
ADOPT A CLASS



Activity #1— Letters from the kids...

Well the kids at James John School have been working hard on their letters to their Adopters. It was time for the Adopters to go to their classroom to pick up their child's letter.

Wayne and I have really enjoyed reading the letters and looking at the pictures the kids had drawn from Ms. Baker's 1st Grade class that Karen Guinn at Advantage had forwarded to us, .

We have heard from a number of the Adopters that have gone to visit their classroom when picking up the letters.

One group of Adopters visited their classroom for

about 20 minutes. Their kids were anxious to impress their Adopter with their reading skills as the Adopters became involved with them. Tim Nishitani, coordinator for the Roosevelt High School class of 1966 said that "his classroom visit was rewarding. The kids were happy, bright and well mannered. It was great."

Other coordinators have made similar comments.

Now it is the Adopters turn—how exciting and fun! If possible, hand write the letters to your child and if you are up to it...draw a picture or two. These letters are due to your classroom the second week of

October. Wayne and I hope to hear from you as to how it went and any feedback that you may have.

Thank you all for your participation in the Adopt A Class program at James John Elementary.



The Children have been busy writing letters & making pictures.



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Timeline

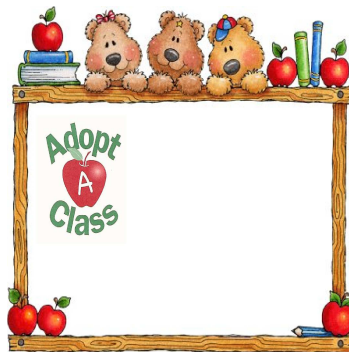
- ☺ Second Week of October: Letters from the Adopters to their child to be delivered to the classroom.
- ☺ October 18 : Grandparents and Special Friends Day at James John. Contact your teacher for more info.

"Great Ideas"

Karen Guinn's team from Advantage Sales & Marketing had taken a photo of each of their Adopters so that their child will have a picture since all Adopters are not able to attend every AAC activity.

Adopt A Class name badges

Denise from Regence has developed Adopt A Class name badges that can be printed from a Word document. If you would like to receive a copy of this, please email us at abbotresources@comcast.net or janicel@windermere.com.



A list of each Adopter from each business/organization is in a notebook that is located on a table outside of the main office.

Please remember to sign in before visiting your classroom at the next Adopt A Class activity.

We can only *Imagine*

Wayne and I are constantly amazed and filled with gratitude for all of the extra things that are being done.

THANK YOU



- ◆ The team from Regence delivered backpacks filled with school supplies to all of the children at James John elementary.
- ◆ Two anonymous Adopters purchased school supplies for their classroom.
- ◆ Fred Meyer's professional bicycle team will be working with a local North Portland bicycle event that will be held after school to talk about safety; bicycle safety, getting on and off of the bus safely.
- ◆ Hanna Anderson could not participate this year in Adopt A Class but wanted to do something so they will be donating their clothing samples to James John for the children & their families.
- ◆ Advantage Adopters showed up in their classroom with toothbrushes and toothpaste for each student. The surprise gift was well received and appreciated.
- ◆ We have a local artist & gallery owner (as well as a retired teacher) that is going to do an art project or two with her classroom.
- ◆ Another Adopter owns a quilt shop and is going to do a quilting project with her class.
- ◆ We apologize if we missed mentioning anything that you are doing with your class and/or at James John. We would love to hear about it so please let Wayne and I know.

SUN (Schools Uniting Neighborhoods)

You may have heard Wayne and I mention SUN when talking with you about other ways that the volunteers can get involved at James John.

SUN's Mission is to improve the lives of children, their families and the community through partnering with local school communities to extend the school day and develop schools as "community centers" in their

neighborhoods. SUN Community Schools strive to be a community "hub". They link with other institutions, such as the libraries, parks, area churches and businesses. If you would like to teach a cooking class, do an art project or ??? Please contact Jay Breslow at 503-283-5692 or visit the SUN website at <http://www.sunschools.org/mission.shtml>.



Needs & Wants

We can't thank everyone involved enough for participating in Adopt A Class. Because of all of you, kids/adopters/teachers, we may be adding another school sooner than we planned. If you know of any business or organization that can put together a team of 25 or more Adopters, please have them contact Janice or Wayne.

Tulip Pastry Shop

Okay, Okay. Yes the Tulip Pastry Shop has some of the best maple bars but did you know that their recipes are from scratch and that they have been in the St John's neighborhood for 60 years? On our last visit at the Tulip Pastry Shop, the owners said that they would be happy to work with any of you if you would like to do a cupcake/cake decorating project with your class...or anything else that you can come up with (w/in reason). If interested their number is 503-286-3444.

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