

EXPLORER

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ali Williams
Principal

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Dear Explorer Families,

It is hard to believe that October is already upon us. We have had a wonderful beginning to the school year. Students and staff have settled into the routine nicely. It is great having so many families wanting to be involved at Explorer both during the school day and after, thank you for volunteering here!

Many of our teachers were quite busy this summer taking classes and attending seminars and conferences. In fact, we had 22 of our teachers attend a two day conference at Kamiak High School in June on formative assessments. Formative assessments are strategies that teachers use to inform their instruction and know where students are in their learning. In the next newsletter we will provide some examples and share them with you.

Thank you for supporting your student at Explorer; let us know how we can help you in anyway.

Ali Williams

News From The Nurse

Immunizations: October 14th is the deadline for turning in the immunizations which are required by state law for school attendance. Ask your student if they have been down to receive the paper showing exactly what each needs. We also gave a blue paper with the community clinic numbers that you need to call for an appointment if you do not plan to call a private doctor. After the 14th we will be excluding those students whose vaccinations are not up to date. Please call immediately if you have questions or concerns.

Medications: All medications, prescription and nonprescription, need to be in the **original bottle**, along with a signed **parent permission slip** and the doctor's name and fax number. The permission must include written directions for the amount and time when medication is to be given. Most medications will be kept locked in the health room; students may carry an inhaler if we have a signed authorization. Do not send any loose meds or meds in baggies. This is a safety issue. If you have concerns, please call Nurse Gibbons at 356-1243.

Transportation State Count Week: October 12-16

Our district will count students who ride the bus to school for the State of Washington starting Monday, October 12th & ending Friday, October 16th. Our districts transportation revenue from the state is solely determined by the data we provide during the week of October 12th. The remainder of transportation funding is generated through levy monies. The school bus drivers will count your child each morning for five consecutive mornings beginning October 12th and ending October 16th. **If your child rides a bus to school, it is very important they ride during this time.**

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WINDING DOWN THE ANNUAL ASB FUNDRAISER: MAGAZINE DRIVE



Thank you again to all of the parents and community members who have contributed to the Explorer Middle School Magazine sale through purchasing subscriptions, supporting students and their efforts, and helping to collect and process orders. Once again we have the best parents in the district for support. We truly couldn't do it without you. If you were unable to participate in the magazine fund raiser, look for our Cookie Dough fundraiser in January.

The magazine sale is our fall fundraiser that supports all of our student activities throughout the year. This includes guest speakers, student recognition programs, Pep Rallies, All School Celebrations, Student of the Month, WASL recognition, Athletics, Clubs, Band, Orchestra, Field Trips, Student Government (ASB), and many other activities that provide an opportunity for students to get involved.

We are just wrapping up our sale for the 2009-2010 school year. Students earned various prizes throughout the sale including a DJ Dance, 1/2 day trip to Gameworks, Krispy Kreme donut party for top selling class, candy scramble assembly and many other exciting prizes. If our school reaches our goal of \$30,000.00 in total sales there will be many teacher's paying the price for challenges made with their colleagues. Thank you to Tracy Lane for organizing all of the help! Special thanks goes to the following parents who volunteered several hours to counting money, correcting orders, and deciphering the infamous magazine drive prize chart. The sale could not have been such a huge success without your generous donation of time and energy:

Vicki Bratvold
Amy Chavez

Victoria Hall
Bonnie Morrill

Roni Pohle

*Watch for our January
ASB Cookie Dough
Fundraiser*

SEPTEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH: POSITIVE ATTITUDE/CHEERFULNESS



Gloria Amram
Brieya Barnett
Jale Beka
Rodrigo Contreras
Brian Curtis
Mitzy Dela Cruz
Trong Duong
Shelby Eubanks
Kaylea Maranda Fields

Isiah Frazier
Ines Gandal
Jeremiah Garmon
Christopher Gaspar
Christina Hofford
Blake Holmer
Bryan Keal
Marshall Kockritz
Brent Lee

Delaney McKinley
Ramon Ozuna
Ciarah Patterson
Alexandra Ponce
Jesus Reyes
Isaac Ridiros
Zaira Rubio
Jose Vasques-
Gutierrez
Marc Zainwel

Explorer Athletics

We have had a great start to our new year with **Football, Cross Country and Softball**. **ELIGIBILITY ISSUES:** Attention 6th & 7th Graders. You may participate in the following sports. (Cross Country, Wrestling, Track and Field and Swimming). Please fill out an Athletic packet and return it completed to Ms. Harpster. Your physical is good for two years.

Activities

Explorer clubs are starting up. Most clubs will begin the first week of October. If your child is interested in joining, the clubs being offered are: Games Club, Fiddle Club, International Club, Math/Soccer, Photography to name just a few. Remember, however, there is no bus transportation after school.

Please see the sidebars for a breakdown of the requirements along with some options for physicals. ****Remember**, 6th graders may practice but may not compete.

The second season of sport begins November 4th.

Make sure all of your paperwork is completed and turned in.

First Pep Assembly
Friday, October 9th
@ 2:00pm

We will be introducing our fall sports teams. Please come and join in on the fun!

If you have questions, do not hesitate to call:
Terri Harpster,
Athletic/Activities Coordinator
425-356-1269

PHYSICAL OPTIONS:

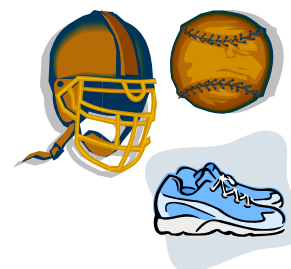
Community Health:
1410 Broadway, 258.1830
sliding scale, appointments
advised
8609 Broadway, 347. 7797
\$33, appointment only

Lake Serene Walk-in:
3501 Shelby Road (off 99)
Suite B, 742.9119,
\$40, walk-in

Edmonds Family Med:
7315 212th St SW, Ed-
monds, 775.9474, **insur-
ance card**

**6th Grade ASB
Elections** Packets
are available Sept.
28th in the Student
Office
**Season I Team
pictures**, TBD

Picture retakes:
*Tuesday, October
13th*

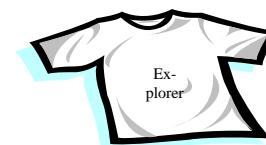


For Game Times &

Location:

Go to Explorer's
Website & click on
"calendars"
[http://
schools.mukilteo.](http://schools.mukilteo.)

SPORT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
Emergency Card
Parent Permission
Proof of Insurance* *If you don't have family insurance, qualifying school insurance can be purchased.
Physical completed by a physician
Athletic Code
ASB card (\$12)



*The Explorer
Activity Sweatshirt
See Mrs. Snow in the
bookkeeper's office for order
forms. \$30 with name and
logo!*

From Tracy Lane, Parent Liaison

It can be challenging to stay involved in your child's education during middle and high school. It is normal for kids to begin to push us away at this age. It is our job to stay informed and involved in their education. My goal is to help make it easier for you. If you do not already receive our e-mails, please let me know. Weekly e-mails are a great way to know what is going on at school. Use the information to start conversations with your child. Feel free to contact me with any questions. My hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 AM-1:00 PM. 425-356-1273 or LaneTL@mukilteo.wednet.edu

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Recognizing Student Achievement At Explorer Middle School

At Explorer we strive to improve student achievement and to recognize students for their hard work and effort. To honor those achievements, we have a myriad of awards presented to students, some of these include:

*“Education is
learning what
you didn’t even
know you didn’t
know.”*

Top Flight- awards are given per trimester. There are four categories including citizenship, scholarship, leadership, and workmanship. These awards are selected by individual classroom teachers.

Student of the Month- Students are chosen by individual teachers based on the criteria for each month.

Honor Roll-In order to qualify students need a grade point average (GPA) of: Honors 3.0 – 3.29, High Honors 3.3 – 3.69 Honors with Distinction 3.7 – 4.0 GPA.

Honor Roll accomplishments of a cumulative GPA of 3.70 or higher earn students eligibility for joining National Junior Honor Society. Students who qualify are notified in the end of September of the qualifying year. Students who were members of National Honor Society as 7th graders are invited back for their 8th grade year.