

Michelle Garcia Winner Social Thinking Workshop

We teachers had the pleasure of attending this workshop in Tacoma, and it was fantastic. The focus was on strategies for building social thinking in students who find social communication challenging. From the ILAUGH model to behaviour mapping, we received an overview of her approach that we hope to implement across our school days, and when working one on one with our students. We also brought back a number of resources for our professional development library, and would be happy to loan them out to interested parents.

What's Been Happening?

October was a very busy month, with lots of field trips and events. We had a great time at the UBC Farm & pumpkin patch, were challenged at WE Day, heard different authors share their writing at the Writers' Festival, and celebrated Halloween with a party! Students also began a fundraiser to help out the relief efforts in Turkey, after their earthquake.

Vow of Silence

On **November 30th**, the Red & Yellow divisions have expressed interest in participating in Free the Children's Vow of Silence. This is a fundraiser to support the rights of children around the world. Please visit <http://www.freethechildren.com/vowofsilence/> for more information. We will be preparing for this in class.

What's Coming Up?

- ◆ November Scholastic forms are due back **December 1st**.
- ◆ There will be a Pro-D Day on **Friday, November 4** for Parent/Teacher Interviews. Please book your time with Roger Brunson.
- ◆ Please note the school is closed **Friday, November 11th** for Remembrance Day.
- ◆ Our next swim date is: **Friday, November 18th**
- ◆ Red & Yellow Divisions have a biology field trip on **Wednesday, November 2nd** - they will be learning about mushrooms with a local expert.
- ◆ Picture retakes will be happening on **Friday, November 18th**. Please have children wear their uniforms.

POMS

The Parents of Magnussen School (POMS) group has met twice this year, and has been providing valuable support for the school and our community of families. If you are interested in getting involved with POMS, please contact Patti Gorman: drpatriciagorman@yahoo.com
POMS will also be drawing on our collected resources to put on informational evenings for parents who are interested. Please stay tuned for more details regarding possible dates.

One resource that we ordered from Michelle Garcia Winner was a DVD called "Strategies for Organization"- geared towards getting kids into habits of organization & homework management. This DVD is available for the POMS group as well.

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