

# The Falcon Spirit

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Dear Parents,

We have had a couple of diagnosed cases of H1N1 this week. All schools in Mukilteo School District are following the guidelines from the Washington State Department of Health. We sent guidelines home a couple of weeks ago in our newsletter for all parents.

Here are some of the precautions we are taking at ME. Any students who come to the office with a temperature are sent home. Classroom teachers are asking children to wash their hands with soap and water frequently and we are also using Purell. A virus busting spray is being provided to teachers and custodial staff to clean frequently touched surfaces after the children go home every day. We are documenting symptoms as students come to the health room and we are encouraging parents to take any child with flu like symptoms to the doctor. We reinforce the 24 hour fever free rule. Our school nurse is in constant contact with the health department for recent updates and information.

Obviously, in a school with 550 students, 60 staff members and many parent volunteers, it is likely that we will have illness. We are doing our very best to keep the spread of the flu to a minimum. Parents can help by keeping their child home when he/she is exhibiting a fever over 100 degrees, a cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, vomiting, diarrhea, headache or feeling very tired.

For information about iH1N1 immunizations go to:

Snohomish Health District [www.snohd.org](http://www.snohd.org)

OSPI [www.k12.us/healthservices/H1N1Flu](http://www.k12.us/healthservices/H1N1Flu)

Washington State Dept. of Health [www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/](http://www.doh.wa.gov/swineflu/)

Parent Conferences are next week with early dismissal each day, Monday through Friday. Conferences are truly a time to collaborate and discuss your child's progress in school. What is going well? What are the challenges? How can we support each other as we work together on behalf of your child? This is an important time for teachers, parents and students because the partnership between the school and the home is critical for the successful educational experience for your youngsters. We appreciate your support and are happy to have this time with you.

Don't forget Chat with Pat on Thursday of next week, October 29th, 10 – 11 a.m. in the staff room. I look forward to meeting with you.

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

Best wishes

*Pat Cushing*

## OCTOBER

**26-30 - EARLY DISMISSAL 12:45**

(Parent/Teacher Conferences)

29 - "Chat with Pat" 10:00-11:00, Staff Room

29 - Wiebe and Katsh classes Field trip to "Gymagine"

29 - PTSA Halloween Bash, 6:30-8:00

## NOVEMBER

1 - Turn clocks back to Standard Time

6 - PICTURE RETAKE DAY

6 - EARLY DISMISSAL, 12:45

10 - Veterans Day Assembly

11 - NO SCHOOL, Veterans Day

13 - Reflections Artwork Due

18 - Vision and Hearing Screening

25 - EARLY DISMISSAL, 12:45

26&27 - NO SCHOOL - **Thanksgiving**



## **REMINDER**

### **Early Dismissal Days**

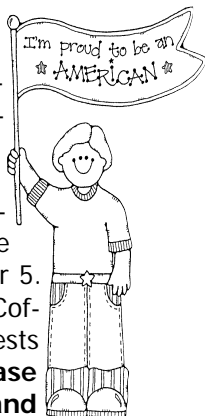
**October 26, 27, 28, 29, & 30**

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.

## VETERANS INVITED!

All parents, relatives and community members who have served, or who are currently serving in the United States Armed Forces, are invited to be our guests at our Veteran's Day Assembly on Tuesday, November 10, at 9:30. Please submit the names of veterans by Thursday, November 5. We want to be able to honor all of them. Coffee and cookies will be served to our guests immediately after the assembly. **Please have your child wear red, white and blue or their special organization's uniform.**



## HALLOWEEN BASH

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



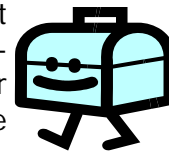
Come to the school Gym all dressed up for fun, dancing, pumpkin carving, etc. and have pictures taken with your friends and family! Contact Deb Bush @ (425)353-8190 for more information.

I am a veteran and will be attending your assembly on November 10 at 9:30.


Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Rank \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch of Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to student \_\_\_\_\_

## LOST AND FOUND

Please be sure and stop by our Lost and Found "Wall of Lost Items" in the kitchen hallway on your way to your conference. There are quite a few coats, sweaters, and lunch boxes that would love to go to their proper home.



## IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT

 Please be sure to call the school office at (425)356-1304 if your child is going to be absent or tardy. If you need to call outside office hours, you are more than welcome to leave a message. If we do not receive a phone call, our attendance person will try to reach parents at home or work. In accordance with the state BECCA Bill, unexcused absences are considered "unexcused" and must be reported to the Juvenile Court. We will appreciate your assistance with these attendance requirements.

## Destination ImagiNation News

We are thrilled with the participation of over 60 students in D.I. this year! And, of course, the wonderful parents and teachers who are the Team Coaches. (Kids with team managers will be contacted this week by their team managers.) We are still in need of two team co-managers for two different 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4th grade teams. If you are able to help out a team, a wonderful opportunity to work, once a week, with 7 super kids, please contact: Miss Wise at: [wisems@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:wisems@mukilteo.wednet.edu). Thanks so much!



## PARKING LOT SAFETY REMINDER

Please help keep our children safe by:

1. Yielding to the buses at all times.
2. **Driving 5 miles per hour down through the Olympic View driveway and Mukilteo Elementary parking lot.** Remember - this is a school area and children are present so please be patient and watch out for them.
3. **Remembering that children are not allowed in the parking lot without parents. Please park your vehicle and walk your child through the parking lot and across the bus lane. They are NOT to cross the bus lane to the parking lot without an adult!**
4. Please provide good role modeling by walking "in" the crosswalks provided.

Thank you for working with us to ensure **SAFETY** for all our children. We are their role models, and they will follow our actions. We encourage you to also report major violations like speeding, etc. to the police.

