

# EXPLORER

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

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### WASL TESTING

In order to be better prepared for the WASL testing there were 50 seventh graders and 21 8<sup>th</sup> graders that attended WASL Camp here at Explorer during spring break. Students had the opportunity to get strategies and tips for taking the reading, math, writing and science assessments. Many of the students that participated felt as if the extra time and help was beneficial. All

of the students that attended were invited on a field trip to Everett Community College on May 5<sup>th</sup> for a free t-shirt, backpack, lunch and tour of the school.

Students began WASL testing the Tuesday after spring break and were working hard for six days. A free breakfast was available to all students during the testing days and many students ate before



they began each day. Teachers and students are relieved and glad to have these over with for the school year. Results will be back in the early fall. We appreciate families getting students here on time during testing.

### PRINCIPAL’S NOTE: IMPORTANT PARENT MEETINGS IN MAY

On May 16, current 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents are invited to come and learn about the 6<sup>th</sup> grade program and how to help your child be successful during their middle school years. Please see the article

in this issue for more details.

Also on May 16, at 5:30-6:15 in the commons, we will have an annual Title I School-wide Plan Review meeting. We hope to

get feedback from a large number of parents as we look at the strengths and weaknesses of the current plan we have in place. Your input is important, so I hope you can join us on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

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Note: A draft copy of the Student Rights & Responsibilities Handbook will be on the front counter of the main office during the week of May 22-26. It will be there for review and any suggestions you might want to make for revision.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INFORMATION

Mark your calendars! Friday, June 2 at the Mukilteo Lighthouse Park our Jazz Band will be joining the jazz bands from the other middle and high schools in the district for the Mukilteo Chamber Summer Concert Series. Bring a picnic, your friends and neighbors, a blanket or low back chairs and the kids! This program is free and starts at

5:30 PM and runs until 9:00 PM. Refreshments will be available for purchase. There will also be a raffle donated by local merchants. Proceeds will benefit the Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Fund and Historical Society.

Marching Band will be performing at the Viking Fest in Poulsbo



on Saturday May 20th and the Strawberry Festival in Marysville on Saturday, June 17th. If you would like to chaperon, please contact Tracy Lane at 425-356-1273 or e-mail LaneTL@mukilteo.wednet.edu.

*Middle School Open House at Sno-Isle*

**TECH**

*Thursday*

*May 11th*

*6:00-8:00 PM*

*Join us at Sno-Isle to tour the campus, meet the instructors and learn about the 21 programs*

*Questions? Call*

*425-348-2220*

### APRIL STUDENTS' OF THE MONTH

Oscar Alvarado  
Ruben Arevalo  
Sergey Boyko  
Lorenzo Bravo  
Thu Bui  
Oscar Centeno  
Alex Chapman  
Richard Cook  
Gustavo Cruz  
Tyler Davis

Joshua Douglass  
Jara Dura  
Santiago Flores  
Oscar Garzon Reyes  
Nathaniel Hustace  
Britney Jaussaud  
Martin Martinez  
Martha Muldowney  
Michael Navarro  
Marco Carrillo

Joe Nelson  
Harpreet Parhar  
Amanda Stephens-Roberts  
Michael Schober  
Mark Straub  
AJ Townsend  
Stephen Trent  
Coleen Vandevanter  
Christina Woodard

### 8TH GRADE CELEBRATION

This year the 8th grade celebration will be Wednesday, June 21 from 6-9 PM. The evening starts with an awards ceremony and viewing of the 8th grade video (always entertaining) and ends with a dance. A student planning committee will be working on

the decorations and planning of the event. Parent volunteers are needed to help, especially on the day of the event, to set up and take down decorations. This is a wonderful, fun event and we would love for you to be a part of it. If you would like to help out in any

way please contact Ryan Kyler, Tracy Lane or Lori Warnock at (425) 356-1240 or e-mail at: KylerRL@mukilteo.wednet.edu  
LaneTL@mukilteo.wednet.edu  
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## Explorer Athletics, Season IV

**First HOME competition:**  
**Swimming: May 10**  
**Track: May 11 @ Goddard**

Season IV is off to a great start. We have many eager and excited athletes that have shown a lot of prowess in the past three seasons. Go Eagles

**ELIGIBILITY ISSUES:**  
 It's never too early to start preparing for next season. If your son or daughter is interested in Track or Swimming give them a head start. Ask them to pick up a "Sports Eligibility Pack" from the

student office. Work with them to get it filled out completely.

**6th GRADE PARENTS**  
 6th Graders are eligible to participate (with limits) in Track and Swimming. Eligibility requirements are the same as 7/8 grade (see sidebar)

**Volunteers Needed**  
**for track meets and swim meets**

**We can train you.**  
 425.356.1269

**PHYSICAL OPTIONS:**

**Mariner HS**  
**Spring Physicals**  
**June 6**  
**\$25**

**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 212<sup>th</sup> St SW, Edmonds, 775.9474, **insurance card**



**For Game Times & Location:**  
 Go to Explorer's Website & click on "calendars"  
<http://schools.mukilteo.wednet.edu/ex>

<b>SPORT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS</b>
<b>Emergency Card</b>
<b>Parent Permission</b>
<b>Proof of Insurance*</b> *If you don't have family insurance qualifying school insurance can be purchased.
<b>Physical completed by a physician</b>
<b>Athletic Code</b>
ASB card (\$10)

"To catch the reader's attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here."



*The Explorer Activity Sweatshirt*

*See Susan in the bookkeeper's office for order forms. \$30 with name and logo!*

## Explorer Activities

- Jazz Club (M-F 7:30)**
- Piano (W 3:00)**
- Drums (Th 3:00)**
- Math Club (M)**
- Art Club (T)**
- Chess Club (W)**
- Sewing Club (Th)**
- Jump Rope (W)**

Buses are available at 4:15.

**Quarter III Award Assembly**  
*Thursday, May 4*

**ASB Elections Paperwork**  
*Available Monday, May 1*  
*Due Monday, May 8*

**ASB Elections Assembly**  
*Monday, May 15*

**Pep assembly** *May 25*

### Career day May 17

We're excited to have it back and hope for another great opportunity to share with students all the opportunities out there waiting for them.

If you would ever like to volunteer your time or talent please contact Tracy Lane, our parent liaison and she'll get you in touch with the appropriate person.

## From Tracy Lane, Parent Liaison

*Our volunteers are gold!* May 12th is our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon. Come enjoy great people and great food. It is at 11:45 AM in the commons. Staff will join us at 12:15. On May 16th from 5:30-6:15 is a meeting for parent feedback of the annual Title I School-wide Plan. All parents are welcome. If you would like to receive weekly e-mails about current events at Explorer, let me know. I am here to help answer your questions or direct you to the right person. Tracy Lane, 425-356-1273.

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## **5TH GRADE PARENTS: YOU ARE INVITED!**

Fifth grade parent night is Tuesday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 PM in the Explorer Commons.

- Meet the Principal, Co-Principal, Parent Liaison, Counselors and representative of the 6th grade staff.
- Visit classrooms where you will be provided the learning goals and curriculum for reading, writing, math and science. Teachers will explain what major concepts will be covered and what your child will be expected to

learn in the 6th grade.

- Learn about a typical day from experts: current 6th graders!
- Join the PTO and learn about volunteer opportunities.
- Ask questions.
- Take a guided campus tour
- Enjoy refreshments
- Make connections with other incoming 6th grade parents.

This is a great opportunity to learn about Explorer Middle School



and help your student make a smooth transition into the next level of his/her education. While this evening is designed for parents, you are welcome to bring your 5th grader with you. We are convinced that you will feel comfortable with the transition to Explorer.

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