

# Spotlight Newsletter

CHAPMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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# Principal's Message

This is the time of year when holidays, parties, and other special events seem to crowd our calendar. I love that the busyness of the season starts off with Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on the many gifts we have. I am personally grateful for everyone in the Chapman community. The incredible support that you show our staff and students amazes me, from the commitment our volunteers make to giving of their time, the bountiful generosity shown at the SwiftGatsby auction, to the myriad ways that families nurture their children's education at home. Thank you for all that you do to make Chapman the vibrant community that it is and for entrusting your children to our care each and every day of school. I hope you have a safe and wonderful holiday, filled with love and gratitude.

Speaking of gratitude, a huge thank you to the Friends of Chapman Auction Committee! Friday's event was magnificent, definitely a night to remember. Thank you to all of the parents and staff who supported Chapman by volunteering, donating, and bidding on the exciting auction items. Congratulations to Hannah Delaney for winning the Treat the Teach prize!

## **Visiting Chapman**

Our community is better when you are involved! Parents and other visitors are always welcome at Chapman. Please enter through the front door and sign in with Janel at the main office (office hours are 7:30-3:30). If you are visiting a classroom, teachers should have 24 hours notice.

#### **School Attendance**

We work very hard to ensure that your child receives the best education possible. We cannot do that if your child is not in school — on time, every day, when your child is healthy. Our teachers work hard to create powerful and unique learning opportunities that can not be replicated when your child returns. Please help us to provide the outstanding education your child deserves.

Pamela Van Der Wolf, Principal

# **Upcoming Events**

## Community Event - Learn about Chapman's recently restored WPA Wood Mural, Dec. 1st 6-8pm

As many of you know, the Chapman PTA was awarded generous grants last Spring to restore the WPA wood mural that surrounds the auditorium in the front lobby of Chapman. We are hosting a community educational event for anyone interested in learning more about this project, the artist Aimee Gorham, the restoration process and the WPA (the New Deal program that employed millions of Americans during the Great Depression). This free event is funded by an educational grant from Neighbors West Northwest and we hope to see you there! You will also get a first glimpse of the new wood marquetry auditorium sign and new educational panels that will permanently accompany the mural to provide information about this important historical piece. Although the presentations at the event are geared more towards an adult audience, there will be childcare (for children ages 3+ that are potty-trained) with child-friendly activities held in the art room. Please RSVP to rosieplatt@gmail.com if you plan to use the childcare, so we have an idea of numbers.

Also, please share this invitation with art history lovers! Contact Rosie Platt, rosieplatt@gmail.com, with questions.

Warm Regards, Rosie Platt

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