

February, 2007



Olympic Viewpoints

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Even though the current *Arctic Blast* may have caused some extreme inconveniences, I hope you all found yourself enjoying the beauty and serenity that it brought. After receiving your student's midterm progress report, feel free to contact the school with any concerns or questions. This is the time of year to identify ways to assist students toward meeting standard if they are struggling. In addition, you can always request a parent teacher conference with one or all your student's teachers. These are arranged through your student's counselor. Wendy Smith is your student's counselor if your last name is A-K and Sharon Price is L-Z. We also provide students opportunities for learning with our *Lunch Bunch program* and after school *Pirate Success*.

New to Olympic View: This year we are proud to announce Debate Club and Cookie Club! Cookie Club meets once per week in Ms. Phillip's room. Debate Club is open to 7th and 8th grade students who will be creating situations encouraging debates (large and small). Students will be asked to think critically about current world issues. ASB Cards are required. Activity Bus Passes will be given to students for the 4:10 Activity Bus home. Debate Club will meet from 3-4pm on the following dates: October 18, Nov. 15, Jan. 17, Feb. 28, Mar. 21, Apr. 25, and May 16. Advisor: Mrs. Weatherbie, Room E-107.

Staff Members new to our Olympic View Community! Debbie Ulrich is our new school psychologist. Debbie comes to us from Columbia Elementary School. Her office hours will be Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:30-4:00. In addition, please welcome two new custodians: Ba Vo and Larry Foster. Welcome pirates!

WASL: State Assessment Dates: April 17—27th. If at all possible, please do not plan any appointments during our state's assessment window. We realize March 26th is Take Your Child to Work Day but we are asking parents to keep their students in school on this day so that students can participate in the WASL testing. If this is not possible then we would appreciate students being at school in the morning so they do not miss WASL testing.

A couple of recommendations during our state assessment window:

- make sure your student gets plenty of rest
- make sure your student eats a good breakfast prior to coming to school.
- We will also be offering breakfast at school.

We are recommending that teachers do not give students homework during our testing window as we want students well rested and focused on the task at hand.

This test is important as it determines the academic track your student will be enrolled in during their tenure in our district. As parents you can assist in preparing your student by accessing the OSPI website (Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) in Olympia and practice WASL release items with your student. If you have questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me. (425) 356-1321. Thank you.

Upcoming Dates for your planning pleasure:

February 6: Parent Forum: Topic: Drugs and Alcohol 7:00pm

February 9: Coffee Talk: 9:00-10:00 Conf Room

February 13: 7th Grade Registration

Dinner for Dads 6-7:30 Commons

February 14: 6th Grade Registration

February 15: 7th Grade Registration

February 16: 6th Grade Registration

February 19: Midwinter Break through February 23

February 27 thru March 1st: Ship Awards—Commons 8:30

February 28: Parent Awareness Night: Kamiak HS 6:30-8:00

March 2: Field Trip: 8th grade students visit Mariner HS 8:30-10:00am

March 7: Academy Fair: Parent information night at Mariner HS

March 26: 8th grade parent meeting: 3:00-4:00pm—Library

March 27: Environmental Health Fieldtrip: UW

5th Grade Parent Night 6:30pm Commons

March 28: Environmental Health Fieldtrip: UW

Kamiak Freshman Parent Orientation 6:30– 8:00pm—Kamiak Gym

July 26—27: WEB Lock-In

The activity calendar on our website has more detailed information on these and other dates. Our website address at: www.mukilteo.wednet.edu Click on Our Schools, Olympic View then the activity calendar. If you have any questions concerning any of these dates feel free to contact the main office at (425) 356-1308

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Students who wish to take Honors Biology as freshmen and bypass the Earth and Space Science course have the opportunity to take a Challenge Test. Passing the Challenge Test DOES NOT allow students to earn credit for the Earth and Space course. Two lab science courses are still required while in high school in order to meet the State and District graduation requirements.

Requirements:

In order to take the challenge test the students must meet the following requirements:
Students must be earning a grade of 80% at first semester or higher in 8th grade science and have their 8th grade science teacher sign this form as an indication of meeting this requirement.
This form needs to be signed by the appropriate parties and turned into the attending high school office by **May 30, 2007** for the first test session; **June 15, 2007** for the August test session.

Test Dates:

June 9, 2007 at 10 a.m. at Lake Stickney 1625 Madison Way, Lynnwood
August 20, 2007 at 10 a.m. at Lake Stickney 1625 Madison Way, Lynnwood
Location will be posted on the Main Office front door
Students may only take the Challenge Test one time

Text Check Out:

Earth Science: *Geology, the Environment, and the Universe* by Glencoe/McGraw Publishing, 2002 ed
Students may check out a text when the application form is completed or access the text on-line at www.glencoe.com texts may be checked out from the bookkeepers at Mariner High School or Kamiak High School- please have your student ID for check out.
Texts must be checked out prior to June 15, 2007
The text must be returned by August 20, 2007 or a fine of \$75.00 will be incurred by the student
Please see the Additional ES Challenge Test information document for further information regarding the online textbook and study information.

About the test:

Students need to bring Number 2 pencils
The test will take 2 hours or less- at 12:00 the test will end
The test will be composed of multiple choice, short answer and essay questions
The test will be based on the Glencoe Earth Science Text
Completed and corrected tests will be available for student review by scheduling an appointment with the test proctor
Students must score an 80% or higher in order to move into honors Biology
Test results will be available one week from the test date- letters of notification or emails of notification will be sent
No notes or books will be allowed during the test taking time

Please circle test date: **June 9th** **August 20th**

Student Applying for the Challenge Test: _____

Address: _____ **Day Phone:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

I certify that _____ is receiving an 80% grade in 8th grade science.

Teacher Signature: _____ **School** _____

I have read and understand the terms and conditions outlined above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

For more information, contact:

Bill Ardissono, Teacher at Kamiak High School, 356-6620 VM 5030, ardissonowj@mukilteo.wednet.edu
David Nash, Teacher at Mariner High School, 356-1700 VM 4710, nashde@mukilteo.wednet.edu
Lloy Schaaf, Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, 356-1205

Please return this form to the Bookkeeping Office at Kamiak or Mariner and keep a copy for your records.

Drugs and Alcohol Forum

Anyone who watched the older cartoon series *GI Joe* will be aware that "Knowing is half the battle". This is so true of our job as parents. We need to know what our kids are talking about, what they are thinking, what they are doing, and what they believe. We also need to know what their behavior could be telling us when their words are not telling the truth. TAs parents we need to know the signs and symptoms of possible drug use. Below is a partial list of possible signs and symptoms. We will be going over this list and answering questions you may have. We will also have a family from our district present their personal experiences from their student. Please join us on **February 6th at 7:00pm at OV**. I hope you all can make the time to attend and get this valuable information. I will enjoy seeing you all there! *Denise Redford*

Disruptive Behavior

- Defiance of rules, constant discipline problem
- Cheating
- Irresponsibility, blaming, denying
- Verbal/physical abuse to others
- Throwing objects
- Obscene language, gestures
- Dramatic attention getting
- Crying
- Constantly in the wrong area
- Extreme negativism
- Hyperactivity, nervousness

School

- Lower grades - lower achievement
- Academic failure
- Falls behind in class work
- Lack of motivation, apathy
- Absenteeism
- Excessive tardiness
- On absence list, but in school
- Suspension
- Frequent schedule changes
- Frequent nurse/counselor visits
- Forged notes from home

Extra Curricular Activities

- Loss of eligibility
- Decreasing involvement
- Decreasing interest
- Dropped out



Notes from our School Nurse: Mrs. Fontes

For Families who do not have health care: Basic Health (BH) has room for more members at this time and they are accepting applications for Basic Health (BH). Interested people can call 1-800-660-9840 or go to: www.basichealth.hca.wa.gov

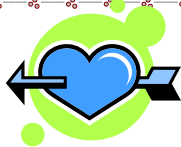
February is Heart Health Awareness month. The American Heart Association encourages you to take care of your heart!

Regular Physical Activity:

- Helps you to be more productive at work and school
- Increases your capacity for physical work
- Builds stamina for other physical activities
- Increases muscle strength
- Helps your heart and lungs to work more efficiently

Consider the benefits of a well conditioned heart: In one minute with 45-50 beats the heart of a well conditioned person pumps the same amount of blood as an inactive person's heart pumps in 75-80 beats. Compared to the well-conditioned heart the average heart beats up to 36,000 more times per day, 13 million beats more per year.

Have a Healthy New Year!



Registration Information

Your 6th and 7th grade students will be registering **early** for classes for the 2007-2008 school year. Registration for 7th grade will take place on Tuesday, Feb 13th and Thursday, Feb 15. Registration for 6th grade will take place on Wednesday, Feb 14th and Friday, Feb 16th. Registration for both 6th and 7th grade students will take place in Science where Counselors present and hand out materials on the first date and pick up forms on the 2nd date for each grade. If you have questions regarding the Registration process please contact your student's counselor:

A-K Wendy Smith 425 356-1336 or e-mail: smithwj@mukilteo.wednet.edu
L-Z Sharon Price 425 356-1341 or e-mail: pricesl@mukilteo.wednet.edu

Parent Awareness Night

When: February 28th, 2007, 6:30pm to 8:00 pm.

Where: Kamiak High School, PAC

What: The purpose of this night to help parents of teens learn about resources, connect with others and become aware of the difficulties of parenting teens.

There will be two presentations, one from Changes Support Group, and one from a Juvenile Probation Officer. In addition we will have information on several other resources in our community.

Who: Any parent, grandparent or guardian of a Mukilteo School District Student.

Questions: Please contact Denise Redford, OV's Prevention Intervention Specialist at 425-356-1308 ext. 2851 or, Doreen Nash, Kamiak and Harbour Pointe's Prevention Intervention Specialist at 425-710-4381 .



8th Grade Celebration Committee Seeking Chair and Co-Chair

Planning for the 8th grade Celebration will begin at the first meeting to be held on March 26th from 3:00-4:00pm in the OV Library. We are seeking 8th grade parents to Chair or co-chair for this committee. This person would communicate with Leslie Ivelia, Activities Coordinator helping to ensure the planning stays on track.

If you are interested in chairing or co-chairing this event or would like more information, please contact Mrs. Ivelia via e-mail: iveliala@mukilteo.wednet.ed or at (425) 356-1334.

Parent Liaison Page

356-1335 or 356-1308
Voice mail #5396
E-Mail: howeca@mukilteo.wednet.edu
Office hours 8-12, M-Th



Can you believe we are already working on transition activities? Dates are set for both incoming 6th and 8th graders moving up to high school. If you will have a future 6th grader or freshman, mark these dates on your calendar. They are VERY important to your student's school career! I will keep you informed on ALL transition activities and meetings. They will also be posted on our activity calendar and will information will be sent to all subscribers to the OV ListServ . If you are not on the ListServ, you may want to subscribe!

Mariner and Kamiak high schools are hosting informational meetings for parents of incoming freshman. Mariner's meeting, for both parents and students is March 7th and Kamiak will be held on March 28th at 7:00pm. PLEASE plan to attend!

March 27th, OV will host a meeting for parents of incoming 6th graders at 6:30PM.

Dinner for Dad's is fast approaching! The date is set for February 13th at 6:00pm. Tickets will be available for your students to purchase at lunch a few days before the event. Please note, tickets will **NOT** be sold at the door! Last year the event sold out! Students may bring another adult if Dad is not able to attend. Dinner and entertainment will cost \$10.00 per ticket. This is an event not to miss!

Don't forget that Parent Volunteers offer a huge resource and support base for our school community while showing their kids the importance of participating. By offering some of your time to our school, and by interacting with teachers, administrators, and other parents on a regular basis, you can gain a first hand understanding of your child's daily activities. You can also get some insight into the trends and fads of school life that will help you communicate with your child as he or she grows and changes (all without intruding on your child's privacy or personal space).

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

- **PTO** staff appreciation– for a scrumptious breakfast of coffee and scones!
- **LIT (site council) REPS**-Nadine Weller-Machado for PTO, Eileen Davis for 6th grade parents, Barbara Edmondson for 7th grade parents, and Julie Martin for 8th grade parents
- **OV Band Boosters**- for organizing, running, and participating in various fundraisers benefiting our band students going to Spokane
- **Coffee Talk**– all parents who take the time to come and share their questions and views on topics concerning OV
- **Walk About Volunteers**– Patricia Johncox, Jim Johncox, Holly Sullivan, Belinda Strannigan, Julie Sahara, and Christine Grace
- **DON'T FORGET TO EMAIL ME ASAP IF YOU WANT TO CHAPERONE THE 8TH GRADE UW FIELD TRIP MARCH 27TH AND 28TH!!**

Aren't they AWSOME!?

Please forgive me if I accidentally omitted your name !





Be My Valentine!
It's Olympic View's 2nd Annual
Dinners For Dads

Date: February 13, 2007 ~ 6:00 to 7:30 PM

Where: OV Commons

Who: Student's Dad or other significant Adult

*Cost: \$10 per person ~ tickets sold during lunch
or in the main office on February 7, 8 and 9th*

*Menu: Lasagna, Caesar Salad, French bread,
Drinks and Dessert*

*This is a full course meal served restaurant style by Builders
Club members, let us pamper you!*

*We hope that you can come and enjoy this dinner with your
special guest along with our special entertainment.*



8th Grade Class Field Trip March 27 and 28

We are pleased to announce that the entire 8th grade will be going on a field trip to the University of Washington on March 27th and 28th. Students will be split into two groups, depending on their science teacher, and half will go to the UW and half of the 8th grade class will stay on campus for an Environmental Health

Conference. The following day the groups will switch.

The purpose of this trip is to kick-off our integrated unit on Environmental Health. Students will visit one of many different labs, talk with researchers, and participate in hands-on activities. Students will also visit the Burke Museum. There, students will learn about Washington State History, which is a unit of study in our social studies curriculum. The Burke has designed activities specifically for our group to incorporate EH topics into the history of our State. In addition, students will be exposed to University life and what higher education looks like.

The EH Conference that will be hosted at OV will provide students with the background information necessary to begin their own research on an environmental health topic. Students will participate in engaging activities that will be fun and educational.

The cost of the field trip is being finalized and will be announced in a letter that will go home with students the end of February. The estimated cost will be \$12-\$15 total for the two days. Scholarships will be available. Please contact Mrs. Johnson for more information.

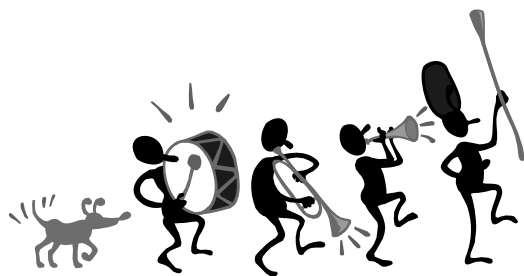
CHAPERONES ARE NEEDED! If you would like to chaperone one or both days at the University, please

contact Cheryl Howe, our Parent Liaison, for more information.

HoweCA@mukilteo.wednet.edu or 356-1335.

Here are the important details to remember:

- What: 8th grade Field Trip to UW
- When: March 27th or 28th —departing OV at 9:00 am and will return before 3pm.
- What to Bring: **\$ to Ms. Bronson by March 23rd**.
(Amount will follow in student letter, not known at print time)
- *On the day of the trip: Sack Lunch, warm clothes, comfortable shoes for lots of walking.*
- What **not** to Bring: Cell phones, CD players, Backpacks.



**Marching Band and Drill Team
Represent Olympic View at Spokane Lilac Festival, May 10-13**

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! It's going to take a lot of people to help support the kids over in Spokane! Please take a moment to look at the list of needed volunteers below. Chaperones, Food helpers, Equipment, Uniform, Drill Team help, Night time security and medical staff: all are needed to make this trip possible. Please contact one of the following folks for more info, or come to our meeting on Jan. 30.

Mike/Julie Suhara at 425-741-2868 • Cell 425-387-9530 • o2bntx@comcast.net

Steve Hynds at Cell 425-343-2500 • stevehynds@hotmail.com

Leanne Hendrickson at 425-296-7838 or 425-359-1440

Gina McCaul at 425-353-9092 • Cell 425-210-4362 • sqgina@yahoo.com

Susan Rowley at 425-513-0137 • Cell 425-210-5392 • rowlsj98@comcast.net

FOOD: Looking for volunteers to help with the **food items** (several meals, snacks, water, etc) needed for the Spokane Trip. If you are interested in helping with organizing, transporting, ordering, serving, cleaning up, etc. please let me know. We have awesome notes from the last trip to Spokane, so we won't be reinventing the wheel. Would love your help! Cristi Papen, Food Coordinator 425-347-7725.

BOOSTER CLUB WEBSITE: Stay informed! Please make sure to bookmark the following link for your up to the minute information about the Spokane Trip details. Forms and information will be made available on or before the same day your students receive it. Information regarding trips, fundraisers, uniforms and more will be available for your convenience. If you have any questions please contact Sheila Brooks:

sheila.a.brooks@gmail.com or call 425-773-1581.

To view, to the OV Middle School home page (<http://schools.mukilteo.wednet.edu/ov/ov.htm>), and click on "Booster Club" in the left side menu, OR go directly

to: <http://homepage.mac.com/sheilabee1/boosters/index.htm>

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| Sun | Mon | Tues | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | 1 Ctr. 3 Starts <i>All Day</i> GB Tryouts 6:30 A - 8:00 A Honor Society 7:30 A - 8:15 A Early Dismissal, K-12 | 2 1st Wrestling Practice 3:00 P - 5:00 P Snow Make-Up Day -- School for all Students | 3 |
| 4 | 5 Grades Due by 3:00pm <i>All Day</i> SHIP Awards Due by 3:00 pm <i>All Day</i> HOPE Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Games/Art Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Cribbage Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P | 6 Fire Drill <i>All Day</i> Advisory Committee Meetings 7:35 A - 8:10 A Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P 6th Grade Activities 3:00 P - 4:00 P Parent Forum 7:00 P - 8:00 P | 7 ASB Proposals due <i>All Day</i> Staff Meeting 7:30 A - 8:00 A WEB Wednesday 9:19 A - 9:39 A Computer Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Creative Writing Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Games/Art Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P | 8 Payroll Cut-off <i>All Day</i> Honor Society 7:30 A - 8:15 A Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P 6th Grade Activities 3:00 P - 4:00 P 7th Grade Tech Club 3:05 P - 4:10 P | 9 SHIP Letters Out <i>All Day</i> Newsletter Deadline <i>All Day</i> ASB Cabinet Mtg. 7:45 A - 8:15 A Parent Coffee Talks 9:00 A - 10:00 A Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P | 10 |
| 11 | 12 Prevention Team Meetings 7:45 A - 8:00 A HOPE Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Games/Art Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Cribbage Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P School Board Dialogue 5:00 P - 6:00 P Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 P - 9:00 P | 13 POM: 5th period selections due <i>All Day</i> T&L Meetings 7:30 A - 8:00 A 6th Grade Activities 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P WEB Heartwarming Activity 3:00 P - 4:00 P LIT Meeting 3:10 P - 4:00 P Dinner For Dads 6:00 P - 7:30 P | 14 Discipline Staff Mtg 7:30 A - 8:00 A ASB Meetings 2:00 P - 3:00 P Cookie Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Games/Art Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Computer Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P | 15 Honor Society 7:30 A - 8:15 A 6th Grade Activities 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P 7th Grade Tech Club 3:05 P - 4:10 P GBB: JAmboree @ Voyager 3:45 P - 6:30 P | 16 Pirates of the Month (POM) Awards <i>All Day</i> PIRATE PRIDE Day <i>All Day</i> Girls Basketball Pictures 7:00 A - 8:00 A Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P | 17 |
| 18 | 19 No School - Mid- Winter Break | 20 No School - Mid- Winter Break | 21 No School - Mid- Winter Break | 22 No School - Mid- Winter Break | 23 No School - Mid- Winter Break | 24 |
| 25 | 26 Safety Committee Mtg 7:30 A - 8:00 A HOPE Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Games/Art Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Cribbage Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P School Board Meeting - Work Session 5:30 P - 6:30 P Regular School Board Meeting 6:30 P - 9:00 P | 27 Advisory Committee Meetings 7:35 A - 8:10 A 8th Grade SHIP Award Assembly 6:30 A - 9:15 A 6th Grade Activities 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P GBB: HP @ OV 3:45 P - 6:30 P WR: OV@Harbour Pointe 3:45 P - 5:15 P | 28 Grade Level Mtg. 7:30 A - 8:05 A 7th Grade SHIP Award Assembly 6:30 A - 9:15 A WEB Wednesday 9:19 A - 9:39 A Cookie Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Debate Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Study Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Games/Art Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Creative Writing Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Computer Club 3:00 P - 4:00 P Parent Awareness Night at Kamlak 6:30 P - 8:00 P | | | |

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- Sign up for Parent Connect to access student information and the ListServ to receive e-mail notices.
- Attend our Parent Forums.
- Contact the School if you have any concerns or questions; we are here to help.