

**Dear Parents,**

We hope you had as great of a time at the auction as we did! It was so much fun seeing those of you who were able to attend. Our classroom art projects were so beautiful and we heard people commenting on how well the children (and parents) had done on them. We'd like to send out a special THANK YOU to all of you who donated to our wish lists or purchased something for the classroom from our Amazon classroom wish list. The children just love the new flexible seating option and seat sack. Those books will fit in nicely with our IB units and who doesn't need watercolor paper for art!

Before leaving the topic of the auction, know that you still have an opportunity to participate by going [HERE](#) is the link. You have the chance to join a community building activity of a St. Luke/Kraken Skate Day that will take place on June 5th. You only have today by 8 pm to sign up for that and check out other fun items.

We are taking our **Spring MAPS tests this Monday through Wednesday** first thing in the morning. Please make sure your child gets a good night's rest and breakfast in the morning. We look forward to seeing all of the growth your child has made this year.

**Given our shortened week with MAPS testing and Friday off, we will not be having spelling or grammar work next week.**

Students are beginning their last writing project of the year. To go along with our current IB unit of study, students will be researching and writing an informational book about an endangered animal. We will begin by reading and finding resources to learn about our animal. Students will take notes on the kind of animal, their habitats, what they eat, why they are endangered and what can be done to help save them. This is always a fun end of the year writing project. Students may have homework to finish taking notes and drafting paragraphs as we go along.

Hope you enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Blessings,

Susan Smith and Valerie Sheehan