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- ❖ **OHSU (now Lifeworks) Playground project:** As you may have seen earlier this week, our neighbors downstairs are adding a playground to their facility. On Thursday about 200 volunteers will be on site to start, build and finish the entire project. We ask for your patience, especially during drop-off and pick-up time as space will be somewhat limited. Feel free to take a look throughout the day and check out their progress.
- ❖ **Pre-k Before Care:** Please be sure that you sign your child(ren) in with our before care staff before leaving. Also, please be sure that the far door to the before care room (towards the playground) remains locked during that time.
- ❖ **Board Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the October board meeting are now available on the bulletin board in the lobby and on our website at http://www.gspdx.com/The_School/The_Board/Board_Minutes/board_minutes.html . The next board meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2007.
- ❖ **Bilingual Education Presentation at FAIS:** A renowned bilingual education researcher, Fred Genesee will be making a presentation at FAIS on Thursday, October 18, 2007 at 7 p.m. Dr. Genesee is Professor of Psychology at McGill University in Montreal, Canada. His primary research interests focus on bilingualism and bilingual first language acquisition in normal and impaired populations. He has conducted extensive research on second language education, including foreign language immersion and bilingual education. His research examines the long term effectiveness of immersion and bilingual education and individual student and program variables linked to program success.
- ❖ **Lost & Found:** The lost & found bin in the lobby has reached maximum capacity. Please take a moment to see if any items belong to your child(ren). On November 1st we will donate all items still in the box to a charity.
- ❖ **Scholastic Book Fair:** Please sign up for a sales shift at the scholastic book fair! The following times are still available: Thursday (Nov. 8), 12-2.30 pm, 2.20-5 pm and 4.50-7.30 pm. There are also a few spots left on Friday morning (Nov. 9). Check out the bulletin board in the front lobby or contact the volunteer coordinators at gspvolunteer@comcast.net.
- ❖ **Milk:** If your child is signed up our milk program, please make sure you send a clean (washable) cup to school each day. This way we can significantly reduce our garbage. Thank you for supporting our concept of being a Green School.