



SACAJAWEA ELEMENTARY

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Principals Corner

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Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a restful and relaxing break with family and friends. The New Year can sometimes bring new addresses and phone numbers and this is important information for the school to know. Please take the opportunity to update phone numbers and emergency numbers, as well as those individuals that are able to pick-up your child from school. If you believe your contact numbers are not current, please take a minute to update those with the office staff.

When we return from an extended break it is always beneficial to review our standards. During the school year students will be working on the management skills of "self-managers" who "Come to school to learn and respect the rights of others." Teachers will teach and reward attainment of specific skills in their individual classroom to help students develop these behaviors. Other staff members will reinforce these procedures by following the same guidelines.

Students are to regularly demonstrate the following behaviors:

- (1) Safe: Follow school rules consistently
- (2) Respectful: Show respect for other people and property.
- (3) Responsible: Complete class assignments appropriately.

When students demonstrate the above, they will be awarded the Sacajawea Self-Manager Award and given school-wide recognition. Our students know that they are to be safe, be respectful, and be responsible.

Finally, you may have noticed that construction on our new covered outdoor gathering space that includes a photo voltaic (solar panels) started over our winter break. This space is designed to showcase energy conservation while also teaching students about the importance of water quality. Thanks to community partnerships, excellent agency relations, an outstanding Green Team at Sacajawea and the dedication and support of our district facilities department we are able to make this space a reality for our students, staff and community. What originally started off as a grant request for a simple solar photo voltaic has grown into an outdoor gathering space in which our Sacajawea community can continue their dedication to green practices and creating a culture of awareness and conservation.

Once the panel is running, our school can follow daily energy production results at: Solar4rSchools.org. This site allows our school to observe the output for each day, check on how many kilowatt-hours of electricity has been produced and discover the reduction of CO2 emissions as a result.

What is special about our array at Sacajawea is that it is covered outdoor learning space that has been provided as a result of the grant that was written. This covered array will allow better viewing of the panels by students.

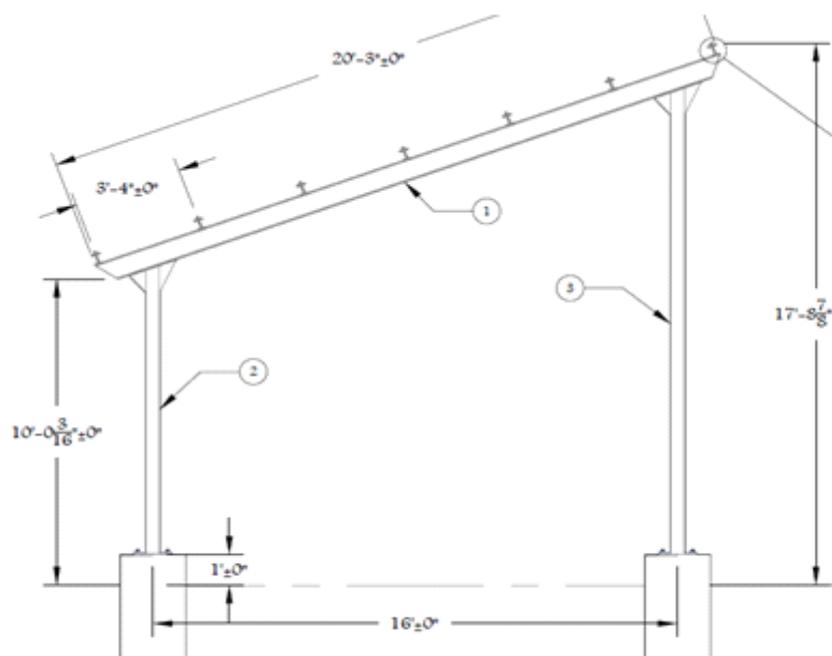
In addition to the outside array, there will be a kiosk in the building where kids can view their results from the Solar4rSchools.org website.

There is truly amazing work and great things happening each day at Sacajawea!

Your partner in learning,

Travis Bond, Principal

A covered outdoor learning environment



Creating a space designed to showcase energy conservation while learning about water quality is a great example of integrating content and real world applications.

The Solar 4R Schools™ solar panel and education package awarded to Sacajawea Elementary School is funded by the Clark Public Utilities Green Lights program. By purchasing green power, participants of the Green Lights program are helping inspire the next generation of clean energy leaders right in their community. BEF's nationally renowned Solar 4R Schools™ program transforms solar technology into a complete STEM classroom learning experience. At no cost to partner schools, their projects empower educators with an on-site solar array, connectivity to one of the most robust solar data monitoring centers on the web, renewable energy teacher training, teacher-generated classroom activities and customized science kits to augment existing science curricula. With the help of corporate, nonprofit and utility funding partners, their vision is to integrate engaging renewable energy education into every science classroom in the nation. Learn more at Solar4RSchools.org.

Construction begins winter 2013.



The Vancouver Public Schools Sustainability and Conservation Plan helps create a culture to address how our schools and our district can educate and build individual and organizational capacity in students and staff, and improve our sphere of educational influence in natural, human, and social capital.

The District initiated conservation efforts over the past several years. Our Journey took hold in June 2009 when the Board of Directors approved a Policy and Regulation supporting natural resources management and conservation. All schools embarked on establishing a school based green team. At the school level we built programs for sustainability based on the Department of Energy and Washington Green Schools philosophy for sustainable programs. Our framework for success is rooted in "Green Teams" built upon our community and school based strengths. The teams have been working diligently to identify educational opportunities and implement sustainable procedures into daily operations while cultivating a culture of conservation.

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Skyhawk Calendar

January:

- 13 - 1 Hr. Early Release
- 13 - Partnership Night BUFFALO WILD WINGS, 5-8:00PM
- 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday No School
- 21 - MLK Assembly, 2:00pm
- 24 - Family Movie Night "Monster's Univ." 6:30-8:30pm
- 27 - 1 Hr. Early Release
- 27, 28 - Jump Rope for Heart
- 29 - School in Session, Snow Make up Day

February:

- 10 - 1 Hr. Early Release
- 12 - PTA Meeting, 3:20pm
- 17 - President's Day, No School
- 20 - Family/Math Science Night 6-7:30pm
- 24 - 1 Hr. Early Release



Swim Lessons

@ JPCC

Tuesday/Thursday Lessons: Winter Session starts: January 7th.

Saturday Lessons: Winter session starts: January 25th.

Private lessons available (days and times vary.)

@Propstra

Friday lessons: Stroke Improvement & Adult Beginner, session 2 starts January 10th.

Private lessons available (days and times vary.)

For more information on all lessons visit www.vansd.org under the Events headline.

Saturday Adventure Club @JPCC

Ages: 6-13, \$25 per student, 9:00 am-3:00 p.m.

Happy Healthy New Year: January 11, 2014.

More information on JPCC web site under the "Community" tab.

Lifeguards Wanted!

Lifeguard Class

February 6-9th, 2014.

Shallow water certification, \$200.00.

Minimum age for class is 15 years old, 16 years old to be hired by the District.

Register at JPCC.

Swim Schedules

Jim Parsley Community Center is open Friday-Sunday for public swims.

Propstra Aquatic Center is open Monday-Friday for public swims.

Keep an eye out for Winter Break schedules.

See web sites under "Community" tab on www.vansd.org for schedules & events.

School Closure Information:

Please be prepared for school closures due to bad weather or other emergency situations. Depending on the circumstances, schools could be closed for one day or several days. Schools could open two hours later than usual or close earlier than scheduled.

To find out if schools are closed:

- Check "Emergency Closure Information" on the district website: www.vansd.org click on SNOWFLAKE
- Check the Flash Alert website: www.flashalert.net (select Portland/Vancouver area, then Clark County Schools, then Vancouver School District).
- Sign up for free FlashAlert text and/or email messages. You must renew this service each year. Both websites listed above will take you to the Emergency Messages page for Vancouver School District. Find "Emergency Alerts," click "Subscribe" and follow directions.
- Follow us on Facebook and Twitter to see our school closure posts: www.facebook.com/VancouverPublicSchools and <https://twitter.com/VancouverSD>.
- Listen to your local radio and television stations.
- **Call the School Closure Information Line at 313-1401.**

If schools are closed, the main school phone numbers will allow you to connect to the School Closure Information Line. The decision to close or delay the opening of school due to snow or icy roads usually is made early in the morning of that school day. If weather becomes threatening during the school day, schools may close early. If schools are closed, all after-school and evening school activities are canceled for that day.

Snow/ice routes may be used for some school bus routes. Families that would be impacted by altered bus routes will receive letters with detailed bus stop information. Snow/ice route information also will be sent to the schools affected and posted on school websites. Schools in Washington State must, by law, provide 180 days of instruction each year. These days have been designated as make-up days in case scheduled school days are canceled: January 29, June 18, June 19, and June 20, 2014. If school must be closed more than four days, additional make-up days may be added.

Sacajawea School staff strives to achieve the highest potential of its students and staff by fostering a positive learning environment. We promote dignity, compassion and self-worth in each individual.

Our students are empowered with skills necessary to become responsible, contributing citizens and lifelong learners.

~ Sacajawea Mission Statement ~

2014 Magnet Open House Events

Vancouver Public Schools feature secondary magnets and programs of choice for students in grades 6-12 who have a strong interest in a concentrated field of study. These programs are designed to help students discover their unique gifts and unleash their potential. Research shows when students are engaged in their learning, they are excited about school. Curriculum and instruction is centered on students areas of interest ensuring student competency in reading, writing, communication, and mathematics. Transportation is provided to/from the students home school/magnet site for in-district students only.

You and your student are invited to attend any or all of the Magnet Open House events listed below. All Open Houses begin at 6:30 PM.
Online magnet applications will be available on the VPS web site beginning Tuesday, January 14.

You may access more information detailed descriptions of programs by visiting <http://www.vansd.org/magnets/SecondaryPoCflyer.pdf>

Date Magnet Program Location

Jan 14 Vancouver School of Arts VSAA (Gr. 6-12)
Jan 15 International Baccalaureate CRHS (Gr. 9-12)
Jan 16 Lewis and Clark Lewis & Clark (Gr. 9-12)
Jan 21 or Vancouver iTech Prep JPCC
Feb 3 (Gr. 6-11)
Jan 22 Bay ACES (Gr. 9-12) HBHS
Jan 23 Medical Arts (Gr. 9-12) FVHS
Culinary Arts (Gr. 10-12)
Welding/Fabrication (Gr. 10-12)
Jan 29 Science-Math-Technology SVHS (Gr. 9-12)
Jim Parsley Center(JPCC) is located at 2901 Falk Rd. (entrance is off Plomondon Rd. Van.WA)

With the weather being so iffy these days, we are seeing lots of students come in to the building with wet clothes. Please make sure your students are dressed appropriately for the weather, rain or shine. Thanks

