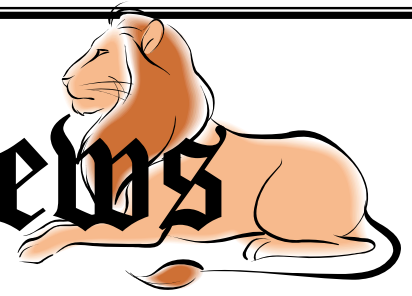


# The Mane News



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## Back to school and the historical foundation!

Hello! Welcome to FPCS's 2011-12 school year. Coincidentally, our school year is coinciding with the beginning of summer weather – a plus for recess time! I hope you have a marvelous time at Back-to-School night and are able to helpfully interact with your child's teacher. We also hope you will be able to see our new 5<sup>th</sup> grade



*Lauren Havel & Blake Heilesen in Kindergarten!*

class room and the remodeled upstairs of our South Building if you haven't already...it looks terrific!

We are delighted to provide another year of quality education for our students. We have been educating young minds for 41 years and now have several children attending of former students...isn't that fantastic! Our classical Christian educational model is a unique model in the greater Tacoma community. However, it is not a unique educational model historically. We are a part of a 500 year tradition that is time tested and foundationally sound. In fact, the roots of our model extend back some 3,000 years. Talk about rock solid! As a school, our integrated subject areas are grounded in the unchanging truths of the Chris-

tian faith. St. Augustine in the 4<sup>th</sup> century vigorously declared without hesitation that all knowledge comes from God. This means that the great classics of the past, for our students, are foundational not only for knowledge, but also for perspective and for the developing of universal values around truth, beauty, and goodness. Yes, we are working steadily on more technology enhanced classrooms. But we are consistently committed to cultivating an age appropriate fundamentally sound curriculum and environment that maximizes relationships and contributes to every student's desire to be a lifelong learner. We want to provide our students with a rock solid platform of education that will give them a sturdy foundation of

knowledge going into their middle school years. We hear accolades from former school families every year endorsing our success towards these ends. A second generation of students here at FPCS is a grand endorsement as well!

We're anticipating a wonderful school year and are delighted your child(ren) and your family are a part of our ongoing FPCS history. I hope you're looking forward to the always highly anticipated Fall

Harvest Festival in October and our Beacon in the City Fundraising Event at the beginning of Nov. as well as many other enjoyable PtC activities. Every person in our school community is crucial for making our year fabulous. As we head into autumn, the weather is now cooling... enjoy these beautiful days and the start of a new school year here at FPCS.

Blessings,  
Dr. Jim



# Calendar & Mane Events

October 2011						
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10/3-10/5  
**10/13-10/14**  
Fri 10/28  
**Mon 10/31**

School Pictures (Snyder)  
**Goal Setting Conferences - No School**  
Fall Harvest Festival  
**Professional Development Day - No School**

November 2011						
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Fri 11/4  
11/6  
Tues 11/8  
**Fri 11/11**  
11/14 – 11/18  
**11/21-11/25**  
11/23-11/25

PtC Wreath Sale  
Beacon in the City Fundraiser  
*Daylight Savings Time- Fall Back*  
PtC Family Night- RAM Takeover (tentative)  
**Veterans Day - Office Closed**  
Father's Feasts/Dad's Lunches  
**End of Trimester/Thanksgiving Break – No School**  
**Office Closed**

## FALL HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 28th 5:30 - 7:30pm at FPCS  
More info to come!

*Do not miss the dinner, games, bouncy houses, face painting, pony rides, food, fun, and so much more!*

**Get on Board!**



## All New

### Beacon in the City Dessert!

Friday, November 4th at 7pm  
Fircrest Golf Club

Cost is only \$25/person or \$40/couple  
Mark your calendars and come help raise funds for Scholarship and Financial Aid Families!  
More info to come soon!

## School Pictures Next Week!

Monday, Oct 3rd — Wednesday, Oct 5th  
Your teacher will let you know your scheduled day!



## All School Conferences

Thursday, October 13th & Friday, October 14th

Remember that there is no school during conferences. You will be asked to sign up for a conference time with your child's teacher. Sign-ups will be available in October.

This is a very important appointment for all parents and our teachers have set aside time and prepared to meet with you all. Please make arrangements to meet during the allotted time that the teachers have planned out. We do ask for Parents only at conference appointments. This is an important time for your child's teacher to share with you. Thank you!



Mrs. Clare's 4th grade class.

WELCOME BACK



## PtC

This year promises to be filled with new discoveries, adventures and laughter. The PtC (Parents that Care) Leadership Team is coming together!

Thank you to all of the parents who have graciously stepped up to take a leadership role!

As a parent with a child at FPCS, you are part of the PtC – our parent association at FPCS. We have a lot of fun activities throughout the school year and look forward to meeting new faces and getting reacquainted with friends from past years. A few of the events that PtC Sponsor include:

- Fall Harvest Festival
- Family Nights (Ram Takeover, Movie Nights, Bowling, Sock Hop)

- Pen Pal Program
- Holiday Wreath & Coffee Sale
- Plant Sale
- Book Fair
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- End of year BBQ & Field Day

Please consider where you would like to contribute your talents this school year, whether you are willing to take a “lead position” or help when/where needed. We appreciate and need your involvement in sponsoring the above events. Currently we are still in need of the following immediate and upcoming leadership positions:

- Pen Pal Co-Chair
- Auction Procurement Chair
- Auction Table Captain Chair
- Auction Ticket Sales Chair
- February Family Night (Sock Hop?) Chair

- March Family Night (Bowling?) Chair
- To learn more or volunteer, contact Diana or Jennifer or the school office to answer any of your questions. *Thank you for being a part of our great school.*

Your NEW PtC Co-Chairs,

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**Each of us** should use whatever **gift** she/he has received to **serve** each other, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.

1 Peter 4:10



Thank you for your first day of school pics!

## Specialist Spotlight

Monthly feature: PE with Mrs. Hogan

Welcome Back! I am so excited to be with all your kids again! As your students fill the gym I also want to extend an invitation to parents to feel free to join us anytime. We start off the year with some of my favorite and hopefully the student’s favorite games and activities. We will be playing FPCS handball with the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders, a homemade version of soccer using hands instead of feet. It is a great team building game to start the year teaching the kids to work together (requires passing before you can score), throwing and catching skills, and a great vehicle to work on sportsmanship right off the bat. The kindergartners through second graders will be playing indoor soccer. Developing kicking, dribbling, and passing skills. I love the younger kids learning how to be great team players, encourage their team mates, and the appropriate response to winning and losing through such a fast-paced game.

**Please, Please, Please send your students to school in sneakers on Mondays and Wednesdays** (just Wednesdays for the Kindergartners) . They should also have on pants or shorts. They will be safer and play better when dressed appropriately for PE. If your child cannot participate in PE because of an injury or an illness please send a note or tell the classroom teacher when dropping off.

Thanks so much for trusting me with your students each week. I am hoping that they can’t wait to get to the gym on Mondays and Wednesdays. If you have any questions or concerns regarding PE please feel free to contact me.

## FPCS Classifieds

*More of the what, when, where and the needs-to-know...*

# THANK YOU!

Thank you Spencer Construction for a fabulous job on our summer addition project! The new classroom is beautiful and was finished just in time for the start of another great school year! Thank you for your hard work and speedy job. Your commitment is commendable!



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**Helping build your dreams.**

### October Hot Lunch Menu:

Oct 6: Chicken Strips and Tater Tots

Oct 13: Spaghetti with Meat Sauce

Oct 20: Chicken Noodle Soup

Oct 27: Turkey with Mashed Potatoes

### Upcoming School Closures

10/13-10/14: All School Conferences

10/31: No School

11/11: Veterans Day

11/21-11/25: Thanksgiving Break

### FPCS Prayer Group

Did you know that a group of FPCS parents meet every Monday morning from 8:45 - 9:10 to pray for the specific needs of the school? We meet in the blue room and children are invited to play while we pray. Please join us!

Any questions, contact Rachel Boville at [rboville@yahoo.com](mailto:rboville@yahoo.com) or 759-0921.

### Computer Monitor?

Do you have a computer monitor that you no longer use? The school office is in need of a working computer monitor. Please call the school office at 253-272-7145 if you can make this donation. Thanks!



Mothering changes everything. (Mothers of Preschoolers) is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, and making connections through relationships, resources, creative activities, and food. It is for mothers with children ages 0-Kindergarten. Children are cared for in a parallel program called MOPPETS.

*Come join us!*

MOPS meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month September through May at 9:00am – 11:00am. We meet at Tacoma 1<sup>st</sup> Pres. Church in the South Chapel.

For more info contact **Lynn Peterson** at 253-820-8464 or **Laurel Juergens** at 360-259-0291  
check out our website and register at [www.firstpresmops.org](http://www.firstpresmops.org).

#### Yard Sale

Saturday, October 15th  
8am-2pm (rain or shine)

First Presbyterian Church  
South Chapel

Donation times:  
Friday, 10/14 from 8:30-2pm

### New to SCRIP:

**Fred Meyer  
Metropolitan Market  
Best Loved Baby**

Ready for purchase in the school office or watch for a SCRIP booth the 1st Wednesday of the month at pickup times!

## Happenings at the Church...



Join us for Wednesday Night Dinners and Bible Studies!

It all begins at 6pm

\$5 per person/ \$15 per family for dinner



## GREAT TRUTHS FROM THE GREAT BOOKS



*Wednesday Nights @ 7:00 pm, FPC Tacoma*

*Explore the spiritual meaning of some of the world's greatest books in this special series of talks and discussions in October and November. Whether you've read these books or not, come for some wonderful heart and mind-growing discussions. Meets in South Chapel at 7:00 pm on Wednesday nights.*

October 5th: Lord of the Rings

October 12th: Jane Eyre

October 26th: Phantastes

November 2nd: The Count of Monte Cristo

November 9th: The Unbearable Lightness of Being

November 16th: The Merchant of Venice

November 30th: The Confessions of St. Augustine