Orchard, listening to the music of Pacific Lutheran University's Jazz Combo, engaging in friendly competition for desserts, and bidding on some extraordinary items, which included golfing, a catered dinner for ten, a guided fishing trip, two nights at Whistler, a weekend retreat, tug boat ride, an authentic Turkish rug, 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!

In the Classroom

"Thank you for those who teach us how to learn."



That was Taylor's thank you prayer at chapel during teacher appreciation week. And, yes, our teachers and volunteers continue to do a wonderful job for our students.

Some of the recent activities include a field trip to the Pt. Defiance Zoo and Aquarium. While the kindergarten students experienced the zoo under the leadership of their teacher Robyn Meadows, the older students were sent in pairs (with their chaperones) to focus areas where they prepared reports to be delivered to their classmates. One highlight of the day was the Wild Wonders Outdoor Theater Live Animal Program featuring a *haliaeetus leucocephalus* (aka American Bald Eagle).



Kindergarten students have also attended the Sylvan Way branch of the Kitsap Public Library in Bremerton and Albertsons' Healthy Eaters Tour. Meanwhile Tirsia

Butler's class toured the Port Orchard City Hall (where they met Mayor Kim Abel) and the Police Department (where they met Police Chief Alan Townsend). They also visited the Port Orchard Municipal Court. Visiting the Naval Undersea Museum was also lots of fun. The kindergarten

class has been busy a wide variety of activities from learning about how to tie their shoes, to being able to name all the planets in our solar system, to how to tell time. Meanwhile Ms. Butler's class has learned about food chains and all about omnivores, carnivores, and herbivores. A geology unit included a visit from Jack Eades who spoke about rock formation.

A recent community service project involved the students coloring Easter eggs for Candlelighters, a non-profit support group for parents with children suffering with cancer. These activities are just a small sample of what makes learning fun at Luther Center for Learning.

Family Science Night

Family Science Night has become a spring tradition at Luther Center for Learning. This year's theme was color and light. On May 13 Elim Lutheran Church's fellowship hall was transformed into a scientific playland and learning center where attendees were entertained and enlightened at Mr. Science's (Steven Greenfield) and physicist Don Hauelsen's color and light demonstration tables. Participants experimented with color pigment mixing as they made their own sidewalk chalk or painted with only primary colors. Creating shadow puppets and sun clocks rounded out the many other activities available. What a great way to learn just how fun science is!



Donations Help Make Our School Grow!

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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