

# The Falcon Spirit



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Dear Parents,

**Our PTSA Fund Run was absolutely fabulous!** The weather cooperated and everyone had a great time. Preparing for this annual event is incredibly time consuming and so many people have had a hand in pulling it together. Thank you so much to all of our hardworking and dedicated PTSA board members and organizers. Also, we extend a HUGE thank you to everyone who donated to this fund raiser and to all of the volunteers who helped out during the event. The proceeds will support our school throughout the year. It is because of this level of support from our school community, our staff and students are able acquire the necessary materials and equipment to provide special experiences for our students. We are so lucky to have you!

I was absolutely blown away by the response to the Destination ImagiNation meeting last week. Over 60 students and their parents attended. Wow! This should be an exceptional DI year for our ME students. If you want to learn more about DI, check out the website at [www.idodi.org](http://www.idodi.org), or check with Ms. Marcella Wise who coordinates the program.

Just wanted to give you advance notice. **On Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the PTSA will be having our PTSA Halloween Bash in the school gym.** Be on the lookout for future announcements. For those of you new to our school, Mukilteo Elementary celebrates Halloween at this evening party. It is a fun evening with a costume parade, music, pumpkin decorating, etc. It truly is geared to families celebrating together.

**There are classroom parties at school but costumes are not worn to school. Party themes are centered mostly around a fall festival theme.** Teachers will fill you in on those plans as the time draws near.

**Parent Conferences are coming up at the end of the month, October 26 – 30<sup>th</sup>.** We strive for 100% participation at ME and encourage you to make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher. Keeping the lines of communication open between the school and home is a goal that we set for ourselves. So, if you haven't already signed up with your teacher for a conference, please be sure you do. You can contact them via email, by phone or through a note sent with your child. All of these communications assist us in helping your child be successful in school.

That's it for this week. Enjoy your weekend.

Best wishes

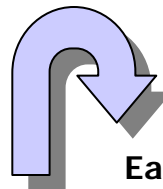
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## OCTOBER

- 12-16 - Count School Bus Rider Week
- 12 - PTSA Meeting, 7:00, Library
- 14 - **EARLY DISMISSAL, 12:45**
- 15 - FALCON FUND RUN money due
- 16 - Wise Field Trip to the Lighthouse
- 16 - FALCON FUND RUN Prize Day
- 22 - Green/Beckman Field Trip to Museum of Flight
- 26-30 - **EARLY DISMISSAL 12:45**  
(Parent/Teacher Conferences)
- 29 - PTSA Halloween Bash, 6:30-8:00

## NOVEMBER

- 6 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY
- 6 - **EARLY DISMISSAL, 12:45**



## REMINDER

### Early Dismissal Days

**October 14, 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30**

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

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.





## TRANSPORTATION COUNT WEEK is the week of October 12 - October 16.

The students who ride that week will be carefully counted, and a report of that count will be submitted to the state. That "snapshot" of our transportation services becomes the basis for Mukilteo School District's share of the statewide funding of pupil transportation for the entire year. Mukilteo School District transports many students in addition to the basic to-and from routes to school. These are not funded. Examples of these "extras" are field trips, turn outs, and take homes from extended day. **If your children normally ride the bus, please ensure that they ride each day next week. If your children do not regularly ride, but occasionally make use of our bus services, we encourage you to have them ride that week, as they benefit from our total transportation service package.**

### ME PTSA FUND RUN NEWS:



Although the Fund Run has been run, the Big Prize Day is coming!! Each \$20 brought in earns a chance to win exciting prizes in the Grade-Level and All-School Drawings on October 16<sup>th</sup>.

A Nintendo Wii is just one of the donated prizes that will be awarded in the All-School Drawing. The top earner in each grade level wins a \$35 Toys R Us Gift Card! **ALL PLEDGES ARE DUE ON OCT 15<sup>TH</sup>**.

**Thank you so much for the pledges that have come in--the ME PTSA has received over \$20,000, in more than 450 individual pledges!**

Many kids have brought in multiple pledges from family and friends. Mailed pledges arrive daily--this week, we received pledges from Saint Cloud, MN; Murray, UT; Cannon Beach and Beaverton in OR; Ophelia, VA; and New Castle, Port Angeles, and Lacey here in WA. **Please help us meet our goal of \$30,000 and keep the pledges coming! THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



### LOST AND FOUND

A lost and found is provided for jackets, lunch boxes and other large items. Glasses, keys and other valuable items can be picked up in the office. To make it easier to return items to students, please be sure to write your child's name (in permanent ink) on backpacks, jackets, gloves, lunch boxes, and all personal items that your child brings to school. Our Lost and Found items are hanging in the hallway by the kitchen and every hook is full, so please have your student check it if he/she is missing something.

### Destination ImagiNation News WE NEED YOU!

Thank you so much for showing your interest in M.E.'s Destination ImagiNation Program at the Information Meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup>. Teams are currently being put together and in order for ALL children to have a Destination ImagiNation Team we will need to have at least 10 more team managers! Two parents, per team, make this important volunteer work that much easier! I will be holding a detailed training session very soon for all new managers and am here to support you all the way! We have many talented, creative children who really need your time once a week. If you can help out in any way, please email Miss Wise at [wisems@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:wisems@mukilteo.wednet.edu).



## HALLOWEEN BASH

Thursday, October 29, 6:30-8:00 PM



Come to the school Gym all dressed up for fun, dancing, pumpkin carving, etc. and have pictures taken with your friends and family! Contact Deb Bush @ (425)353-8190 for more information.



### Picture Retake Day Tuesday, November 6

Pictures went home with students this week. If you didn't order pictures the first time around and wish to order now, send the picture order form (that will go home with your student on November 2) and check (made out to KIDS Photography) on November 6. If you did receive a packet and want a retake, be sure to return the picture packet with the photographer's retake form.