



# SILVERWOOD SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 18, 2011

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**NOVEMBER 21 AND 22**  
*Teacher In-Service Days*

**NOVEMBER 21 AND 22**  
*In-Service Fun Days!*

**Theme: Crazy for Crafts — Come and make holiday cards, key chains, necklaces, note pads and more!**

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30**  
*Enrollment Management Committee Meeting, 3:30, Office Conference Room*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2**  
*Pizza Lunch*  
*Governance Committee Meeting, 2:00, Conference Room*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5**  
*Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4:30, Conference Room*

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12**  
*Finance Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room*

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14**  
*Development Committee, 5:15, Conference Room*

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15**  
*Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room*

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
*Pizza Lunch*  
*Winter Showcase, 1:45, Commons, all parents and friends invited!*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 3**  
*Back to School*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 6**  
*Pizza Lunch*

**MONDAY - TUESDAY, JANUARY 9-10**  
*Sixth-Grade COGAT Testing*

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11**  
*Development Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room*

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13**  
*In-Service Fun Day, CHEF FOR A DAY! In-Service Day, No Classes*

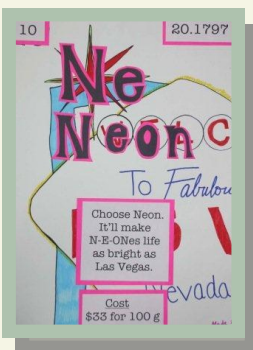
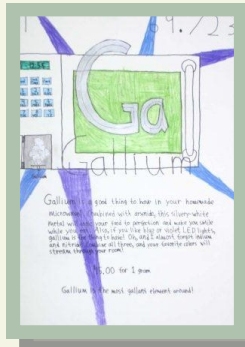
**MONDAY, JANUARY 16**  
*Martin Luther King Day, No School*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17**  
*Board Meeting, 6:15, Treehouse*

## ATOMIC ASSEMBLY WEDNESDAY

By Queen Helen

Chemistry jokes (submitted by T. S.), a sing-a-long, and promotion posters were just a few of the ways the fifth and sixth grade students presented chemistry to the students and teachers during assembly Wednesday morning.

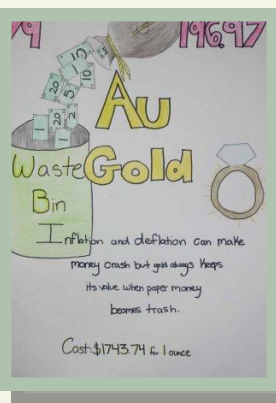
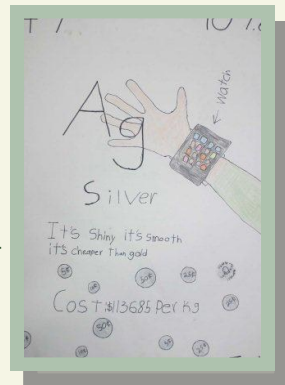


A hydrogen atom walks into a juice bar. The barman says, "What's got ya down?"

The hydrogen atom replies, "I just lost my electron."

The barman asks, "Are you positive?"

The assembly began with the seniors gathered around the piano accompanied by Landon (3<sup>rd</sup> grade) who played the musical score to their joyful voices, singing "The Atoms Family." Katie was at the computer advancing slides while the other sixth graders informed the crowd about chemistry, elements, atoms, and compounds.

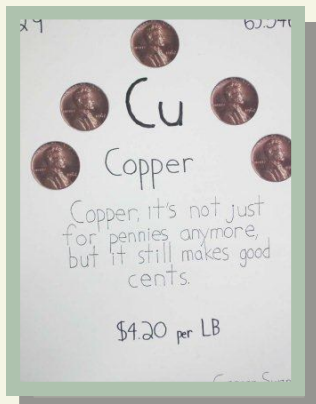


Sixth grader Katie, under the guise of wanting to know more about the elements, choose random elements from the chart. One by one the fifth and sixth grade chemistry students presented their posters and promoted their elements. The program ended with the whole school singing "The Atoms Family."

The presentation closed with a joke:

A neutron walks into a juice bar and orders a drink of water. Between gulps, he asks the barman how much the water cost.

The barman says, "For you, sir—no charge."



## Thank You Volunteers!

These volunteers drove on the senior field trip, worked in the classroom, the office, on the playground, on board committees and with after-school clubs:

- Sunshine Bell
- Debbie Bowman
- Rana Buford
- Daniel Brotsky
- Barb Christman
- John Coombs
- Will Fugate
- Lisa Holste
- Peggy Iversen
- Margaret Johnston
- Helene Kain
- Peggy Krieg
- Lisa Lawrence
- Sabina Macy
- Molly Mansker
- Ashley McComas
- Rob McIntyre
- Tina Morrison
- David Parins
- Kimberly Paxton-Hagner
- Traci Rogstad
- Kevin Sheehan
- Lianne Tabata
- Jeanette Tucker
- Ashley Williams
- Jennifer Witt
- Kristina Younger

Please let us know if you volunteered and your name isn't listed - we want to thank you!

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## STUDENT NEWS



### SECOND GRADER ARI WINS CHESS TOURNAMENT, QUALIFIES FOR STATE!

Mr. Will's Silverwood Chess Club is producing some excellent young chess players.

Second grader Ari played in his first tournament and won 3 out of 5 games last Saturday in Gig Harbor. As a result, he qualified for the State Tournament in April. According to Mr. Will, it is unusual for a player to qualify for State at their first tournament.

However, Aidan (fourth grade) and Mathew (class of 2011) accomplished it last year, and both played at State last year.

According to Mr. Will, Ari is a very good player for his age and has won games against several older players.

The Silverwood Chess Club meets every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30.



### SCRIP NEWS

By Ashley Williams

The next Scrip orders and payments are due to the office Monday, November 21st at 8:30 a.m. Please contact me if you would like to make special pick up arrangements for your order before Monday, November 28th. I would be happy to meet you in Silverdale or at the school if you would like to use your scrip cards to do your Christmas shopping over the holiday weekend!

Questions? Contact me at [ashleyw@silverwoodschool.org](mailto:ashleyw@silverwoodschool.org). I am also available in the office Mondays from 8:00 to 8:30 and Fridays from 3:00 to 3:30.

### PRIMARY STONE SOUP CELEBRATION

On Thursday, November 17, first and second grade students celebrated in the spirit of cooperation by cooking stone soup. The class has been reading many versions of the Stone Soup story and learning the value of cooperation.



### SILVERWOOD STUDENTS EARN HONORS THROUGH JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER FOR TALENTED YOUTH



Liam in fourth grade, and Mariko in fourth grade each earned honors for their high scores on testing through the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth. Congratulations, Mariko and Liam!

Each year several Silverwood students qualify for participation in the Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth programs by scoring in the 95th percentile or higher on a reasoning section of the Metropolitan Achievement Test. (MAT). The MAT is administered to students in grades three through six each spring.

Students who qualify may enroll in classes offered by the Johns Hopkins CTY program and they may take the SCAT, an above-grade level test. Last year, 38 percent of the Silverwood third-grader class, 63 percent of the fourth-grade class, 50 percent of the fifth-grade class, and 33 percent of the sixth-grade class qualified for CTY participation.

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### IN-SERVICE FUN DAYS — CRAZY FOR CRAFTS! MONDAY AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 AND 22

Join us for one or both holiday craft-making in-service FUN days! We'll be making some gifts for friends and parents and we might even do some baking.

In-service Fun Days run from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. All craft activities will happen between 9 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Please register with Miss Mary in the office. You will be charged if you have registered and do not show up.

### LUNCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Noon recess and lunch volunteers are needed for Mondays and Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please contact Beth Morton at 360.598.0564 or via email at [mortonea@yahoo.com](mailto:mortonea@yahoo.com) if you are available to help.

**VOLCANO BLOW-UP DAY WAS EXPLOSIVE!**



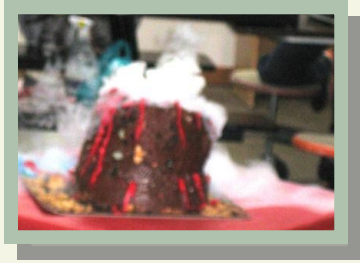
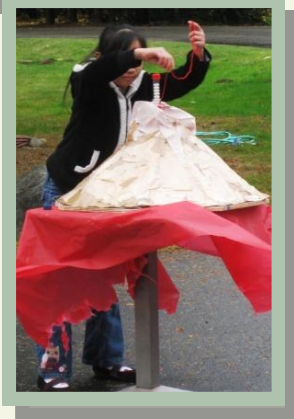
soda, mint Mentos, Diet cCke, and gelatin. Volcano types included strato, composite, shield, and cinder cone.

Students presented their eruptions with theatricality and drama to the primary and senior students and many parents who came to share the excitement. For more pictures visit the Silverwood Facebook page.



Third and fourth grade students capped off their fall study of volcanos with a day of explosions. Each student created a volcano project which included an erupting volcano with a sturdy base and a report to include the type of volcano and five or more facts about their specific volcano.

Erupting volcanos were created with a variety of ingredients including vinegar, baking





**SILVERWOOD ANNUAL FUND UP-DATE — SECOND GRADE IS STILL IN THE PAJAMA DAY LEAD!**

Each class that achieves 100 percent annual fund participation receives a pajama day. Which class will be the first? So far, second grade is in the lead with 80 percent participation!

**Thank you to all these wonderful families who have already made a gift or pledge to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund!**

**First Grade—70%**

Mary Kunish and Mikeal Day  
Victoria and Chad Guillerault  
Lisa and William Lawrence  
Sabina and Kevin Macy  
Kelly and Brian Nuss  
Lianne Tabata and Mark Swaney  
Sunshine Bell and Brian Voss

**Second Grade — 80%**

Julie McMillan and Daniel Brotsky  
Kristine and Allen Eley  
Hilary and Tod Hall  
Libby and David Parins  
Amy and Josh Perkins  
Heather and Dmitry Poisik  
Jeanette and David Tucker  
Ashley and Alexander Williams  
Jennifer and Ryan Witt  
Kristina and Eric Younger

**Third Grade — 73%**

Donna and John Coombs  
Marion and Chuck Ernst  
Kristen and Michael Fisher  
Shelley and Steve Hagle  
Lisa and William Lawrence  
Uyen and Frank Lee  
Ashley and Alexander Williams  
Kat and Kris Wolff

**Fourth Grade — 63%**

Jodi Brill  
Rana and Ron Buford  
Peggy Krieg and David Corley  
Heidi and Paul Danilchik  
Jacquie and Todd Daykin  
Carlee and David Frank  
Andrea Wigglesworth and Greg Gonzales  
Lisa Holste  
Margaret Johnston and George Mitchell  
Molly Mansker and Bob Stoker

**Fifth Grade — 71%**

Debbie and Brian Bowman  
Jodi and Erwin Gemmer  
Uyen and Frank Lee  
Bonnie Miller and Keith Riley  
Lianne Tabata and Mark Swaney

**Sixth Grade — 43%**

Cara Carter  
Megan Nightingale and Matt Clifton  
Kat and Kris Wolff

*Paying a pledge over several months allows many donors to make a more significant gift to Silverwood. The Silverwood fiscal year ends on June 30. In order to be counted for the 2011-12 annual fund, pledges to the annual*

*fund must be fulfilled by the end of the school's fiscal year. This means that a pledge made today can be paid over as many as eight months (November through June).*

*Questions regarding the Annual Campaign? Contact the front office, Rana Buford, chair of the development committee, or Jeanette Tucker, development committee member.*

**THANK YOU, GRANDPARENTS!**

*Thank you to the following grandparents who have made a gift to the annual fund.*

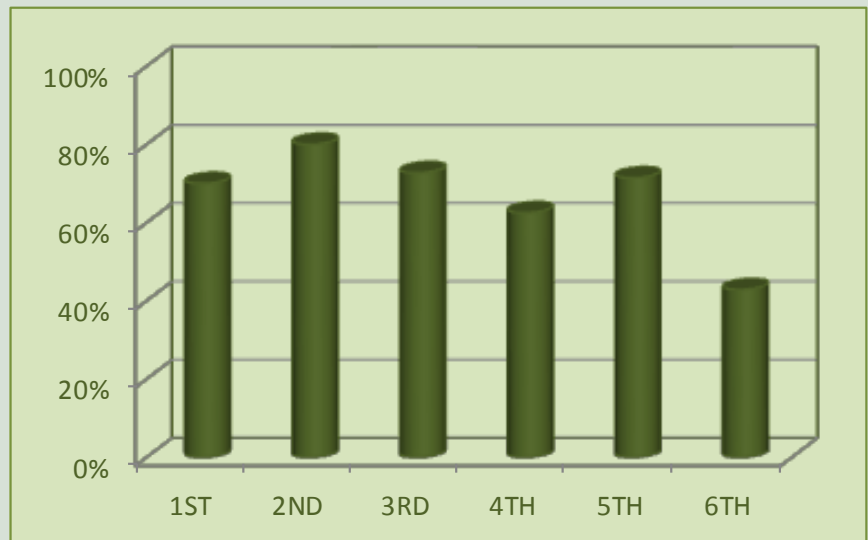
**Jill Betts, Chloe in fourth grade**

**Cynthia Johnston, Liam in fourth grade**

**Mary Celeste and Bob Smith, Adam in second grade**

*Letters were mailed to invite grandparents to support the Silverwood Annual Fund Campaign. However, your grandparents may not be on the Silverwood mailing list. If you have family members who may want to send a gift or pledge in support of the Annual Fund campaign please let the front office know and they will mail a pledge form.*

**PARENT ANNUAL FUND PARTICIPATION AS OF NOVEMBER 18, 2011**



**“WHO SAID THAT?”**

Overheard on the playground:

**“I vote for an infinity of ponies!”**



**No one guessed it was Connor in third grade who said:**

**“Do not inconvenience us again, sir!”**

**Every week we'll post a quote overheard at school. Guess the answer, and we'll publish the names of those who guess correctly, along with a picture of the speaker of the quote. Happy guessing!**



*At Silverwood School, we challenge our students to become confident, compassionate citizens and skilled, life-long learners—literate, motivated, and intellectually adventurous.*



### SILVERWOOD SCHOOL CALENDAR NOVEMBER 11 THROUGH SUMMER, 2012

November 21-22 (Mon.-Tues.)	Teacher In-Service Days – NO CLASSES (child care available)
November 23-25 (Wed.-Fri.)	THANKSGIVING – SCHOOL CLOSED
November 28 (Monday)	Classes resume
November 30 (Wednesday)	Enrollment Management Committee Meeting, 3:30, Conference Room
December 2 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch Governance Committee Meeting, 2:00, Conference Room
December 5 (Monday)	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4:30, Office Conference Room
December 12 (Monday)	Finance Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room
December 14 (Wednesday)	Development Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room
December 15 (Thursday)	Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30 a.m. Office Conference Room
December 16 (Friday)	Pizza Day, Last Day of Classes, Winter Showcase Day 2:00
December 19 - January 2	WINTER BREAK
January 3 (Tuesday)	Classes Resume
January 6 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
January 9-10 (Monday-Tuesday)	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade COGAT Testing
January 11 (Wednesday)	Development Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room
January 13 (Friday)	Teacher In-Service Day – NO CLASSES (child care available)
January 15 (Sunday)	SPA Pool Day, Bainbridge Island Pool
January 16 (Monday)	Martin Luther King Day – School Closed
January 17 (Tuesday)	Board Meeting 6:15, Treehouse – Open to All Silverwood Parents
January 19 (Thursday)	Admission Open House – All Day Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30, Conference Room
January 20 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
January 23-27 (Monday-Friday)	MAT Testing Grades 3-6 <sup>th</sup>
January 26 (Thursday)	Admissions Evening 6:30 -7:30
January 31 (Tuesday)	Admissions Open House – All Day
February 1 (Wednesday)	Enrollment Contracts Mailed for 2012-2013
February 3 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
February 8 (Wednesday)	Development Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room
February 11 (Saturday)	Sweetheart Swirl, 6:30
February 16 (Thursday)	Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30, Conference Room
February 17 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
February 20 (Monday)	Presidents' Day Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
February 21 (Tuesday)	Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30, Conference Room Board Meeting 6:15, Treehouse – Open to All Silverwood Parents
February 23 (Thursday)	Admissions Open House – All day
February 24 (Friday)	Contracts Due for 2012-13 Wax Museum – All Parents Invited
February 28 (Tuesday)	Admissions Evening 6:30 – 7:30
March 1 & 2 (Thursday– Friday)	Teacher In-Service Day (NAIS Conference) – NO CLASSES (child care available)
March 5 (Monday)	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4:30, Conference Room
March 7 (Wednesday)	Admission Open House – All Day
March 5-8 (Monday-Thursday)	Intermediate students to Islandwood
March 9 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
March 12 (Monday)	Primary Field Trip to <i>Junie B. Jones</i> at the Admiral Theater
March 14 (Wednesday)	Development Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room
March 15 (Thursday)	Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30, Conference Room
March 22-23 (Thursday–Friday)	Parent Teacher Conferences – NO CLASSES (child care available)
March 23 (Friday)	Silverwood Auction, Bangor Plaza Ballroom
March 30 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
April 2-6 (Monday-Friday)	Spring Break
April 10 (Tuesday)	Admissions Open House – All Day
April 12 (Thursday)	Admissions Evening 6:30 – 7:30
April 13 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
April 17 (Tuesday)	<i>State of Silverwood Address – All Parents Please Attend</i>



April 19 (Thursday)	Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30, Conference Room
April 21 (Saturday)	SWS Kids' Festival 10:00 a.m. – 1:00
April 24 (Tuesday)	Admissions Open House – All day
April 25-26 (Wednesday–Thursday)	Young Authors grades 1-6 – Parents Invited to Attend!
April 27 (Friday)	Teacher In-Service Day – NO CLASSES (child care available)
April 29-May1 (Sunday-Tuesday)	PNAIS Spring Heads Meeting
May 4 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
May 4 (Friday)	Senior Class to Bloedel Reserve for Yoga Field Trip, 12:30-3:00
May 7 (Monday)	Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, 4:30, Conference Room
May 8 (Tuesday)	Primary Field Trip to see <i>Fancy Nancy</i> at the Admiral Theater
May 9 (Wednesday)	Development Committee Meeting, 5:15, Conference Room
May 10 (Thursday)	Admissions Evening 6:30 -7:30
May 11 (Friday)	Intermediate to Bloedel Reserve for Yoga Field Trip, 12:30-3:00
May 15 (Tuesday)	Admissions Open House – All Day Board Meeting 6:15 Treehouse – Open to All Silverwood Parents
May 17 (Thursday)	Marketing Committee Meeting, 9:30, Conference Room. Primary to Bloedel Reserve for Yoga Field Trip, 12:30-3:00
May 18 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch Primary Class to Bloedel Reserve for Yoga Field Trip, 12:30-3:00
May 25 (Friday)	Teacher In-Service Day – NO CLASSES (child care available)
May 28 (Monday)	Memorial Day – SCHOOL CLOSED
June 1 (Friday)	Pizza Lunch
June 13 (Wednesday)	Field Day – Last Day of Classes
June 14 (Thursday)	Teacher In-Service Day No Classes (child care available)
June 14 (Thursday)	Closing Ceremonies, 6:30 p.m.
June 15 (Friday)	Teacher In-Service Day No Classes (child care available)
June 19 (Tuesday)	Board Meeting 6:15 p.m. Treehouse – Open to All Silverwood Parents
July 16-20	Silverwood Summerfest Session I
July 23-27	Silverwood Summerfest Session II

Silverwood School '11-12 School Year

167 student days x 6.5 hours = \*1,086 hours

184 teacher days

\*1,000 hours are required by the State of Washington REV. CODE § 28A.150.220