

# TOPS Thursday Go-Home

## February 26<sup>th</sup>

### *Spring for TOPS!*

The **TOPS Auction** will happen on **May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. See the attached flyers for the details, but we all know

the *big picture*: **Procure, Volunteer and Underwrite (and then Procure some more!)**:

**Procure** – Talk to Pam Copeland for ideas: [jimpamandsophia@comcast.net](mailto:jimpamandsophia@comcast.net) or 264-1850

**Volunteer** – Talk to Beth Eagen: [b\\_eagen@hotmail.com](mailto:b_eagen@hotmail.com) or 723-5149

**Underwrite** – Talk to Jamie Flaxman: [jamieandsam@earthlink.net](mailto:jamieandsam@earthlink.net) or 286-1295

If you didn't receive an auction packet, contact Janet Morrison. You can also download extra donation forms and a copy of the procurement letter at <http://www.topsk8.org/helping/auction/>

The competition is bound to be tough this year for desirable donations like restaurant gift certificates so please try to get out there early to the businesses you support and ask them to ***Spring for TOPS!***

### Early Dismissal and Attendance

School will end at 1:20 on Wednesday March 4<sup>th</sup> for professional development. On another note, we have entered peak cold and flu season. Encourage your kids to wash their hands often! If all efforts fail and your student needs to miss school, be sure to inform Michele Lamb in the office: 252-3518 or [blamb@seattleschools.org](mailto:blamb@seattleschools.org).

### TOPS Movie Night

Friday February 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00-9:00 pm -- TOPS Movie Night presents *Sentenced Home* -- See the attached flyer for all of the details. Call early to reserve childcare (ages four and up).

### Book Fair - March 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>

Don't miss the 2nd Annual TOPS Book Fair. We are partnering with Secret Garden Bookstore once again to buy books for ourselves & TOPS! We earned over \$1200 last year for teachers and the TOPS Library. Mark the dates on your calendar and join us on Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> or at the **TASTE of TOPS Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**. See the attached flyer and if you'd like to help - contact Susan at [susan.welch1@comcast.net](mailto:susan.welch1@comcast.net).

## Yearbooks Still Available Online

Go to the TOPS website and click on the link to order your yearbook now! Books are now \$22. Order your book now to ensure a copy. Personalization is no longer available. You can also order by going to [www.jostensyearbooks.com](http://www.jostensyearbooks.com) and following the links to TOPS. If you have questions, contact Catrice Dennis or Colette Hubbard at [chubbard@seattleschools.org](mailto:chubbard@seattleschools.org) or 252-3513.

## Middle School Sports

TOPS Middle School students can participate in four different team sports this spring. All participants need to have a Seattle School District Athletic Registration and Physical Form on file. You can pick up a form in the office, from Don or download it at: [www.seattleschools.org/area/athletics/regform.PDF](http://www.seattleschools.org/area/athletics/regform.PDF). Players who wish to use the activity bus need to complete the transportation form and return it to the main office a week prior to using the bus. Students should come prepared with the correct clothes and water and snacks as *students are not allowed to leave campus to go to the store before practice*. Contact the individual coaches with any questions or for more details.

**Soccer (Boys):** The soccer team is coached by Daniel Humes, [snowduc@aol.com](mailto:snowduc@aol.com) or 206-683-9563. Practices are on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00 pm beginning Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come prepared with soccer shoes, shin guards covered with soccer socks, water and after school snacks.

**Volleyball (Girls):** The Girls' Volleyball team is coached by Thea Yeannakis, [thea\\_@hotmail.com](mailto:thea_@hotmail.com) or 206-713-8518. Practices are on Tuesdays from 4:30-6:00 and Thursdays from 3:30 – 5:00 pm beginning Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Players should come prepared with shorts, knee pads, water and after school snacks. On Tuesdays, students should go to study table until practice begins.

**Track & Conditioning (Co-ed):** Coaches are Eric Herdon [elherndon@seattleschools.org](mailto:elherndon@seattleschools.org) and Annie Barrett, [annie@artistrep.com](mailto:annie@artistrep.com) or 206-722-2277. Practice is on Tuesday and Friday afternoons from 3:20pm - 4:20 pm beginning Tuesday, March 3. Workouts will be mostly on TOPS grounds and occasionally Montlake field. We will do deliberate but gentle conditioning to get in shape: running, sprinting, circuit runs.

Track meets are 2:30pm on Fridays at Ingraham High School - Transportation to meets is arranged by parents and coaches. Student athletes must arrange own ride home. Coaches and parents will try to help coordinate carpooling after meets.

### Dates of Meets:

April 17, 24, May 1

May 8<sup>th</sup> - Qualifying meet with north end middle schools:

May 14<sup>th</sup> - Metro Festival (all Seattle middle schools)

**Ultimate Frisbee (Co-ed):** Spring Frisbee practices will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3:30 to 4:45 and is open to all middle school students whether you want to play league or not. Games will be March 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> and May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Those students who wish to participate in the DiscNW sponsored league will need to sign the DiscNW waiver form found at [DiscNW.org](http://DiscNW.org). There is also a league registration fee of \$15.00 per player to be paid to Don since this is not a Seattle School District sponsored event.

***Important!*** Due to Don's Saturday responsibilities managing the TOPS gym for volleyball, I desperately need volunteer coaches for the games and Wednesday practices in order for this to work. Please contact Don @ [dwzemke@seattleschools.org](mailto:dwzemke@seattleschools.org) or 206-252-3516.

## **Climb to the TOP for Mikael!**

See the attached flyer about how to climb the Columbia Tower and contribute to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of TOPS grad (and Maria's brother) Mikael Perla. You can register to join the TOPS team until March 16<sup>th</sup>. "TOPS to the Top" has already collected over \$4,000 in donations! The Perlas have started a blog at Caring Bridge, a website that allows people to communicate with their friends and families without duplicating messages. You can send a message to the Perlas there, as well as reading about Mikael's progress: [caringbridge.com/visit/mikaelperla](http://caringbridge.com/visit/mikaelperla) .

## **Camps, Spring and Summer**

Eric Herndon is offering his popular basketball and interactive gaming camp over spring break. See the attached flyer for details.

And TOPS Middle School Art Teacher, Luzita Roll is offering her popular Art4Kids camp again this summer. This year will be four weeks from 6/22/09 to 7/17/09, covering Fused Glass, Ceramics, Block Printing, Silk Screening, "Shoe" Sculpture, Masks, Kites and Hand Painting. For all of the details, pick up a flyer in the office or go to [art4kidsnw.com](http://art4kidsnw.com) . Sign up early to ensure a space.

## **Got Shirts?**

Luzita needs more middle school painting smocks, please send in any old large or extra large t-shirts you have lying around. Thank you!

## **Site Council News**

It's time to start thinking about representatives for next year. Are you considering a run for office? Come to a meeting and check it out. Site Council meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 5-7 in the library. The March meeting will be held on the 11<sup>th</sup>. All TOPS Community members are always welcome to come to the meetings and provide input.

## Dates to Note

- Feb.** 27<sup>th</sup> Movie Night *Sentenced Home* 6:00-9:00 in the Library
- March** 3<sup>rd</sup> Prospective Parent Tours (New Date):  
Middle School, 8:30-9:30 Meet in the Library  
Elementary School, 9:30-10:30, Meet in the Lunchroom
- 4<sup>th</sup> **Two Hour Early Dismissal** – Professional Development
- 11<sup>th</sup> Site Council Meeting 5-7 in the Library
- 13<sup>th</sup> TOPICS
- 13<sup>th</sup> Middle School Dance
- 18-19 Book Fair in the TOPS Library
- 19<sup>th</sup> Taste of TOPS 6:00-9:00 (note time change from last year)
- 20<sup>th</sup> **NO SCHOOL** – Professional Development
- 25<sup>th</sup> Young Authors Celebration
- 27<sup>th</sup> Kindergarten ABC Party
- 27<sup>th</sup> TOPICS

### **Save the Dates:**

- April 18<sup>th</sup> Landscaping Work Party
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> *Spring for TOPS* Auction

# TOPS SPRING BREAK 09

March 30<sup>th</sup> -April 3<sup>rd</sup>

## BASKETBALL CAMP 2009 *and* INTERACTIVE GAMING CAMPS

With TOPS P.E. teacher, basketball coach and gaming enthusiast Eric Herndon. The basketball camp will focus on basketball fundamentals, passing, shooting and dribbling, as well as team offensive and defensive techniques. The gaming camp will include gym activities combined with gaming on the Wii, X-Box and Playstation. Space is limited.

COST: \$100.00 Per session. 1<sup>st</sup> grade through 6<sup>th</sup> grade

TIME: Session #1: **Basketball** 9:00am to 12:00pm

Session #2: **Gym Activities and Gaming** 12:30pm to 3:30pm

LOCATION: TOPS Gym – 2500 Franklin Ave., E. (206) 252-3516

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## REGISTRATION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM

Please return no later than March 20th

Campers Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Session #1 AM Basketball \_\_\_\_\_ Session #2 PM Gaming \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size: Youth M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ Adult S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_

I verify that my child has been checked by a licensed physician and is physically able to participate in Eric Herndon's summer basketball camp. I hereby authorize Eric Herndon to act for me in his best judgment in any emergency requiring medical attention.

Participants assume all risks associated with normal participation in the camp, including those inherent in the game of basketball.

Parent/ Guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Past or present health problems or injuries \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current medications \_\_\_\_\_

Health insurance carrier \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form and payment to Eric Herndon @TOPS or 910 N. 195<sup>th</sup> St., Shoreline WA 98133 (206)252-3516

# **THE BIG CLIMB** March 22<sup>nd</sup> 2009

## **TOPS TO THE TOP**

The Big Climb is a stairclimb up the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle. Our team will all run/walk up the 69 flights of stairs. While we welcome the challenge, we are doing this to fight blood cancers. All proceeds benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

We are doing this in honor of Mikael Perla who is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader. He and his family are well known and loved in the TOPS community. Mikael was diagnosed with leukemia in the beginning of January.

### **You can support us by:**

#### **JOINING THE CLIMB**

The cost is \$25 per person. Climbers over 21 years old must raise an additional \$50. Registration Deadline is 3/16.

#### **DONATING TO THE TEAM**

We are all trying to raise funds to support the leukemia/lymphoma society. Please make a donation online.

#### **SUPPORTING A CLIMBER**

Not everyone who wants to climb can afford to pay \$25. Do you want to support a student? Please let Nina know!

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AT: [www.bigclimb.org](http://www.bigclimb.org)

- Click on: *join a team*
- Enter our team name: *TOPS to the Top*
- Register! –don't forget to enter our team discount code:
  - *TOPs* (It is case sensitive. Make sure to use the little 's')
- Donate! Choose a participant and donate online!

Contact Nina Binder ([nlbinder@seattleschools.org](mailto:nlbinder@seattleschools.org)) for more information

**TENTH ANNUAL TASTE OF TOPS AND TALENT SHOWCASE**  
**OUR THEME WILL HONOR THE CULTURE OF CHINA**  
**THURSDAY, MARCH 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2009**  
**6:00-9:00 PM**

Potluck dinner 6:00-7:30 PM TOPS cafeteria

Student Talent Showcase 7:30-8:30 PM TOPS gym

Events to entertain and educate about China will happen throughout the evening

- Chinese music and performance including the Lion Dance
- Chinese arts and crafts including calligraphy
- Participate in a social justice project benefiting children in China

The Taste of TOPS is an all school multicultural celebration, family potluck and talent showcase. We will have the opportunity to share a part of us that makes us who we are through the foods we love. **Please bring a dish to share from your family's cultural heritage.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

This years' theme honors China if you would like to contribute or volunteer please contact: Lynne Goodrich (206) 725-6656 or goodrich\_yas@msn.com

**TALENT SHOWCASE**

For more information regarding the Talent Showcase please contact:

Keith Toussaint (206) 322-6374 or toussaint@msn.com

Don Zemke (206) 252-3516 or dwzemke@seattleschools.org

The Taste of TOPS flyers are available in Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Somali, Tagalog, and Tigrigna in the TOPS office or by request.

This event is sponsored by the CSJ, Coalition for Social Justice.

**CALLING ON STUDENTS!**

**DO YOU HAVE A TALENT YOU'D LIKE TO SHARE?**

**SIGN UP FOR THE TASTE OF TOPS TALENT SHOWCASE**

**ONLY 10 SHOWCASE SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE**

**PLEASE LIMIT YOUR PERFORMANCE TO 2 MINUTES**

Student name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Talent \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO THE TOPS OFFICE BY**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 16<sup>TH</sup> 2009**

# SPRING FOR TOPS!

**Auction 2009**  
Saturday, May 2, 2009  
Asian Resource Center

Spring into action and start procuring today! We're looking for items worth **\$50** or more and procuring them for the auction is easier than you'd think. All it takes is a few quick conversations with people who can donate a product or service to the auction. You'd be surprised how often people happily contribute. Simply follow this step-by-step guide:

**STEP 1:** Inventory your own resources.

**STEP 2:** Think about the businesses you frequent and the organizations you belong to.

**STEP 3:** Identify the items you want to procure. Hot procurement items include restaurant gift certificates, sports tickets, getaways, boat trips, retail gift certificates, camps, special dinners and lessons.

**STEP 4:** Check the TOPS auction website to see which businesses have already donated items or services to make sure there isn't too much overlap.

**STEP 5:** Approach the businesses you've identified. Visiting in person always helps: Introduce yourself as a family of TOPS and provide them with a copy of the procurement letter you received in your auction packet. Tell them that TOPS school needs their support and ask, "Can your business support our school through a donation to our spring auction?"

**STEP 6:** Turn in donation forms to the TOPS office by **April 6<sup>th</sup>**. **Be sure that the donation forms are completely filled out!** If possible, turn in the donation item with the form. Otherwise, items can be delivered to the office as late as April 24<sup>th</sup>. Perishable, large or otherwise fragile items can be delivered to the auction site by 10:30 am on May 2<sup>nd</sup> – the day of the auction.

Questions? **Check out the auction web site at <http://www.topsk8.org/helping/auction/>** or contact members of the Auction Committee.

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	Ellen Levi	<a href="mailto:elevi@comcast.net">elevi@comcast.net</a>	282-5596
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# Looking for a fun and easy way to donate to the **TOPS Auction?**

## Host a TOPICS for Grown-Ups Party!

These are fun social events hosted by TOPS families. The host chooses a theme, a date, how many guests they would like to have, and how much to charge per person. The sign up fee usually ranges anywhere from \$20 to \$100 per person, depending on what you feel the value of your Topic is worth. At the auction, guests sign up to attend the party until the party is full. Many people join with two or three other families to host a party.

Previous TOPICS party themes include:

Adult Ski Bus to Crystal Mt.

Cabernet and Crafts

Evening in Casablanca Dinner

Flip Flop Lemon Drop

Garden Stone Workshop

Guilty Pleasures: Pride and Prejudice Marathon

Jewelry Class

Learn How To Make Challah

Literary Scavenger Hunt

Sanity Saturday For Moms

Truffle Making

Watercolor En Plein Air

Wine Tasting

So think of something you enjoy doing and share it with the TOPS community while raising money for our school. Call or email Janet Morrison with questions at [janetm@blarg.net](mailto:janetm@blarg.net) or 206-634-2203.



# Join us at the 2nd Annual **TOPS BOOK FAIR!**

*In partnership with Secret Garden Bookstore*

**WHEN:** Wednesday, MARCH 18 ~10:00a - 4:30p

**TASTE OF  
TOPS!** Thursday, MARCH 19 ~10:00a - 9:00p

**WHERE:** TOPS Library

**WHY:** To buy books that benefit TOPS, you and a local bookstore, The Secret Garden.

Please donate to “A BOOK FOR EVERYONE” Fund while visiting the Book Fair (this will ensure that all TOPS kids have the chance to get a book at the Fair).

Last year, we earned over \$1,200 worth of books for teachers, the TOPS Library and to subsidize “A Book For Everyone” Fund. **THANK YOU!!!**



Teacher Wish-List books also available for purchase!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MAKE THIS YEAR'S BOOK FAIR A SUCCESS.** To help, email [susan.welch1@comcast.net](mailto:susan.welch1@comcast.net)

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Fair will not be open before the school day starts this year.

# TOPS Movie Night

Friday, February 27, 2009

6:00- 9:00 p.m. TOPS Library

## *Sentenced Home*



***Sentenced Home*** is an Emmy Award nominated film that puts a human face on immigration policies that have resulted in the deportation of many refugees. The film follows three Cambodian immigrants who in the early '80's were children among the multitude of Cambodians who escaped the genocidal Khmer Rouge. They found a home as "permanent residents" in Seattle's housing projects. As adults mistakes made in their tough teen years resulted in permanent deportation which for some has meant being separated from families, jobs, and the only home they have ever known. Filmed over the course of three years, filmmakers Nicole Newnham and David Grabias capture intimate moments in the families and lives of these men and help us to understand the impact of the laws that have affected so many families here in Seattle and throughout the U.S.

For this Movie Night, we will have the unique opportunity to see this film as well as hear the legal and personal stories behind it from TOPS parents Dori Cahn and Jay Stansell. Jay is an Assistant Federal Public Defender who worked closely with these men and their families. He argued and won a critical immigration rights case before the Supreme Court. Jay, along with writer and educator Dori Cahn will enable us to have a fuller understanding of the laws, the realities they bring to bear, and how we might respond.

**Please join the TOPS community to see and discuss this exceptional film. You won't want to miss it!**

Doors open at 6:00 pm. Films will begin at 6:30. The evening will end by 9:00. Come when you can.

- Light dinner of sandwiches, snacks, and drinks, will be served.
- Childcare provided via KidsCo for the first 15 kids who are signed up; age-appropriate movie, games, and pizza provided. **To reserve childcare, call 252-3510.** (Children must be at least 4 years old.)

**Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy a free night out for dinner and the movies --  
engaging conversation and childcare included--**

**TOPS MOVIE NIGHTS are Sponsored by The Coalition for Social Justice .**

For more information contact Karen Stuhldreher at [kstuhldr@sccd.ctc.edu](mailto:kstuhldr@sccd.ctc.edu)