

# The PACESetter

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

*By Nina Madsen, PACE President*

This year has just flown by! To think that summer break starts in just under two weeks is mindblowing. I'd like to take a moment to express gratitude to parents, teachers, and community members for all your hard work, time, and dedication to this program and your student's education this year. The literal thousands of hours we have put in have meant so much, and hopefully feels like effort well spent.

It was so nice to see everyone at the May General meeting. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders put on an "old-school" style play, which was such a touching tribute to all the wonderful experiences they had during their time in PACE. We said goodbye to 18 (!!!) graduating families and also to stalwart member of the PACE community - Lisa Tradal - who will be retiring after almost a decade as a PACE teacher and 35 years as an educator (not to mention many years as a Lockwood PACE parent!).

It all feels so bittersweet; I'm equally sad to say goodbye to members of our community and wish them well, and excited to see what changes we'll see as a result.

I hope you and your families have a wonderful end to this school year. It has been such a privilege to lead this organization this year; moving forward you are in the very capable hands of Chris Gray and the 2025-26 board, and I know next year will be just fantastic.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**AUG 22 - 24 - FAMILY CAMPING**

**AUG 26 - PACE GENERAL MEETING**

**AUG 29- PACE SUMMER PICNIC**

**SEPT 26 - OUTDOOR EDUCATION**

## FIRST GRADE

by Teresa B.

As we wrap up another fantastic school year, our first graders are soaking up the sunshine and celebrating all the learning and growth they've experienced. Summer is just around the corner, and the classroom has been buzzing with excitement!

A highlight this year was a field trip to Bothell Landing, where the students explored insect habitats along the Sammamish River. They got to observe worms, small fish, and various bugs up close, connecting their discoveries to science lessons about ecosystems and animal life cycles. In the classroom, the students have made great strides in reading, writing, and math. They have been identifying story morals, comparing characters, and confidently reading multi-syllable words.

Their writing has blossomed through personal narratives reflecting on their experiences. Another memorable event was their dinosaur-themed concert, where the students performed songs, shared facts, and demonstrated their enthusiasm and teamwork. To wrap up the year, they are eagerly preparing for a final outdoor adventure to Brackett's Landing in Edmonds, where they will explore tidepools and discover the marine life of the

## SECOND GRADE

by Evie P.

Wow can't believe how quickly this year has gone. The class completed their dioramas for their choice of habitat.

Mr Wallace arranged salmon releasing for all of second grade. They also got to go to Bothell historical museum and give input on what they would want to see in a new playground.

I know how exciting the last end of school can be and look forward to the last field trips, egg drop and field day.

See you all next year as third graders!



## THIRD GRADE

*by Eric M.*

The end of year is loaded for our 3rd graders in PACE, and we are almost to the finish line to close out the year with a flurry of fun and togetherness, despite some of the obstacles we have faced.

The 3rd graders recently in May ran their spring mile run, and it feels like we're getting to the end of the mile run that was 3rd grade.

We just came off the PACE Reunion Spring Fling potluck, Dia Del Nino (where our 3rd graders did cultural enrichment activities including tortilla making, egg shaker making, and pinatas), and the Multicultural Fair.

And in June, we are coming up on the Egg Drop at lunch recess, field day and BBQ lunch, PACE Picnic at Forsgren Park with lawn games and sack lunch, a field trip to the MoPop in Seattle Center, the Walking Robots Kiwi Crates.

## FOURTH GRADE

*by Ellen S.*

This spring, the 4th graders chose a science experiment they were interested in to present to the class and then include in the school-wide science fair, which their teacher, Mrs. Tradal, started at Lockwood several years ago.

Every year, all of the 4th grade students study our state and top it with a visit to Olympia, our state capitol. The class joined the other 4th grade Lockwood classes on an all-day field trip to Olympia where they traveled in style on fancy charter buses which apparently had bathrooms on them. Once they arrived at the capitol, the students toured the Governor's office, chatted with our District 1 House Representatives, toured the legislature chamber and saw the supreme court.





*4th grade continued....*

Their spring writing assignment focused on writing formal letters. They crafted letters to a park ranger or scientist at a national park. Several students received letters back from Rangers from Glacier Bay and Crater Lake. They were reminded of the “Every Kid Outdoor” program which provides fourth graders with free passes to national parks.

The class earned a “Starbucks” themed Super Ticket class party. Parents dressed up as baristas, made pink drinks and root beer floats, donut holes and took photos at a photo booth.

They also took a trip to Juel Park in Redmond where they traveled the “Oregon Trail”. Some students dressed up as pioneers!

They will end the year writing a persuasive piece on food and nutrition. The class will also say goodbye to Mrs. Tradal who is retiring (Thank you Mrs. Tradal for your contributions to Lockwood!)

## FIFTH GRADE

*by Brook B.*

Our Fifth Graders have had an exciting few months and are celebrating the bittersweet end to their time at Lockwood and in PACE. A huge highlight was the skit to showcase their years at Lockwood. They celebrated teachers and remembered favorite projects and field trips. One friend throwing “COVID” pom poms and the kids appearing on cardboard “zoom screens” got a lot of laughs- so many memories!

The fifth graders have gone on some amazing field trips. Fifth grade camp brought outdoor education, including rock climbing, creek ecosystems, shelter building and starting a fire. They sang campfire songs, got to know some new friends from Kenmore Elementary, and earned beads! for their name cookie necklaces. An overnight at Pioneer Farms gave the fifth graders the opportunity to live like pioneers, including doing farm chores and sleeping on the ground to the sound of frog choruses.