WELCOME TO OUR NEW PTA PARTNERSHIP!

We are very excited to officially announce that the Green Lake and Van Asselt PTA’s are partnering to share ideas, support, and resources with the goal of bridging the gap that divides our district.

In addition to our periodic newsletters, be on the lookout for some very exciting programs coming soon such as a pen pal program, joint sports meetups, school play collaborations, and joint advocacy and fundraising efforts. We’d also love to have you join us at a meeting to help guide this important new initiative!

MEET GREEN LAKE

- Number of students: approximately 440
- Number of Teachers: 23
- School Mascot: Dragons
- Cool thing at our school: We hold a Walk-and-Roll-a-thon (the “roll” refers to wheelchairs) each year for kids of all abilities to be involved in raising money for their school

MEET VAN ASSELT

- Number of students: approximately 450
- Number of Teachers: 28
- School Mascot: Firebirds
- Cool thing at our school: Each month we celebrate a different country represented within our student body at our multicultural assembly

HOW IT ALL BEGAN...

In the Spring of 2018, Van Asselt PTA reached out to the site coordinator from Communities in Schools Seattle (Seattle.ciswa.org) to explore the idea of partnering with other PTA’s. With the help of another non-profit, FACES (Families and Communities for Equity in Schools, families4equity.org) they reached out to multiple schools who expressed interest and Green Lake had the strongest response. We had our first meeting in November of 2018.

Interested? Have Questions? Join our email list to be the first to know about upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and meetings! Email equity@greenlakedragons.org or vanasseltptaboard@gmail.com with questions or to be added to the list!
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WHY DO WE NEED THIS PARTNERSHIP?

Both Van Asselt and Green Lake Elementary can benefit immensely from the sharing of ideas and resources.

Green Lake PTA’s goal is to learn better ways to teach and advocate for diversity with our students and families. We recognize that Van Asselt has a rich history of working on diversity issues and can help guide us in focusing the conversation.

Van Asselt PTA’s goal is to find new ways to raise funds, help with grant writing, and to encourage parental involvement in the PTA. We realize that Green Lake has developed a large network of PTA positions and committees and we hope to adapt some of those strategies for our school as well.

Ultimately, we both understand that each school has a unique set of strengths and weaknesses and that developing this connection can only make us stronger. It is our hope that as the relationship grows, it will spread to other school communities so that eventually we can all advocate for the learning needs of our collective students with a united voice at the district level.

DID YOU KNOW?

Van Asselt is currently housed in the former African American Academy Building, which closed as a K-8 school in 2009. More information on the building’s history can be found here: https://www.blackpast.org/aaw/african-american-academy-1991-2009/

Van Asselt Elementary is assisting Green Lake by providing storage for all of their drama club props and costumes.

Green Lake Elementary is dealing with significant over crowding. They currently have 2 portable classrooms, and will be converting the staff break room into an additional classroom for the 2019-2020 school year.

The Green Lake Stage Design club is helping the Van Asselt Drama club with their production of The Lion King Jr.

Van Asselt Elementary is in the process of changing their name to help distinguish them from the community center and their old building which all share the Van Asselt name.

Green Lake Elementary is also home to one of SPS’s Developmental preschools specifically for children with significant medical impairments.