

Seabury Middle School
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July, 2011

Dear Middle School Parents,

We hope you have been having a fantastic summer and your students are starting to get excited for another exciting year at Seabury Middle School. We've been working hard this summer both reorganizing and cleaning up the school and planning curriculum and field studies for an excellent year.

We'd like to officially welcome our new and returning families and introduce you to(or remind you of) our staff.

Sandi Wollum- Head of School

Paul Gonzenbach- Math/ Science focus and Integrated Studies.

Tamara Ritchie- Language Arts/ Social Studies focus and Integrated Studies

Adam Brock- Technology and Integrated Arts. Adam works mornings at Seabury and afternoons at Tacoma Public Library running the Story Lab.

Halley Griffin- Administrator and Master of the Universe

We've made some changes and clarifications among the staff to help us better facilitate communication and responsibilities. Mrs. Wollum continues to lead both campuses as Head of School. Instead of a point person or director of the middle school, the responsibilities among the staff are shared equally. Subjects, events and projects will be assigned a point person. To facilitate communication for parents, we will post a weekly newsletter letting you know who the point people are for the current ongoing events.

For example:

All school forms, recommendations and other paperwork – Point person will be Halley

Fall Field Study –Point Person is Tamara

Volunteers for Back-to-School prep- Point Person is Tamara

Laptops- Point Person is Adam

School Facility- Point Person is Paul

In the case of academic subjects, the correlating teacher should be contacted with questions. For discipline issues, the teacher involved in the event will contact parents. Mrs. Wollum will be involved with more serious issues, such as when suspension may be involved.

We hope this will help facilitate communication for parents. We welcome your questions and concerns. Please check for weekly updates on our blog at <http://www.seaburymiddleschool.blogspot.com/>

In the classroom, we work toward providing each student with an education that is tailored to his or her academic needs, as well as his or her strengths. In doing so, we hope to provide your child with a solid foundation of skills from which to begin their own journey of discovery. We work to provide a stimulating, enriching, supportive environment that will encourage your child to grow academically, emotionally and socially.

Volunteer Opportunities!

As you know, being a Seabury parent requires 20 volunteer hours plus 5 additional hours for each additional student to help our school be the best it can be for your student. Prior to the start of school, we've found several ways for parents to log some hours. While we've been working hard cleaning out and reorganizing the school this summer (you can see the floor in the office!) we need help with the final push to get us ready for the start of school)

August 25-26 (Thursday and Friday) we're looking for some help with the following:

Library- re-shelving, reorganizing all the books we've been given or we've found around the school

Securing bookcases to the walls- we've moved some bookcases and they need to be secured- requires more tools than we have on hand.

Kitchen- with all the events at the MS, there is an overload of paper plates and such that need to be reorganized. There are some kitchen staples (baking products etc..) that could use someone to sort through and throw out the old, yucky stuff. The whole kitchen could use a good scrub down too.

Goodwill runs- we've cleaned out lots of stuff we don't need and we could use help getting it out of the school, either to Goodwill or to a good home. We've decided we just can't store the ping-pong table anymore- anyone know of a good home for it? It requires a truck to move.

Poster hanging- We need to take down the old stuff and put up some fresh stuff for the new year. Tamara hangs everything crookedly so please help her!

Miscellaneous- I'm sure this list will grow by then- come on by- we'll put you to work!

*If you can't make these dates-and you'd still like to help, let Tamara know. The teachers will be working right up until school starts and we can probably use help another time.

Middle School Email Addresses:

Sandi Wollum: director@seabury.org

Tamara Ritchie: tamarar@seabury.org

Paul Gonzenbach: paulg@seabury.org

Adam Brock: adamb@seabury.org

Halley Griffin: halleyg@seabury.org

Included in this packet, please find:

- Fall Field Study description/ Packing list
- Student Supply List
- Wish List
- Laptop computer specs and goals for the program

Looking forward to a great school year!

Sincerely,

Tamara, Paul, Adam and Halley

Fall Field Study Experience September 13-16, 2011

One focus in Science this year will be local ecosystems, the cycle of energy, native and invasive species and populations, especially in the Sound and other local waterways. This subject is a Washington State requirement for the graduation of Middle School.

We are fortunate to be invited to stay at the spacious cabin of the Evangelos/Sylvanus family in Packwood. Using this as our base, we'll explore the different bio-zones of the area. On Wednesday, September 14, we'll go on a hike with an educational geologist on Mt. Rainier. We'll hike the Nisqually Vista Loop Trail as we compare and contrast the different life zones of the Packwood forest to the sub-alpine zones higher on Mt. Rainier. We'll view glacial systems and discuss the plants and animals that live in these different zones.

Other days will be filled with hikes, study and group games. More details will follow after some more reconnaissance work is done!

Now, we could most certainly find all this information in texts, books, and papers...but when students engage in learning experiences that provide that same information in a dynamic, elastic learning situation, their understanding is deeper, their questions are responded to by an expert, their curiosity is peeked, and their desire to learn is heightened dramatically.

At this stage in the planning for this Field Study Experience, we have made several commitments.

1. Dates:

Tuesday, September 13– Friday, September 16

2. Accommodations:

The Evangelos/ Sylvanus cabin in Packwood.

3. Cost:

All costs associated with accommodations, food, admissions, and fuel are covered by tuition. Now that is some good news!

4. Parent Volunteers:

You as a parent can help us plan and execute this trip in a variety of ways. We'll need help with food shopping and packing. We'll need 2-3 drivers and parents who are eager to hike with us! Spots for parent chaperones are limited on this trip, so if you're interested in coming with us, please contact us as soon as possible.

We are very much looking forward to our first middle school Field Study Experience! If you have any questions, please email or call Tamara!

With anticipation,

Tamara, Paul, Adam and Halley

(See the next page for the accompanying equipment list)

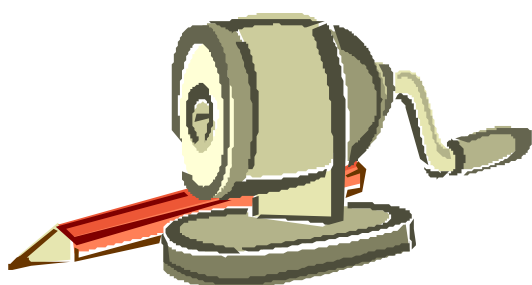
Fall Field Study Experience
Equipment List
Four days and three nights

- _____ 2 pairs of long pants (comfortable to hike in)
- _____ 2-3 warm shirts
- _____ 3 T-shirts
- _____ 1-2 pairs of shorts
- _____ 1 bathing suit (just in case!)
- _____ 4 pairs underwear
- _____ 4-5 pairs of socks
- _____ 1 pair of P.J.s
- _____ 1 sweater or warm jacket/ fleece
- _____ rain gear (jacket and pants)
- _____ 1 pair casual shoes- for around the cabin
- _____ **1 pair of well-fitting hiking boots ! (required)**
- _____ 1 baseball style cap or the equivalent
- _____ 1 warm hat
- _____ towel
- _____ 1 washcloth
- _____ toilet kit: toothbrush, **deodorant**, sunscreen, bug repellent
- _____ flashlight or headlamp (don't forget to check the batteries)
- _____ sleeping bag
- _____ day pack
- _____ water bottle
- _____ book to read

Optional

- _____ camera
- _____ binoculars
- _____ magnifying glass
- _____ star chart

_____ compass



2009-2010 MIDDLE SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

Each student should bring the following items to school on the first day of class. It's often a good idea to mark some of these items with your child's initials or name to prevent confusion. This is a guideline; feel free to substitute items based on availability.

PE clothes: gym shoes, light shorts and t-shirt (required!)

Waterproof jacket

1 laptop: please see "Laptop Specs" included in this packet

1 backpack or shoulder bag appropriate to carry the laptop

1 3-ring notebook with dividers and pen pouch (required!)

1 box of colored pencils (Prismacolor are best)-12 count

1 box of colored markers (thick or thin)-12 or more (optional)

1 sketchbook, spiral bound-8 ½" by 11" (or size closest to that)

1 zip drive, any size

A couple notes:

Students will be using electronic planners on their computers this year, so no written planner is needed.

As we'll frequently be out in the community, comfortable walking shoes are an everyday must!

Feel free to contact us with any questions.

Thank you!

Tamara, Paul, Adam and Halley

Wish List

couch covers

Big floor pillows

Vacuum cleaner

DELL

QUOTATION

QUOTE #: 591569230

Customer #: 48829606

Quote Date: 7/21/11

Date: 7/21/11 7:54:29 AM

Customer Name: NETWORK ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE

TOTAL QUOTE AMOUNT:	\$1,462.19		
Product Subtotal:	\$1,335.33		
Tax:	\$126.86		
Shipping & Handling:	\$0.00		
Shipping Method:	Next Day	Total Number of System Groups:	1

GROUP: 1	QUANTITY: 1	SYSTEM PRICE: \$1,281.34	GROUP TOTAL: \$1,281.34
Base Unit:		Dell Latitude E5420. Ships Fast, FCG3 (225-1115)	
Processor:		Intel Core i5-2520M, 2.50GHz, 3MB Cache, Dell Latitude E5420 (317-6793)	
Processor:		Intel Core i5 Processor (331-1633)	
Memory:		4.0GB, DDR3-1333MHz SDRAM, 2 DIMM, Dell Latitude (317-6239)	
Keyboard:		Internal English Keyboard, Dell Latitude E (331-1280)	
Keyboard:		Tech Setup Guide, English, Dell Latitude E5X20 (331-1369)	
Keyboard:		Cable for Internal Keyboard, Dell Latitude E5420 (331-1283)	
Keyboard:		Documentation (English/French), Dell Latitude E-Family/Mobile Precision (331-2169)	
Video Card:		Express Card, Dell Latitude E5420 (318-0668)	
Hard Drive:		320GB Hard Drive, 7200RPM, Dell Latitude E (342-2380)	
Hard Drive Controller:		Dell Touchpad with Anti-microbial protection, Dell Latitude E5420 (331-1292)	
Floppy Disk Drive:		14.0 in HD(1366x768) Anti-Glare LED-backlit, Dell Latitude E5420 (320-1927)	
Floppy Disk Drive:		LCD Cover, Dell Latitude E5420 (318-0378)	
Operating System:		Genuine Windows 7 Professional, 64-bit, No Media, Latitude, English (469-0563)	
Operating System:		Genuine Windows 7 Label, Latitude, Vostro and Mobile Precision Notebooks (330-6322)	
Operating System:		Windows 7 XP Mode,Opti/PWS/Lat/Vost (421-2262)	
Operating System:		Dell Back-up and Recovery Manager for Win7, MUI,OptiPlex, Precision, Latitude (331-3300)	
NIC:		Dell Wireless 375 Bluetooth Module, Dell Latitude E (430-3982)	
NIC:		Bluetooth Cable, Dell Latitude E5X20 (331-2148)	
Modem:		No Modem for Latitude E-Family (313-9606)	
TBU:		65W 3-Pin, AC Adapter for Latitude (331-0753)	
TBU:		US - 3 foot Flat Power Cord, Dell Latitude (330-4016)	
TBU:		Regulatory Label, Dell Latitude E5420 (331-1990)	
CD-ROM or DVD-ROM Drive:		Cyberlink Power DVD 9.5,No Media, Dell OptiPlex, Latitude and Precision Workstation (421-4370)	
CD-ROM or DVD-ROM Drive:		Roxio Creator Starter,No Media,Dell OptiPlex, Latitude and Precision Workstation (421-4539)	
CD-ROM or DVD-ROM Drive:		8X DVD+/-RW Bezel, Dell Latitude E5X20 (318-0403)	
CD-ROM or DVD-ROM Drive:		8X DVD+/-RW, Dell Latitude E (318-0373)	
Sound Card:		Dell Webcam Central Software Dell Latitude/Mobile Precision (421-1201)	
Sound Card:		Integrated webcam with single digital microphone, Dell Latitude E5420 (318-0375)	
Processor Cable:		Dell WLAN 1501 (802.11b/g/n) 1/2 MiniCard, Dell Latitude E (430-3973)	
Bundled Software:		Microsoft Office Starter 2010,OptiPlex,Precision and Latitude (421-3950)	
Bundled Software:		Microsoft Office Home and Business 2010,English,OptiPlex,Precision and Latitude (421-3954)	
Feature		6-Cell (60WH) Primary Lithium Ion Battery for Latitude (312-1151)	
Service:		Dell Limited Hardware Warranty Plus Service Extended Year(s) (934-7168)	
Service:		Dell Limited Hardware Warranty Plus Service Initial Year (929-0407)	
Service:		ProSupport: Next Business Day Limited Onsite Service After Remote Diagnosis 2 Year Extended (937-7192)	
Service:		ProSupport: Next Business Day Limited Onsite Service After Remote Diagnosis Initial Year (939-1530)	
Service:		Accidental Damage Service, 3 Year (937-7342)	

Service:	Info, Complete Care Bundle (993-3389)
Service:	Info, Complete Care (988-7689)
Service:	Thank you choosing Dell ProSupport. For tech support, visit http://support.dell.com/ProSupport or call 1-866-5 (989-3449)
Service:	ProSupport: 7x24 Technical Support, 2 Year Extended (953-6032)
Service:	ProSupport: 7x24 Technical Support, Initial (956-5310)
Installation:	Standard On-Site Installation Declined (900-9987)
Misc:	Trend Micro Worry Free Business Services, 30 Day, Dell Latitude/Mobile Precision Fast Track (410-0325)
Misc:	Energy Star Enabled/E-PEAT/Gold, Latitude E5420 (331-1434)
	Resource DVD with Drivers, Dell Latitude E5420 (331-1676)
	Ships Fast Label, Dell Latitude E5420 (FCG3) (331-2736)

SOFTWARE & ACCESSORIES

Product	Quantity	Unit Price	Total
Evo Topload Mobility Bundle - Includes 15.6" Evo Topload Bag, USB Mouse and Travel Surge Protector (A3757510)	1	\$53.99	\$53.99

Number of S & A Items: 1

S&A Total Amount:
\$53.99

COMMENTS

-DISCOUNT/COUPON APPL

SALES REP:	Bobby Gierucki	PHONE:	512-513-1838
Email Address:	robert_gierucki@dell.com	Phone Ext:	513-1838

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PLEASE NOTE

The school strongly recommends students buy one of these laptops complete with all the coverage this package includes (3 years total coverage including accidental). However, if families choose to find their own solution then these are the minimum specs we recommend:

Intel Core i5 processor or better

4.0GB RAM or more

Dedicated Graphics processor

Genuine Windows 7 Professional