



Building Community  
One Family At A Time

[www.audubonptsa.org](http://www.audubonptsa.org)

## Welcome to Audubon!

Audubon Elementary, home of the Owls, is also home to one of the most dynamic learning communities in the Lake Washington School District! You have arrived at a wonderful place for your child to learn! It's also a place where families are embraced, celebrated and involved. We're happy to have you here with us!

Owl Outreach is a community focused, parent run, group of volunteers. We try to create opportunities for you to join in on the fun and help you stay informed about the important things happening at school. We are here to help you make an easy transition to a new school by answering your questions and introducing you to other families and children who have something in common with you!

We are here to help! Please contact us with any questions or concerns at  
[OwlOutreach@comcast.net](mailto:OwlOutreach@comcast.net)

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## MEET & PLAY

Summer fun at Audubon & Idylwood

Audubon PTSA's Owl Outreach Program invites you to come play in the park and at the playground all summer long!

- Family focused - everyone is welcome!
- Casual, unstructured playdates.
- Come as you are! Come when you can!
- See old friends and make new ones.

### Audubon Playground 10:30 AM - Noon

Get out of the house early and join us on the playground! Perfect time of day for children who are early risers or families with younger children needing afternoon naps.

Date	Your Host
Wednesday July 09	Shelby Maier
Wednesday July 23	Shelby Maier
Wednesday August 06	Hope Palacio
Wednesday August 20	Judy East

### Idylwood Park 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Convenient early evenings are perfect for working families. Pack a picnic dinner and join us on the South side of the beach. Look for the Owl Outreach flag!

Date	Your Host
Wednesday July 16	Elana Aberge
Wednesday July 30	Nancy Low
Wednesday August 13	Kathy Skalak
Wednesday August 27	Kym Lukosky

To make sure you get our Meet & Play reminders, send us your email address! [Owloutreach@comcast.net](mailto:Owloutreach@comcast.net)

## Top Ten Tips From Parents For Parents

For a successful, less stressful transition!

- 1 Orientation meeting in your child's classroom.** Usually held on an evening a few days before class begins, and is a **parent-only** meeting. Don't miss it!
- 2 School Supply lists:** Available online at [www.lwsd.org/audubon](http://www.lwsd.org/audubon) or [www.AudubonPTSA.org](http://www.AudubonPTSA.org) PTSA uses an affordable and efficient online service to make your school supply purchases fast and easy. **Check the PTSA website beginning in April.**
- 3 Teacher Newsletter.** If you have difficulty keeping up with the amount of reading material that will come home with your child, make sure you **at least read the newsletter from your teacher.**
- 4 First Week Packet.** Every child at Audubon will receive a packet on the first day of school. **Look for it! \*Attention:** You will need to return certain forms by the deadline specified in the packet - **you don't want to overlook anything here!**
- 5 Internet Communication.** Audubon Elementary produces a newsletter every other week. It's called **Owls Nest** and is posted at Audubon's website. Audubon PTSA publishes a newsletter called The Source once a month look for it at the PTSA website.
- 6 It's not free.** Tax dollars just don't cover all the costs of a public school education. **You will be asked to donate to your child's classroom fund.** Money goes toward supplies for parties throughout the year (Halloween, Valentine's Day and the End of The Year party.) Additionally, **Audubon PTSA will ask you to become a member and for a monetary donation** to cover the expenses of PTSA funded programs. This is a *very important tax deductible donation.* **It's astonishing, but the state and district do not cover the costs of what you might see as essential for your child.** Every single penny you give goes to the school, and we are so grateful.
- 7 Dropping your child off at school.** Its imperative that you observe the safety and courtesy rules outlined in the "Driveway and Traffic Safety At Audubon" pamphlet. (see website and First Week Packet)
- 8 Sign in and out at the office - every time you visit Audubon!** This is a safety issue and can cause enormous problems if you have not followed this procedure and an emergency occurs. **Huge problem!**
- 9 Put your child's name in and on EVERYTHING.** No matter how responsible your child is, chances are they'll lose something during the course of the year. Your chances of getting your property back are much greater if everything is labeled.
- 10 No experience required.** There are about a million places to volunteer at Audubon (and a billion jobs that need your help!). When you invest yourself in the learning community, it sends a powerful message to your child. It says: I care. I'm interested. I want the best for you! Be brave ~ share your time with Audubon!

