



Eagle News

Anderson Island Elementary

April 18, 2025

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

It's been a great start to our first week back from break! The students didn't miss a beat and came back rested and ready to keep the momentum going in the classroom. It was a nice break, but there's something special about getting back to work with these amazing kids. The beautiful weather this week certainly made the transition a lot easier, and we're hoping it sticks around a bit longer.

We're in the middle of Inventor's Month and will continue exploring this exciting topic next week. We also have a fun Field Trip to the Point Defiance Zoo coming up on Thursday, April 24th. Then, on Friday, April 25th, we'll celebrate Ms. Alaina's birthday! Until then, I hope you all have a fantastic weekend. Get some rest, keep reading, and have a Happy Easter weekend. See you all next week!

Mr. Miller



Fieldtrip

Thursday, April 24

Extended School Day

4/1-30 Inventor's Month

4/22 Earth Day

4/21-25 Volunteer Appreciation

4/24 Point Defiance Zoo Fieldtrip

4/30 Inventors Night 5 p.m.

5/5-9 Staff Appreciation Week

5/10 Around the Lake Fun Run

5/23 Snow Day

5/26 No School

6/12 End of Year Celebration 5 p.m.

6/13 Field Day Half Day 11:30 Dismissal



News from the Classroom

Wednesday marked the 140th day of school, which means we only have 40 school days left this school year. I can hardly believe it! I'm never ready for them to move up to the next grade. However, this group is so prepared! Everyone has worked incredibly hard and has made exceptional academic, social, and emotional growth. I could not be more proud!

In April, we are focusing on learning about inventors, inventions, and creating our own (or modified) inventions. This week, we learned about the Wright Brothers and the history of aviation. We also had our first SCAMPER lesson and task. SCAMPER is a technique for flexible thinking and got us thinking about how we can modify an existing invention to meet a new need. Ask your student to explain SCAMBER:)

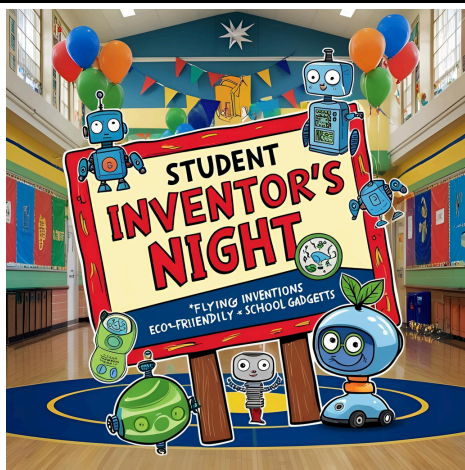
Next Thursday, April 24, we are off to the zoo. So far, the weather looks great, so please dress accordingly, wear good walking shoes, and pack a water bottle.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Cunningham

Thank you Volunteers of the Year
Buela Robb & Virginia Cummings
for inspiring our student artists!

THANK
YOU!



Inventor's Night

Wednesday, April 30

5 p.m.

Come see the innovative ideas our student's have to make the world a better place.

The Summer Slide

aka knowledge falling out of our heads!

Mrs. Ballou



During library the students and I had a wonderful conversation about keeping what we've learned in our brains. I talked about studies that show doing a little bit of reading throughout the summer has been proven to help keep the information they have already learned, learn new things, AND keep their brain ready to learn when they return to school in the fall. We also discussed how chores help your child learn to care for themselves and others and that is important too! When your parents ask you to clean up, maybe they should try saying "thank you for caring about my brain" instead of groans (let me know if it works!).

Students discussed what they want to learn between now and the end of school and over the summer. The conversation turned to what they are most proud of learning this year. Hearing them discuss their learning and hopes for future learning was so moving.

Here are some ideas that they came up with to "keep the learning inside"

- Keep reading
- Ask siblings/parents to make quizzes or ask them random math facts (they have been working hard to learn them and don't want them to fall out)
- Limit their screen time (they said this out loud in front of everyone!!)
- Exercise with nature walks and playing outside
- Students wanted to make a calendar that they could use to document their learning over the summer and I will be working with them on this.

Staff shared their favorite tips

- Write a story together
- Follow your child's interest and help them learn more about it, hands-on if possible.

Our students would like to learn more about snakes, soccer, how pin ball machines work, drawing animals and manga, Egyption/Roman/Greek mythology, other countries, improving focus and my favorite, how unimorns make rainbows.

If you have any books or information to share about these subjects, please consider volunteering or donating materials.

Additional Articles <https://www.scholastic.com/parents/books-and-reading/raise-a-reader-blog/summer-slide.html>
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— HAPPY —
Retirement
Mr. Rob, our excellent bus driver, is retiring. We are delighted for him to enjoy some much-deserved rest and relaxation and will miss all he does for our island kids, getting them to and from school and ferries safely each day, celebrating birthdays, and finding forgotten treasures, aka lunches :)
Best Wishes, Mr. Rob



Anderson Island Elementary Booster Club



Fun Run/WALK

AROUND THE LAKE 5K RUN / WALK SATURDAY MAY 10, 2025

Event Details

9:00–9:30 a.m. Registration Nelson's Corner
10305 Eckenstam Johnson Rd
9:30 a.m. Start

Finish line fun at Anderson Island Coffee Shop
Awards when the last people finish or 11 am
The event will be held rain or shine.

Registration 9–9:30 a.m.

Adults \$20

Under 18 \$5

Cash or check payable to AIEBC

Top Finisher Awards
Goodie bags for all participants

Registration

9:00 AM

Start Time

9:30 AM

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month of the military child SPIRIT WEEK

April 2025

monday april 21	STARS, STRIPES AND SPARKLES any or all – the more the merrier
tuesday april 22	PURPLE UP wear purple – the official color of the month of the military child
wednesday april 23	SUPER HERO military families are super heroes! wear your favorite super hero costume
thursday april 24	MILITARY KIDS SERVE, TOO! wear camouflage
friday april 25	PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN wear red, white, and blue

Creative Curiosity Commons

a curiosity-led learning experience for all ages

Sunday, April 27th

3:30pm at the AL Community Center

this event is free and open to all islanders



learn more at:
curiositycoop.com

What to expect:

3:30 - 3:45

Grab a potluck appetizer and mingle for a bit

3:45 - 5:15 -

All-Ages Activities and Discussions (Scheduled or Freeform)

5:15 - 5:30

We'll end with a 15-minute reflection on what surprised and/or delighted us about the experience.



Calling all Anderson Island families!

Bring your kids and yourself to a family friendly time at our second intergenerational event. At the first pop-up Commons back in February, kids and families had fun baking cookies, making art, playing board games, and at the Lego table. This time we have a creative hands-on building challenge and lots of magazines for collage making and games. We will end with the Anderson Island Song that the kids from school all know!

Bring a fun appetizer or snack for the potluck, and your creative, curious self!

Local Food Community Discussion Continued (4:00 - 5:00pm)

Our last event yielded many community food-related interests for us to dive into!!

- **EXPLORE: (20 min).** Join this mini visioning session to brainstorm what a local food community could look like on Anderson Island and how it could support our diverse, yet overlapping interests.
- **PLAN: What's Next? (20 min).** We'll break up to discuss next steps for each idea.
- **SHARE: What's Next and Bounty (20 min).** We'll share outcomes, next steps, and some of our bounty. Bring something you want to offer others in the community - extra seeds or starts from your spring planting, homemade preserves, a recipe, something fresh from the land, or anything in between!

All-Ages Freeform Activities:

- **Collage Art** - Dive into creative art making at a table full of magazines, glue sticks and paper.
- **Organic Architecture Challenge** - Using spaghetti noodles and mini-marshmallows, how high a structure can you build?
- **Music:** Bring an instrument and/or your voice and learn The Island Song with Kitt Bender and friends - we'll all sing it at the end of the event!
- **Games:** For the young and young at heart, bring a game or build something from the Lego table.
- **Community Support:** Want to share info about a service or upcoming community event or activity? Bring a flyer to add to our community board.
- **Future Commons Topics:** What do you want to learn? What knowledge or skills do you want to share? This event is for YOU to bring your interests...and we're happy to carve out space for that!