

# Silver Hawk Happenings


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Silver Beach Elementary

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## October - November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19 Early Release 12:30	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 Sweets & Treats Orders Due	29	30	31 
Nov 1	2	3	4	5 Picture Retakes 8:30 3:30 Site Council	6	7
8	9	10 7:00 SBEA Meeting	11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL	12	13	14
15	16	17 2:00 Sweets & Treats Distribution	18 Early Release 12:30	19 Early Release 12:30	20 Early Release 12:30	21
22	23 Early Release 12:30	24 Early Release 12:30	25 Early Release 12:30	26 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	27 Thanksgiving NO SCHOOL	28

### *A Message From the Principal. . .*

In addition to Fire Drills, the Silver Beach staff and students periodically practice a “Security Alert Lockdown” drill and we are planning on having one next week. **This means that during the drill, all exterior doors and interior doors to classrooms and offices are locked. Staff and students become “invisible”, and communication is limited to emergency officials and District personnel.** Events that create a Security Alert Lockdown are considered an immediate threat towards the school and are extremely rare.

Another form of lockdown that we practice is referred to as a “Hold Alert Lockdown”. **This procedure includes children and staff staying in classrooms, locking all external doors and classroom doors, and communication being limited to emergency personnel and District staff. The major difference with the Hold Alert lockdown is that we do not become “invisible” and classroom instruction continues.** The hold alert lockdown is typically initiated by the police department when criminal activity has occurred near a school, but not against the school.

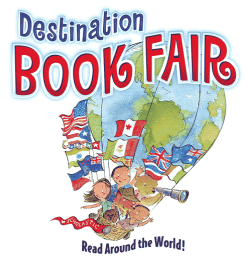
Important reminders for parents in the event that a Lockdown takes place:

- **Do not call the school. We will not answer calls, and communication will be limited to emergency and District personnel.**
- **Do not come to the school. Entrance to the building will not be granted, and you could be putting yourself at risk.**

I will continue working with the Silver Beach staff and local safety officials to refine our safety procedures. **Please be sure to notify our office if any personal information has changed (phone numbers, address, and/or contact information).** **NOTE: we can only release your child to the people you have listed on your child’s registration sheet or contact update form.** If you would like to review the information on your registration sheet or have any questions about Lockdowns or other emergency procedures, please do not hesitate to contact our office. Thank you for your consideration in regard to this safety information.

Gregory T. Holmgren / Principal

# Read Around the World!



What adventure we had at the Destination Book Fair. Excitement was buzzing in the air every morning! Because of your tremendous support, we were able to donate a large selection of new books to our library. We were also able to fill out the classroom collections of Young Reader Choice and Sasquatch Award books for the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Congratulations to our drawing winners: Kaylin Parfitt won an Atlas from the class geography game; Hanno won the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade basket and Ian Carpenter won the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade basket at family night; Dirks Wright won a stuffed bear for the chocolate kisses guessing game (yes, a Kindergartner!); Jay won the stuffed bear for the Monday drawing and Jon Shikany won the stuffed bear for the Wednesday drawing. On the last day, a student from each class was chosen at random to receive a book and another student from each class was chosen to receive a poster. Thank you to all of our adventurous volunteers without whom this would not be possible: Jennifer Rinauro, Tracy Langer, Susan Everett, Shayne Grams, Carol Moskal, Tracey Korby, Charlotte Ford, Andrea Evans, Stephanie Coon, Mimmi Saunders, Kelly Hoefler, Kim Thulin, Jodi Hagen, Amy Carr, Christie Weeda, Wanda DeConing. We'll see you again in the spring. Keep reading around the world!



Each year, during the month of November, we strive to get kids excited about reading...an excitement that we hope will stick and last throughout their lives. Information about this year's theme, "**Ice Cream for Books!**" will be coming home with your children toward the end of this month. The kids will receive reading logs to help keep track of their reading. Students are encouraged to **keep these in their folders so that on Fridays volunteers can collect them.** For every hour that they read they will earn a "scoop of ice cream", made out of cardstock, which will be placed on their classes' ice cream cone. These will be displayed outside the library for all to see.

## Mountain School Meeting

November 4      All Fifth Grade Students/Parents/Teachers  
7:00-8:00 PM      School Cafeteria



Jeff Giesen/ Mountain School Education Director from the North Cascades Institute will be at Silver Beach to meet with fifth grade teachers, students and parents to discuss details of the Mountain School program. This will be a formal presentation and encouraged attendance.

If you have any questions, please contact Susy Odegaard at 206-972-3042 / [susyod@comcast.net](mailto:susyod@comcast.net) or Kathy Settem at 360-220-6490 / [settem2@comcast.net](mailto:settem2@comcast.net).

### Used Book Sale is Coming Up!!

We are beginning to collect books for the used book sale in your child's classroom. The Sale will be in February. Our goal is to collect 6,000 Books!! Proceeds benefit the Silver Beach Library. So bring all your used books into your classroom!!

### Early Release Bulletin !

An Early Release Day was added in November which had previously been a teacher work-day. November 20 will now be an Early Release day.

**Keep informed** about additional updates about flu outbreaks, vaccines and prevention information by reading district and school e-news and print newsletters and checking [www.bsd501.org](http://www.bsd501.org).

For more information about how to care for someone with the flu and resources for families:

<http://www.whatcomcounty.us/health/h1n1/>

For H1N1 updates, please visit:

<http://www.em.whatcomcounty.org/go/site/2040/>