



August 20, 2009

Dear Mukilteo Elementary Families,

Welcome to a new school year! We are very busy preparing for your first day and are looking forward to seeing all of you. We are enrolling new students every day and we want to welcome all of our new families to our wonderful school community.

In an effort to save some money, we won't be mailing out letters this year, but we are putting this parent letter on our website and Listserve. Help us spread the word when you run into other families so they can read it. We appreciate your help.

Here is important information for you to keep in mind.

1. Class lists will be posted on the office windows, along with supply lists, on Friday, August 28th, at 4:00 p.m. We know that students and parents are anxious to learn who their new teacher will be and who will be in their classroom.

Placing students with teachers is a process that begins in the spring each year. Teachers carefully collaborate to make the best placement for your child, considering learning style, academic needs, gender, and interests. Many thoughtful hours are spent balancing these classes. Although you may be thinking a different placement is what you prefer, please support the teacher/classroom assignment. New friends and new opportunities are present in every single classroom at Mukilteo Elementary and we believe that supporting this placement will help us provide the most balanced classroom environment for all students. Thank you.

2. Kindergarten Orientation will be on Thursday evening, August 27th at 6:30 p.m. in the school's Library. Welcome to our new Kindergarten Families!
3. Open Hour will be held on Tuesday morning, September 1st from 11:00 to 12:00 a.m. This will be an opportunity for the students and their parents to meet their teacher and see their new classroom. Also, be sure to stop by the PTSA table and hear about all of the family events and opportunities for volunteering!

4. All important information will be provided for you in our weekly newsletter. Please be sure to read it every week. It comes home with the children on Fridays and will keep you informed.
5. Curriculum Night will be on Thursday, September 10th from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Information about that evening will be in our first weekly newsletter.
6. The annual Fifth Grade instrument fair will be on Thursday, September 10th from 4:30 - 6:30pm at Explorer Middle School. Information for parents/families is in blue brochures in the school's main office. Stop in and pick one up.
7. Our PTSA Welcome Back Barbecue will be on Thursday, September 17th beginning at 5:30 p.m. This is always a great way to start the school year.

This promises to be an exciting year at Mukilteo Elementary and we want to invite parents to be part of our team.

If you have questions, concerns or feedback that would help us "be the best that we can be", please do not hesitate to contact us. 425-356-1304.

Pat Cushing, Principal



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