

The Falcon Spirit



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Dear Parents,

Would you like to be a volunteer for our Walk About Program? We are always in need of support during arrival and dismissal every day. Walk About volunteers help us monitor students and work with our staff to make sure students are safe coming and going, as well as on the playground. Our greatest need is at two crossing guard locations. The first is in the parking lot where parents are parking and walking their children to the school grounds. It would be helpful to have someone help cross those families at the cross walk near the bus lanes. A second cross walk is near Olympic View Middle School.

Another volunteer opportunity is to serve on a Parent Advisory Team for the principal. This team meets periodically during the year to provide input and feedback regarding ways we can better communicate and solve problems. This team will also hear more about the work being done in our district, school and classrooms.

We are also looking for two parents to be part of the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. This committee meets once a month from 9 – 11 am rotating among the schools. Each school has two representatives for the committee and they meet with our superintendent, Dr. Marci Larsen. They hear presentations about what is going on in the schools, discuss issues that the district needs to deal with, such as budget and enrollment, and provide feedback to the superintendent during the meetings. We are hoping to find someone who is willing to attend all meetings and then possibly share information with the principal and PTSA.

If you are interested in being a volunteer for any of these opportunities, please contact our office at 356-1304, and leave your name and phone number. I will give you a call and get you started. Thanks so much.

Next Thursday afternoon and all day Friday, we will be having staff training and meetings. These meetings are vital to our teachers and staff members so that we can best provide for the individual learning needs of our students. Curriculum, instructional strategies and assessments require current and ongoing professional development, so throughout the year we will have early dismissal days. We appreciate your support of our continuous learning.

Thanks to the PTSA for our Rock Back into School Ice Cream Social on Thursday evening. It was great to see so many of our families and the band was terrific. What a great way to start the year.

That's it for this week. Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Pat Cushing

SEPTEMBER

- 24 - EARLY DISMISSAL, 12:45
- 25 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Workshop
- 29 - Renner, Seckman, O'Connor Field Trip to the Corn Maze
- 30 - Wise, Ingle, Green Field Trip to The Corn Maze

OCTOBER

- 9 - PTSA FALCON FUND RUN!
- 12-16 - Count School Bus Rider Week
- 14 - EARLY DISMISSAL, 12:45
- 15 - FALCON FUND RUN money due
- 16 - FALCON FUND RUN Prize Day
- 26-30 - EARLY DISMISSAL 12:45
(Parent/Teacher Conferences)

REMINDER

Early Dismissal-September 24
All day K and Grades 1-5 dismissed at 12:45
(Lunch will be served for All Day K and grades 1-5)
AM & PM Kindergarten - 8:55-10:28

NO SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 25

It is important to make arrangements for pick up and childcare on early dismissal days. Remember you must inform the school in writing of alternate plans. If we do not hear from you, your child will be sent home according to his/her regular route.

ART DOCENTS NEEDED!!!

We are looking for parent volunteers to help staff our Art Docent program. You do not need to be an artist to teach! You would be teaching an art history lesson in your child's classroom once a month. Complete training, artwork, and supplies are provided. **THIS IS THE ONLY ART INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT M.E.** Without you there won't be ART at the school! It is a fun opportunity to work in the classroom. The kids LOVE the Art Docents. If you are interested please contact Jennifer Roe at jnroe@verizon.net or 407-0965 or Theresa Costanzo at tcostanzo@yahoo.com or 423-8137.



LISTSERVE

You can now stay in touch with activities happening at M.E. by using our listserv. You will receive e-mails with dates and times of events. Also, if we are in a lockdown situation and are unable to contact parents right away, we will be sending an informational e-mail letting you know what is happening. Here is how to subscribe:

- Go to: www.mukilteo.wednet.edu & click on:
- Parent center
- Listserv (toward the bottom of the page)
- Mukilteo Elementary's Information List

Fill in your information and click on subscribe. Soon after that you should receive an e-mail confirming your information.

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Welcome back! I hope you had a great summer. My summer flew by with a trip Washington DC for a friend's wedding. My husband and I spent some time on the beautiful island of Kauai.



This last week or this week, your child went through library orientation. We went over in detail policies and procedures for the upcoming school year. Your child came home with library book(s) and a detailed informational sheet on the library, library website, and Accelerated Reader Quiz List. Please take a moment to review this important information. Please ask your child what his/her plan is for bringing back library books on time every week.

The library will be open before school for students to swap out books or take an Accelerated Reader test independently starting Monday October 5 from 8:40-9:30.

For more information, please checkout the library webpage on our school's website.

Looking forward to working with your child this year,

Stephanie Wilson
Teacher-Librarian

ORCHESTRA SCHEDULE

Beginning: Mondays or Wednesdays at 3:30-4:45
(Names & days were posted in the gym on 9/18)

Intermediate: Mondays at 7:15 - 8:40
(7:15-7:30 Tuning)

Advanced: Wednesdays & Fridays at 7:15 - 8:40
(7:15-7:30 Tuning)

Falcon Fund Run 2009-MEPTSA Fundraiser Update



WOW! So far almost 70 kids and their families and friends have brought in over \$6200! Thank you for your support! Last year we had fantastic participation in the Fund Run, with over 400 kids bringing in pledges. Let's see if we can increase our pledge participation this year and help the ME PTSA continue to provide funds for classrooms, grade-levels activities, the library, music enrichment, special equipment purchases, family fun nights, and more! If you need more pledge forms, they are available in the school office and on our website (www.meptsa.org).

Pledges from out of the area are starting to come in. Yesterday, the ME PTSA received several pledges from Indianapolis, Indiana! Watch for the United States map in the gym to see where the pledges will come in next. Remember to mail or e-mail the pledge letter to out-of-area family and friends (in your packets and available at our website). Family members and friends often appreciate this easy way to support kids and their school (no purchase required!). Every pledge makes a difference.

A number of families have already turned in Boeing Matching Forms along with their pledges. Thank you - matching dollars from Boeing and other companies are a great benefit for the PTSA. Please let Anne Rees (reesadr@aol.com) know if you need a copy of the Boeing matching form or have any questions regarding your company's matching process. Also, don't forget that the t-shirt sponsorship deadline has been extended through Tuesday, September 22.

We are still collecting prizes for the Big Prize Day on October 16 - take a look at the display case in the cafeteria hallway where the prizes and our growing list of t-shirt sponsors are featured. These fun prizes have been donated by local businesses--the MEPTSA is grateful for their support.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!