



# THE JOURNEY

## LUTHER CENTER FOR LEARNING

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*Helping children discover their own greatness!*

### 2008-2009 School Year Begins!

Luther Center for Learning overflowed with the excitement of eager learners as year six began on September 3. The students were joined at opening day convocation by their parents, friends, and the Little Doves Preschool. Thank you **Pastors Liz Engel** (of Elim Lutheran Church) and **Eric Allert** (of Spirit of Life Lutheran Church) for being our leaders.



Instruction at Luther Center is led by three terrific teachers. Our kindergarten students love coming to **Mrs. VanDuzer's** class where learning is fun. Mrs. VanDuzer incorporates a lot of music and art into

the teaching of all those basic skills that kindergarteners need in order to become successful students.



Our primary students under the supervision of **Mrs. Crutchfield** learn to take responsibility for their own academic success. Much of the instruction is tailored to each student's individual skill level and readiness.

Topics in September have included money, time, temperature, parts of speech, and sorting amphibians, reptiles, mammals and insects.



Intermediate students under the guidance of **Mrs. Sinclair** write their own class

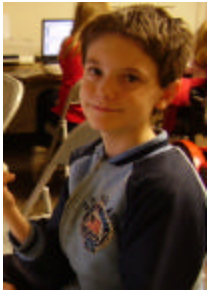
newsletter. They tell about creating a world map as a class project, book review, calendar of events, and a news article about gray wolves returning to the endangered list.

Our first school-wide field trip took us to Theler Community Center and Wetland Trails. The Lower Hood Canal and Union River Estuary is the home to a wide variety of wildlife, including many endangered species. The trails in Mary E. Theler Wetlands take walkers through fresh and saltwater marshes teeming with plants and animals.



*Our new play structure*

One student shared the following study tips.



## Tips for You

Hi, Bridger here. I'm going to give you some tips. These tips will help you avoid sleeping on your textbooks and forgetting the information in them!

➤ Try reading aloud.

- Read it again.
- Take notes so you can understand what you read.
- If the book is yours, you can highlight the important events.
- Quiz yourself or have someone quiz you.
- Use context clues.
- "Take Time to Think" about what you just read.
  - "Clarify" what you don't understand.
  - "Look back" or think about what you read.
  - "Connect" "Text to Text" "Text to World" or "Text to Self."

Well, I hope these tips will help you. They did for me.

Bye!

## Please Donate!

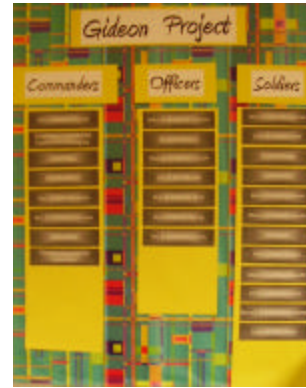


Yes, it's true. Donations from our supporters are absolutely essential in order for us to provide the quality education that has become the Luther Center hallmark. In October 2007, Luther Center launched its Gideon Project using

the metaphor of the Old Testament story of Gideon for fundraising. Just as a small band of soldiers under Gideon's command and using only torches and clay pots was able to defeat the very large army of Midianites, Luther Center is recruiting an army of supporters. Our Gideon Project recognition wall showcases the generosity of our donors. A gift over

12 months of one torch, valued at \$350, earns donors a place on our recognition wall as soldiers. Donations of two torches are commissioned as Gideon army officers. A donation of four or more torches is recognized as a commander.

Donations to the Gideon project can recognize a special person in the donor's life. Perhaps you would like to honor a son or daughter, a favored teacher, or a Luther Center student. No matter what rank you choose to become in the Luther Center army (Commander, Officer or Soldier), you will experience the satisfaction and joy of knowing your money is doing important work.



When you help educate a child, you give a gift that will last a lifetime. Won't you please send your tax deductible gift today!

A special dinner celebration to honor Gideon donors and to offer others the opportunity to become a Gideon donor will be held at the school on November 15. Please call the school by November 7 to make your reservation.

Donations may be mailed to Luther Center at P.O. Box 1018, Olalla, WA 98359.

Our students deserve your support!

## Wanted: Treasures



Can you help us fill our treasure boxes? Each of our teachers rewards their students' achievements by distributing treasure box tokens. These tokens are periodically used by the students to 'purchase' items from their teacher's treasure box. Teachers are always looking for 'treasures' to put in their boxes. So, if you're doing some cleaning, visiting the Dollar Store, or otherwise discover treasures you would like to donate, our teachers would be most appreciative!

## Everyone Can Help!



Are you looking for easy ways to support Luther Center?

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](http://www.albertsons.com). Select the “In the Community” tab and then click on the Community Partners logo. Luther Center’s school code is **49001004016**.
2. **Campbell, Prego, Pepperidge Farm, V8** and other products are part of the Campbell Soup Company *Labels for Education* program. ([Product list is included with this newsletter.](#))
3. **General Mills** products—Clip box tops from hundreds of General Mills products. ([Product list is included with this newsletter.](#))
4. **Box Tops Booster Club**—Shopping online can create cash for Luther Center, too. Join the Box Tops Marketplace at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).
5. **Land’s End School**—Use Luther Center’s Preferred School Number (**9000-8980-6**) when shopping by phone, fax or online at [www.landsend.com/school](http://www.landsend.com/school) to have a portion of your purchases donated to our school.



Another easy way to show your support is to designate your United Way donation to Luther Center.

## We Love our Volunteers!



Volunteers continue to make our school run smoothly. In the classroom, volunteers **Phil Pollard, Mallory Crutchfield, Alicia Wells, Bridget Gronberg, Norma**

**Fitzwater**, and **Katie Thompson** share their skills coaching and encouraging individual students.

Office assistance has been provided by **Norma Fitzwater, Mary Heaney, and Steve Larson**. **Mike Cooper** has taken on the responsibility of our recycling project. And **Mike Thompson** has painted new play courts to the delight of our students. After-school cleaning is being done by the faithful crew of **Trinette Gates, Dale & Pam Hartz, Erika Brown, Jessie Neumann, and Deb Neal**. Parent field trip drivers **Trinette Gates, Deb Neal, Thelma Day, and Norma Fitzwater** make traveling away from campus possible.

## Christmas Program



Luther Center’s annual Christmas program will take place on Thursday, December 18. The students will be presenting Mark Patterson’s Christmas musical “Light of the World” in the Spirit of

Life Lutheran Church sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend!

## Summer Science Camp—2008

