

October, 2006



Olympic Viewpoints

Nancy Coogan
Principal

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Assistant
Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The opening of school was incredible! I have thoroughly enjoyed working with your children and meeting with many of you as you have stopped by the school front office. Please feel free to continue to do so.

We are fortunate to have such a supportive community and parent group to work with us in accomplishing our many goals. Our PTO and Parent Liaison, Cheryl Howe, continue to support Olympic View in many ways from volunteering to assisting teachers in their classrooms. This year our PTO is busy organizing our first Bingo Night/Spaghetti Feed! Please mark your calendars for **Friday, October 20th at 6:00 PM**. Thank you.

Our WEB (**Where Everybody Belongs**) Leaders worked hard during the summer and the onset of the school year to ensure that 6th graders felt welcome and safe. We believe this program makes a significant difference in transitioning elementary students to the middle school. Our WEB leaders will continue to work with our 6th grade students throughout this school year.

This year our teachers will be working on content teams. They are aligning, collaborating and analyzing data more so than ever! Our school-wide focus of hard work and commitment to helping each and every child is evident in their work. Recognizing individual needs, focusing all of our efforts to help students, and providing an academic pyramid of interventions are all what we believe is essential for individual student achievement.

New Academic Intervention: Olympic View is dedicated to learning. If students need additional time and support we will provide that. This year during lunch we have an intervention in the library that is staffed by two certificated teachers daily. These teachers are there to help your student be successful. If your student has missing work, or made a choice not to do work during their first three periods, they will be required to attend. This is not a punishment by any means, but an effort to show students that their learning is important to us. In addition, if students have missing work or made a choice not to do work during the latter part of the day, they will be required to attend after school study club. Parents of course will be contacted.

We will continue to focus on good instruction making sure that students are actively engaged and well prepared for high school and beyond. Our school will continue with reading across the curriculum and focusing our staff development on common assessments. Each discipline will be using SMART goals (**S**pecific, **M**easurable, **A**ttainable, **R**esults Oriented, and **T**ime bound.) as they look at data to inform their instruction.

Your voice is important to us and I want to thank you for your feedback for our initial Parent Forum. The first Parent Forum Topic will be **Attitudes & Behaviors**. We have this Forum scheduled for Tuesday, October 10 at 7:00 pm in the Library.

Sincerely,

Nancy Coogan

Together we make a difference

You are invited to
Our first Parent Forum
October 10 at 7:00pm
In our Library
Our Topic:
"Attitudes & Behaviors"

Parent Liaison Page



Welcome to FALL!

I hope everyone had an awesome summer! I want to remind you that our website is an enormous help. As you plan your busy days this calendar will keep you current on all school events as dates are scheduled. Please keep in mind that event dates and times sometimes do change. If you doubt a certain date on the activity calendar, feel free to call our office to confirm. Help spread the word that the Activity Calendar is a GREAT resource.

We are trying to subscribe ALL parents/guardians to the OV listserv. Parents can e-mail me or subscribe via the link on the District website! Every family needs to know what is going on here at school!

Walk About is a program to help make school a safe and positive place for children. The presence of familiar and responsible adults help make this happen. There is a continual need for parents to participate in Walk About., the times available are: 7:55-8:20 AM, 11:30AM-1PM, and 3-3:15PM. Walk About is a GREAT way to volunteer at OV because it is a very short time commitment and can be once a day, once a month, or whatever fits into your busy schedule. Please email me if you are interested in this opportunity. There is a short (20 minute) training and tour and all volunteers should have an approved WSP form on file in the Main Office. Please let your students know how important school is by making it a priority in your life (or you can come and discreetly observe your kids!)

October 20 is our 1st annual PTO spaghetti feed and bingo night. Please join us for a fun filled inexpensive night of fun that includes dinner and family BINGO! Great prizes will be awarded for winning a game. We will also have a drawing for a NEW Xbox and five new games! Please stop in and say HI whenever you are in the building, email me with questions or concerns: I'm here for you. **CHERYL**

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

- **PTO staff appreciation**– a DELIGHTFUL 1st day lunch!
- **August Registration**-Julie Martin, Gina McCaul, Stephanie Walthall, Joann Werner, Angela Ziska, Kelly Brock, Carol Cetnarowski, Carrie Donaldsen, Julie Glafke, Karen Harris, Bobbi Liberko. Cindy Weyers, Joanna Turgeon, Krista Fisher, Cynthia Davis. Mike Suhara, Julie Suhara, Gerri Chan, and Kristie Peterson
- **Assembled 1st day packets**– Gerri Chan, Julie Smith, Toni Umpleby, Stephanie Walthall, Karen Butler, Patrice Ovstedal, Yet McDaniel, Eileen Davis, Bobbi Liberko, and Julie Martin
- **Distribute 1st day schedules**- Gerri Chan, Stephanie Walthall, Judy Jordan, Maya Ojalehto, Julie Martin, Joanne Werner, Barb Edmondson, Chilo Larsen, and Jenny Sparks
- **Student Store**- Gerri Chan, Jennifer Fugleberg, Dana Richards, Joanna Turgeon, Bobbi Liberko, Jennifer Otto, Laurie Whitmore, Joanne Werner, Renata Mendenhall, Dani Dawson, Lori Anderson, Martha Nelson, and Susie Thomson

Aren't they magnificent!

Please forgive me if I accidentally omitted your name !

NOTES from the School Nurse: Lynne Fontes

The start of school is a busy time. Thank you OV parents for returning the School Health Information forms on a timely schedule. As changes occur in your child's health and or emergency contact information please keep the OV school staff informed.

Tuesday September 26 was the state mandated Vision and Hearing screening for seventh grade students. If you have questions regarding this screening please feel free to contact me.

With the new state requirement, sixth grade students who have not turned in the date of their Chickenpox (Varicella) immunization or the date they had Chickenpox will be contacted and a letter will be sent home explaining exclusion.

Wishing you all a healthy year.

Lynne Fontes BSN RN
ESA.Cert. School Nurse



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My name is Denise Redford and I am the Prevention Intervention (P/I) Specialist at Olympic View Middle School. My job is to be in charge of developing and implementing a comprehensive drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention and intervention program. I work with students, parents, and staff to help keep our school safe and drug free. My primary focus is to advocate for and listen to the students to help them to learn how to make positive choices. Each month I will be putting information in the newsletter about different substances, different trends, new information or whatever you as parents want to know about. If you have any requests please phone or e-mail me at the numbers below.

In October your 6th and 8th grade students will be given the opportunity to take an anonymous survey. This survey is optional and will be given to all Mukilteo School District 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th graders. The survey is called the Healthy Youth Survey and it looks for patterns in knowledge, attitudes and behaviors. We will use the information from this survey to plan programs to help support kids in the school and community, and to reduce the risks to our youth. Your student will be sent home with a brochure on September 25th that gives you more details. In addition there will be a copy of the survey in the main office for you to review starting on October 2, 2006. This survey is extremely helpful and important to the school, the district and the community.

If you have any questions regarding my position, your student or the survey please contact me at OV at 425-356-1308 ext. 2851 or by email at redforddl@mukilteo.wednet.edu. I am looking forward to being a resource at OV for you and your student.

Take care,
Denise Redford



Olympic View PTO & CM Travel

Present

Fundraising with travel



Raise money for Olympic View PTO by booking your travel with CM Travel. It's simple! We raise money for OV PTO every time you go on vacation. Anyone can participate: you, your family, friends, business associates, even those out-of-state can log onto OV's personal website dedicated to this fundraising project. You can research and submit a request for booking travel, or take advantage of the self-booking engine on the website and book your own travel. All you need to do is have fun! Call our CM Travel Agent (and Olympic View parent) Sharma Shumate at 425-442-8063, e-mail sharmas@consultant.com or log onto the website and start raising money for Olympic View PTO. All the funds raised stay right here in our school community, so please bookmark this site today!

www.cmtfundraising.com/ovms.html

Thank you, and happy travels!

Spirit Club

Spirit Club will be starting soon for the 2006-2007 year. Our first activity is next Tues., Oct 3rd for a 7th grade football game. If your child will be attending Spirit Club at any time during the year you both must read the information below and return the signature page to Ms. Howe before attending a Spirit Club meeting. We will be doing some fund raisers during the year to help support this club. We need parent volunteers for this. If you are able to help at the games selling food please let me know and I will be in touch with you.

Thank you Cheryl Howe
425-356-1308 ext. 1335
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OV Spirit Club

All students interested in staying for any after school-sporting event must attend this awesome club, as it is your “**ticket in the door**”. An **OV Spirit Club** is being formed to help create more school spirit, provide a supervised place for you to socialize, snack and have fun. The following expectations need to be considered:

1. You must have an ASB card to attend.
2. You must be in no later than **3:10 p.m.**
You may stop by the juice machines before you come
Snacks may be sold **in the room** for your convenience
3. The club will be in session for specific **Home** sporting events from **3:10 - 3:40 p.m.** (The club will not be available for all games, which means you cannot stay after school for games on those days. A calendar of Spirit Club dates will be posted outside E105)
4. In order to attend the game and enter the gym you must have **signed in** and received a **ticket** from the **Club supervisor**.
5. Bus tickets for the **4:10 p.m.** and **5:00 p.m.** will only be issued to those students that have attended the clubs session that day.
6. **REMEMBER:** the courtyard and outlying areas on campus are not considered a supervised activity and you will not be allowed to attend the sporting event if you are not a part of the club that day.

7. **If you are participating in another after school activity and then decide to attend the game when that club releases, you must get a signed pass or ticket from that supervisor before expecting to get into the sporting event.**
8. Any student staying after school for ASD (after school detention) cannot attend sporting events on that day.
9. It is expected that you stay in the gym or at the sport function during the activity. Wandering around campus or leaving to and from is not acceptable.
10. Reminder: staying after school is a privilege and appropriate school behavior is expected.

Advisor: Ms. Howe

Club meets: In E-105

Who: Any students wanting to show their school spirit and watch our sports teams may attend.

Please see Ms. Howe or Mrs. Ivelia if you have questions

Student Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

Parent Phone _____

I will be willing to help with spirit club fundraisers: Yes _____ No _____

Spirit Club Begins Tuesday Oct. 3rd at 3:05 in A105.

Spirit Club always starts at 3:05pm and after student have the option of taking either the 4:10 or 5:00 activity bus home. For your planning pleasure here are other Spirit Club meeting times:

Wednesday, Oct. 4- 8th grade Football

Tuesday, Oct. 10- 7th grade football

Wednesday, Oct. 18- 8th grade football

Thursday, Oct. 19- softball

Tuesday, Oct. 24- softball

Thursday, Oct. 26- softball

PTO PAGE



PTO Is Set for Another Great Year at Olympic View

The Olympic View Parent-Teacher Organization has a simple mission. We're here to enrich the school experience for our teachers and staff, our students, and our parents.

Membership in the PTO is only \$12 per family per year, and 100% of this money stays right here in our school community. From each membership, \$10 is used to support our teachers, classrooms and curriculum, and for fantastic programs like Pirate Pride student recognition and Staff Appreciation. The remaining \$2 goes to a student scholarship fund. When a student cannot attend a fieldtrip (or participate in other activities) due to cost, teachers alert the PTO, and we offer scholarship funds.

Have you joined yet? If not, please do! If you need a membership form, simply send an e-mail to OlympicViewPTO@yahoo.com. Or call me, Nadine Weller-Machado, at (425) 407-0506.

To learn more about our PTO and our upcoming events, visit our Web page. From the Olympic View Middle School home page, click on Parent Information in the left column, and then click on PTO. (<http://schools.mukilteo.wednet.edu/ov/OVParents/pto.htm>) While you're there, take a look at this year's great group of officers and committee chairs – we're so lucky to have them!

For now, please be sure to mark this date on your calendar:

Friday, Oct. 20: Spaghetti Feed and Bingo Night, 6:30 to 8:45 p.m.

If you would like to receive e-mail updates about PTO activities, please sign up for OV's ListServ, and send an e-mail to OlympicViewPTO@yahoo.com. Thank you to the dozens and dozens of parents who have already volunteered for activities such as Book Fair, Staff Appreciation, Bingo Night, Popcorn Sales, Library Help, Student Store and "wherever you need me." We couldn't do any of this without your generous volunteerism.

If you have any questions about our PTO, please contact me. See you around the OV campus!

Nadine Weller-Machado, PTO President
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(425) 405-0506

Reminder for Parents:

To keep classroom interruptions to a minimum, we are unable to take messages to students unless it is an emergency. We also keep deliveries (homework, lunches, clothing items) to a minimum as well. We are unable to accept balloon or flower deliveries!

*Bus Passes are issued ONLY if a student presents a note with a parent signature approving their student to ride with a friend. We are unable to accept permission over the telephone.

*To Report Your Student Absent: Please call 425-356-1259

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Stay Involved!

- Visit OV Web Page frequently.
- Log on to Web Calendar for event information and schedule changes.
- Sign up for Parent Connect to access student information and the ListServ to receive e-mail notices.
- Attend our Parent Forums and PTO Functions.