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Ice Cream Social

It's Ice Cream Social time again for those youth who sold 120 units of candy or more!

This year's event will be held Thursday, April 28th at 7p.m., at Kamiakin Jr. High in Kirkland.

This is just a small way for the East Branch to say thank you to the parents and children who went all out for the Candy Fundraiser. We couldn't have done it without you!



Redmond Chamber Visits Camp Fire USA

On February 11th, the East Branch Office staff hosted a Chamber of Commerce Networking event before work from 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Karen Aoyama, Program Director from the Council office, introduced the fifteen Redmond area business owners to Camp Fire's programs and recent achievements.

Not only did several of the local merchants take information about programs such as Community Family Club, Camp Sealth, Environmental Education, and YVC, but some also bought Camp Fire Candy (our Candy Fundraiser was in full swing, so of course we provided samples, right along with breakfast).

We also made an exciting connection with an aikido studio for future self-defense programming, found several new volunteers, and received an offer of three months free advertising from Digital Media Group, Inc.!

Daring Explorers

Daring Explorers is meeting at the East Branch office on April 5th at 7 p.m. The group will be discussing the April adventure and the summer river rafting trip.

For more information, or to R.S.V.P. for the meeting, contact our East Branch Office at 425 885 0477, or Darlene and Robert Connor via email at robert@jedd.com.

Any and all teens are welcome to attend!



A Bavarian Adventure in Leavenworth

The Kwo-nee-shee Horizon group from Sammamish took a Bavarian getaway to Leavenworth at the end of January. Five girls and their moms spent Friday through Sunday at a member family's cabin in Plain, WA. They had planned some outdoor snow activities, but the weather did not cooperate. Even though there was very little snow, it did not dampen their spirits or curtail their adventures. The girls spent Friday night planning a four course Bavarian meal they would be creating the next evening to earn part of the cooking Torch Bearer emblem. The moms spent the evening talking and knitting. On Saturday everyone drove into Leavenworth to shop for special mementos of the trip. Upon returning to the cabin, the girls began cooking the meal and setting a beautiful table. They capped off the evening with a rousing game of Bunco complete with prizes from their afternoon shopping trip.

Local Library Happenings

Early Literacy is defined as "what children need to know about reading and writing before they can actually read and write." The Ready to Read program at the King County Library System is designed to help parents and caregivers give their preschool-aged youth the necessary experiences with books and stories.

Parents of preschoolers can help prepare their children for reading by emphasizing the six early literacy skills: print awareness, print motivation, vocabulary, narrative skills, letter awareness, and phonological awareness.

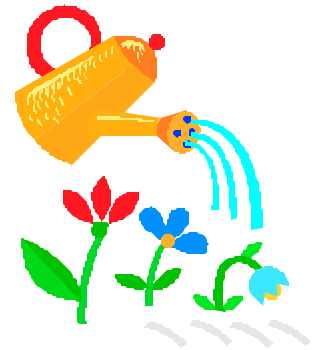


If you have a preschooler, or are preparing for a service project with preschoolers, visit www.kcls.org/readytoread for more information about these six skills, and the Ready to Read program at the King County Library System.

Spring Projects and Field Trips

A field trip can be a great learning experience for your group. With a new group, start out with short, local destinations. Explore your neighborhood. Find out what businesses or services are in your area. A young group can start with the library. Discover the many activities the library offers and apply for their first library cards.

With spring just around the corner, now is the time to start thinking about planting flowers. Adopting a park, school yard, a nursing home, church, or even an elderly neighbor's yard is a great service project. Take a field trip to a local nursery to see what is available for spring planting. This project can also include learning about the cost of plants, whether annuals or perennials are the better buy, finding out what plants do well in our area, and where to plant them. Maybe one of the group's parents is an avid gardener and would be an adviser for the project. This is an activity that will bring color and smiles to everyone as the flowers bloom.




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