

The Falcon Spirit



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Dear Parents,

Each year we review our safety procedures and I'd like to share some of them with you over the coming weeks. We will be publishing a Parent/Student Handbook very soon, which will outline all of our policies in one place, but for now there are a few procedures we need to review with parents and guardians.

Dismissal time is a very busy time for everyone at the school, teachers, paraeducators and students. We need your help for a safe and orderly dismissal.

1. Plans for after school activities should be agreed upon by the family prior to coming to school.

As always, any changes in your typical dismissal plans by the family should be provided for the teacher and for the office with a **written note**. Sometimes parents send an email, but because teachers are very busy teaching during the day, they sometimes access their email at the end of the day. A **handwritten note delivered by the student to the teacher and to the office** is the best bet for information getting to the school. **Please understand that we are making a very concerted effort to eliminate interruptions in classrooms during the day, so unless there is an emergency change in plans, we appreciate not receiving calls during the school day with reminders to your student regarding after school plans.** (These kinds of messages will often interrupt a classroom several times a day, therefore interrupting teaching and learning and the momentum of the lesson.)

2. If you are sending someone to pick up your child who does not normally pick him/her up, please send a note to the teacher and the office and ask the person to come to the office and **show their identification to our office staff prior to picking up your child.** Even if you are a parent, and you do not normally pick up your child and staff may not know you very well, it would be helpful to see your ID.

3. All parents who are waiting on campus should gather in the area near the kindergarten building and on the blacktop area between the portables and the kindergarten building.

4. Please do not call within the last 10 minutes before dismissal and request a change of plans. Although we make an effort to get the information to your child, it is sometimes difficult to take care of every request and phone call that comes into the office at that time. Plus we are hoping to keep these calls at a minimum during the school day.

5. If we do not have a note from the parent, we will operate under the assumption that the child will follow through with his/her typical routine.

Thank you, in advance, for your help with this. If parents have any other suggestions, please let me know.

We are in need of **Walk About Volunteers** for our crosswalk in the morning before school. We would really appreciate any help we can get during this very busy time. Please call the school and leave your name and phone number and we will get in touch with you.

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

Best wishes,

Pat Cushing

SEPTEMBER

- 29 - Renner, Seckman, O'Connor Field Trip to the Corn Maze
- 29 - Destination ImagiNation Information Meeting 3:45=4:45, School Library
- 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)

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED:

**Destination ImagiNation Information Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 3:45-4:45
Mukilteo Elementary Library**

Destination ImagiNation is an after school club (teams pick which day of the week works for them) where kids take what they know and what they are good at and learn to apply it to solve challenges, working together and cooperatively within a team. They push the limits of imagination to best not their competition, but themselves. In the spring they get to compete in the regional competition, showcasing their problem solving, theatrical, engineering, and artistic abilities! To learn more about this program, please bring your child and yourself to an informational meeting on Tuesday, September 29 from 3:35-4:45 in the library. If you are not able to make this meeting time, but would like more information about the program, or would like to sign your child up to be a part of a team, please email the School Coordinator: Marcella Wise wisems@mukilteo.wednet.edu.

**REMINDER ABOUT ANIMALS
IN CLASSES AND ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**



Mukilteo School District has renewed its policy regarding animals in classrooms and on school grounds. Due to allergies and potential for allergic reactions or illness, **pets of any kind are not allowed in classrooms or on school grounds during the school day.** Only creatures used in the Foss Science curriculum will be allowed in classrooms. We appreciate the understanding of parents, community members and families in supporting this policy. Thank you

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.

**Reflections 2009
"Beauty is....."**

This year's Reflections theme is, "**Beauty is...!**" All students at Mukilteo Elementary are encouraged to submit a work of art around this theme! To help those budding artists, we're having STUDIO work time Monday or Wednesdays in October! Students will be able to use a variety of materials to create artwork for Reflections. Your child may sign up for all sessions or attend one that fits his/her schedule.



Students may sign up to come on Mondays (Oct. 5, 12, 19 and Nov.2) **OR** Wednesdays (Oct. 7, 21, Nov. 4). Primary students will meet in room 67 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Summit students from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m, and intermediate students from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Participants may submit artwork from the following art areas: Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Dance choreography, and Film/Video production.

Students may still participate if s/he doesn't participate in the studio times. Entry forms will be available in the paper area on the wall in the main office beginning in October.

Complete rules for the Reflections program are available on the web at the following link: <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/Reflections/reflect.htm#>

For more information or entry form, please look in the main office or contact Heather Craggs at craggshl@mukilteo.wednet.edu.

Here are some important dates to remember:

All Artwork Due to the Main Office: Friday, November 13

Reflections Gallery Night will be held in the ME gym from 7:00-8:00 p.m.: Thursday, December 3

****This program is completely student driven! Adults may not help artists create these pieces in any way!****