

Mrs. McCarty's Musings



HEAD ROOM PARENT OPENING

We are looking now for a volunteer head room parent for the 2010-2011 school year. Help recruit room parents and coordinate special elementary events. Lots of support is provided. For more information or to respond to this opportunity, please contact Laura McCarty: lauramccarty@southsoundchristian.org or (253) 475-7226 ext. 103.

SCHOOL IS OUT, BUT NOT OVER!

A strange feeling envelopes the halls as the last student exits the doors for summer vacation. It's as though the memories created over the preceding months, loath to depart, linger with dogged determination. Mingled with the joy of accomplishments and growth evidenced in the the past year is a tinge of sadness that this segment of life's journey is over. Students will have advanced to the next grade when they return and will have added a couple of month's maturity, and, quite likely, a couple of inches growth as well.

This is a time when, as elementary principal, I move back and forth from introspection over the past year to excitement over plans already taking shape for the coming year. I am noting things I've learned so that I, too, can grow, and I am developing plans to assure our elementary programs continue growing and improving.

I want you to know how valuable your communication is as part of this process. Throughout the year you have shared words of encouragement, ideas, concerns, and other valuable input, and these shape my thoughts and plans. Please feel free to continue being a part of our elementary program over the summer by continuing to share your thoughts. My e-mail is lauramccarty@southsoundchristian.org and my phone is (253) 475-7226 ext. 103.

PRAYER

Our God is mighty and delights to do wondrous things for us so that we can give Him the honor and glory. We have a unique opportunity to ask Him to do "more than we can ask or think" this summer, and I invite you to join me in prayer. There is an outstanding web-based instructional program that would be ideal for our Instructional Support Center. It would provide instruction using multi-media and would include hands-on projects for students using the ISC. In order to move forward on this, however, we would need at least 10 Mac computers. By purchasing a special education only model, we could obtain these desk tops for about \$1,100 each. I am asking God to provide a donor or donors who would enable us to purchase the computers and the web-based program so that we could implement it this fall. Would you please join me in praying for this and even consider if God would have you be part of the answer? If you'd like more information, please contact me at (253) 475-7226.

SCIENCE FAIR

This year's Science Fair for grades 4, 6, and 8, was held on Tuesday, May 4, and was a great success. Every year TBS receives comments from those judging about the quality of projects submitted, and this year was no different. A great group of family and friends turned out to look over the exhibits and celebrate the special awards presented. I am especially blessed to see our students do such an excellent job of presenting the Biblical integration for their projects.

MATH OLYMPICS

Students from Tacoma Baptist participated in the ACSI Math Olympics on Friday, April 16. In fifth grade, Christine Suh took 5th place and Alissa Peterson took 3rd place. In eighth grade Ben Cooksley took fourth place and David Lilley took fifth place. Congratulations!

SPRING CONCERT

On Friday, May 14, the elementary students performed in the Spring Concert. While the selections allowed students to demonstrate various techniques being mastered, they were entertaining and showcased the excellence of the music department. Thank you to all who worked so hard to present such an outstanding program and to all who joined us. Music is such a delightful way to worship and honor our Savior.

PLEASE JOIN US THIS SUMMER

Ah, summer vacation is finally here! The music of the neighborhood ice cream truck will serenade the activities of warm afternoons, and a cacophony of children's voices will waft through the air. The thought of school will likely be far from the mind of those able to soak in the sun's rays and enjoy the sweet days of vacation.

This summer, however, I'm hoping some people will give us a day. We would like to pull out the juniper bushes in front of the elementary building this summer. It means obtaining the **use of a small tractor** and the help of those with **strong muscles** for the better part of a day. If you would be willing to help with this, please contact me at lauramccarty@southsoundchristian.org or by calling (253) 475-7226 ext. 103. We will endeavor to schedule a day convenient for those willing to help.

The plan is to form four planting areas, one each for four elementary classes, and fill in the remaining area with beauty bark. This will give that area of the campus a clean attractive look.

2010-2011 TEACHERS

Pre-K	Melissa Crawford
Kindergarten	Lorna Kearns
First Grade	Trisha Thornton
Second Grade	Christy Brey and Renita Howat
Third Grade	Cheryl Koskovich
Fourth Grade	Julie Peterson
Fifth Grade	Claire Teague
Sixth Grade	Donna Brooks

We are pleased that Mrs. Brey and Mrs. Howat will both continue teaching our second grade students next year, and I know our second grade students will benefit from having two strong teachers.

We are so sorry to lose Mrs. Wheeler from our fifth grade but are excited about gaining Miss Teague, who has been at TBS for many years. We are also looking forward to the new fifth-sixth grade arrangement, one that will help our elementary students in their transition to junior high. Miss Teague will be teaching fifth grade Bible and fifth and sixth grade English and History. Mrs. Brooks will be teaching sixth grade Bible and both fifth and sixth grade Math and Science. I believe this arrangement will serve our students well.