

Dear Parents,

There is a lot going on in the next two weeks. We have parent/teacher/student conferences, the continued food drive for people in our community, a virtual Open House for prospective families, Heritage projects, and a Seattle City Light zoom workshop.

It's the week before Parent/Teacher/Student conferences and we are looking forward to meeting with you and your child. The children are spending their 1-1 conference times preparing for these by setting goals and communicating how their remote learning experience has been going this fall.

Remember that the food drive is still collecting food for families in need. The St. Vincent de Paul shelves are still pretty bare and the need is high. You can drop off food at the office anytime. Please help as much as you are able. We know that they are putting together some Thanksgiving baskets so any help (food or script) would be appreciated.

Monday we are holding the first Virtual Open House for prospective families. If you know of any families who might like to check out the school be sure and spread the news to them. They can let Alicia Sullivan know that they are interested by contacting her at asullivan@stlukeshoreline.org.

The note taking for the Heritage Project should be almost finished with Tuesday November 17th being the last day to get those notes in. The children will be receiving a grade for their notes so please make sure that they either have those notes on their hyperdoc or share the written ones with us so they will get credit for them. The final project can be either a google slideshow or a trifold. We have gone over the rubric for both presentation types and that rubric can be found on the Heritage project hyperdoc and attached to this email. Please help your child understand the importance of putting the information into their own words and not plagiarize someone else's words. The final project is not due until Monday, November 30th. They will have from November 18-30th to work on these projects. The children will be given time to share their project via Zoom. The day for each child's presentation will be assigned on the weekly schedule sent out on November 20th. At this presentation, the audience will have the opportunity to ask 3 questions and give 3 compliments.

Thursday, November 19, we have the opportunity to participate in a virtual workshop sponsored by Seattle City Light. This workshop "Renewable Energy" teaches the students where their electrical energy comes from and why energy conservation is important. The class will explore the concepts of system inputs and outputs and different forms of renewable energy, with an emphasis on hydropower.

With the number of Covid cases growing, Mr. Boyle has made the decision to stop in person school masses for now. So our scheduled 3rd grade mass next Friday is cancelled. We look forward to the day when we can all gather together for mass and for school. Governor Inslee's advice for the upcoming Thanksgiving and Holiday celebrations reminds us to limit our gatherings.

All we can say is WOW!!! What a wonderful thing it is to come into school and find such wonderful notes from the children. And we are enjoying the awesome cup and sweet Starbucks drinks. Know that the love is coming right back at you!!! We are excited to be working with all of you whether it's remote or in person. We look forward to meeting with all of you in another week. If you have not signed up please do so. Thank you for your continued support. We will get through this together.

Warmly,

Valerie Sheehan and Susan Smith