



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI SCHOOL

Principal's Letter March 26, 2010

Dear Family,

We truly did *Paint the Town Red* on Friday and Saturday night, and, while final numbers are not in yet, we do know that we raised \$60,000 for the Funded Item and that there is a potential of \$9,000 more in matching funds from local businesses and Puget Sound Energy. What does this mean for the school? We can replace the windows on the west side, and possibly the east side. Water fountains will be ordered on Monday, and we will be looking into a gate for the stage in the auditorium, a requirement of the Fire Department. As we upgrade the school building we will be enhancing the environment for our staff and students and creating a more energy-efficient campus which will, in turn, reduce heating costs. It is exciting to start ticking off some of the items that have been addressed in the school's Five Year Plan, such as "...continuing to support a safe, secure and healthy environment" (water fountains and gate) and "embracing globally-sustainable standards" (energy-saving improvements such as new windows).

But the auction is more than the money we raised. It is a coming-together of the St. Francis community and a celebration of all the fine things that St. Francis of Assisi School has to offer. It is the recognition of the effectiveness of the parent-staff partnership that creates an environment which fosters the formation and education of the whole child. It is also a reflection of the wider parish support through the leadership of Father Hayatsu. We are fortunate to have a priest who recognizes the value of the parish school.

Leadership is key to a successful auction. When Jim and Mindy came to St. Francis, Jim said proudly that Mindy would be a great asset because she was such an organizer. Little did he know that I have a file I keep with just this kind of info-who does plumbing, who paints, who's a carpenter, and WHO'S AN ORGANIZER!! (Small wonder that, just one year later, I asked Mindy and Jim to run the auction). The McCleans had tremendous support from Val and Dominic Stordahl who, as previous auction co-chairs, showed them the ropes and helped with the organization. The auction team is so strong, and their positive energy was a major component of the auction's success.

Thank you, thank you, thank you, to the auction team and to all of the generous parents, parishioners, neighbors and friends who helped to support the St. Francis of Assisi Auction!



Have a Great Weekend,

Sheila

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