

# The Lifetime Learning Center Has Moved!!

We are now located in the John Marshall School

520 Northeast Ravenna Boulevard

(just north of 65<sup>th</sup> and south of Green Lake)

The Lifetime Learning Center was founded at the Sacred Heart Church on lower Queen Anne in 1976. In 2000, the Center relocated to the Sand Point Education Center, formerly the Sand Point Elementary School. Rent increases at Queen Anne and parking issues led to the move.

In 2009, the Seattle School District decided to reopen the Sand Point Elementary School to meet the increasing demand for schools in north Seattle.

We considered several locations. Our requirements were easy parking, level access, and at least three classrooms. John Marshall, an old middle school, was last used as an alternative school and has been vacant for a couple of years. The school district, partly based on their experience with Sand Point, has decided that renting its surplus schools to community non-profit organizations is a good way to “store” unused buildings.

It’s an old building, and frankly is somewhat scruffier than Sand Point. The school district is willing to do some painting, but not all at once. We will be spending the first six months there making the place bright and comfortable. We have a five-year lease, which means we won’t have to face any big rent increases. Our partners in the Sand Point building—the Northwest Girlchoir, the Soccer Association, and the MMSC Day School—will be joining us at John Marshall.

Change is not easy. Our main concern is that you will all be comfortable there. We do think LLC will gain geographically from the location. Many of you have told us the location is more convenient for you. We are much more accessible to folks in areas like Ballard, Magnolia and Queen Anne. Bus service is better than at Sand Point.

The Spring Quarter will be an adventure, and we hope you will be a part of it!