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Olympic Viewpoints

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Dear OV Families,

Many parents have requested information regarding time available for their student to work with teachers. Each teacher has specific times to meet and confer with students who are struggling academically or just need additional assistance with a specific concept. Please email your student's teacher directly to find out the times they are available. We want to make sure that you are aware every **Monday through Friday** we offer the Pirate Success program after school in the library for your student's convenience and we provide a 4:00pm Activity Bus as well. If your student is working with a teacher until 3:30, the teacher will escort your student to Pirate Success to continue with their work. In Pirate Success students have access to technology if they need information regarding research that they are doing. In addition, our library is staffed with two additional staff members for questions and assistance and, this year we have students from Kamiak here Monday through Friday to assist as well. These are students from Kamiak's Key Club and Honor Society. After reviewing your students' grades for first quarter, make sure you contact teachers with any concerns. Our counselors are also an outstanding resource for setting up parent teacher conferences as you deem necessary. If you have yet to sign up with our Parent Connect, please do so. It is a great way to communicate with your students regarding their assignments and current grades. As always, do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns.

Parent Coffee Talk: Please feel free to stop in with any questions at our next coffee talk. This is an informal meeting for parents to have an opportunity to ask questions about anything. Our next talk is scheduled for **Friday, January 6th at 3 PM**. Please join us in the Conference Room. In addition to our coffee talks, we have many opportunities for families to get involved. Our walkabout program offers parents and relatives the opportunity to participate at our middle school. Please contact Cheryl Howe our parent liaison if you are interested. (425) 356-1308.

Next Parent Forum Topic: Drugs and Alcohol. Please join us on February 6th for our next Parent Forum. Denise Redford, our Intervention Specialist, will be presenting helpful information. Parent Forum's are a wonderful opportunity for you to learn more about what is going on and how to be prepared so I hope you can plan on attending. This Parent Forum will be hosted in the Commons. Ms. Redford has also put together a few helpful Parenting Tips in this newsletter .

New this year: Many teachers are piloting Standards Based Reporting. Your student may receive two report cards. One traditional report card with a grade of A, B, C, D, F and one standards based report card. Reporting on the Standards requires teachers to do the following:

- Identify each power standard being targeted
 - Provide students with specific feedback on where they are at toward meeting a specific standard or learning target.
- Standards-Based grading provides specific information for parents, teachers and students that identifies areas needing improvement. With our current reporting system, your student's grade will be averaged at the bottom of the page. Please take note of each specific score for each standard as this will inform you as to where your student needs to focus. If you have any questions regarding this reporting, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

Lastly, I would like to wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season. If there is something we as a school can do to assist with any hardships, let us know. As a community it is important that we continually support one another. Enjoy your families and friends and find time to share in the spirit of the season. Have a wonderful, restful break and we will catch up in the New Year.

Sincerely,

Nancy Coogan
Dedicated to Student Learning

Parent Liaison Page



Walk About is a program to help increase campus supervision. Parents and adult relatives of OV students come on campus and supervise our student population three times daily. The additional adult supervision helps to spot potential problems and intruders.

Currently Walk About has five parent volunteers. Our goal is to have 60 Walk About shifts covered each month. At this point, most of the shifts are going uncovered! The times available are 7:55-8:20 AM, 11:30AM-1PM, and 3-3:15PM. What a GREAT way to volunteer at OV! A very short time commitment (some even come for their lunch break!), once a day, once a month, or whatever fits into your busy schedule. Please email me if you are interested in doing this. There is a short (20 minutes) training tour and you have to fill out a WSP form. Please let your students know how important school is by making it a priority in your life.

Parent Involvement research can now document these benefits for students: higher grades and test scores, better attendance and more homework done, more positive attitudes and behaviors, higher graduation rates, and greater enrollment in postsecondary education. The benefits for parents are: more confidence in school, teachers have higher opinions of parents and higher expectations of their children, greater confidence in themselves as parents and in their ability to help their children learn at home, and a greater likelihood that the parents will continue their own education.

As always please stop in and say HI whenever you are in the building or email me with questions or concerns. I'm here for you. HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Take some time to ENJOY all of the hustle and bustle!

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THANKS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!!

- **PTO staff appreciation**– for a SUPERB meal of soups and stews!
- **Office Helpers**–Stephanie Walthall, Tania Halliday, Patrice Ovstedal, Julie Martin, and Joan Moore
- **6th Grade orientation lunch servers**– Gerri Chan, Jen Otto, Bill Lace, Cindy Weyers, and Tracy Newcomb
- **Magazine order processors**– Karen Butler, Julie Rucker, Eileen Davis, Holly Sullivan, Rebecca Kizziar, Dorothy Collins, Laurie Whitmore, Christi Papen, Belinda Stanigan, and Julie Martin
- **Curriculum night schedule distribution**– Marianne Costello, Kelly Brock, Nancy Wright, Kathy Watne, Amy Dill, Verna Saville, and JoAnne Werner
- **Vision Screening**–Linda Swanson, Kristi Rosenberger, Tamiko Janczakowski, Cheryl Stief, Barbara Edmondson, Dana Tubbesing, Susie Thomson, and Brooke Spratto
- **Monster Mash**– Jenny Sparks, Patricia Johncox, Julie Martin, Julie Rucker, Dani Dawson, Megan Lambert, and Eileen Davis

Aren't they AWESOME!?

Please forgive me if I accidentally omitted your name !



Not my Kid

Tips from our Prevention Intervention Specialist

As the Prevention Intervention Specialist at Olympic View we focus on prevention. We try to alleviate problems before they can occur.

Communication with your student is of paramount importance. Reinforce with your student the importance of saying “no” to drugs and alcohol. Role playing is one avenue that keeps the line of communication open.

Research supports that there is no replacement for quality family time.

Discuss what your child is doing in school, what activities they are involved in and what friends they have. Know your child’s friends and their parents.

Set clear boundaries for your child and let them know your expectations.

Encourage you child to be active in clubs, sports, and/or activities in school and in the community.

Praise you child for being responsible, respectful and for helping others.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me. I am at Olympic View on Mondays and Tuesdays. My extension is Thank you and I look forward to seeing you at the Parent Forum on February 6, 2007 when I present information on Drugs and Alcohol.

Denise Redford

Band Booster News:

Winter Band concert:

We hope you will join us at Winter Concert, December 12th at 7:00pm in the gym. The entire Olympic View Band will provide entertaining music. Help support the band's Big Trip to Spokane this spring: We will have items for sale such as t-shirts and sweatshirts, and the proceeds from these items will help support the cost of the trip. Information on volunteering for the Music Booster Club will be available as well. If you would like to find out more about the Booster Club before the day of the concert, please contact Julie Suhara at 02bntx@comcast.net (425-741-2868) or Sue Rowley at: rowlsj98@comcast.net

Band Communication/Participation to Parents:

- Watch for details to come home about the next parent meeting. Please send us your email contact info so we are able to keep you informed about details of the upcoming Spokane trip. It is the fastest and most effective way for us to relay information to parents in order to prepare. Email your contact information to Sue Rowley at: rowlsj98@comcast.net or Sheila Brooks at sheila.a.brooks@gmail.com
- Shadow Board members needed: We are looking for interested parents to shadow this year's board in order to prepare for next year's board. Please contact co-Presidents, Mike Suhara at 02bntx@comcast.net or Steve Hynds at stevehynds@hotmail.com for more information.

See you at the concert!



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with various events taking place throughout the weekend!

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How can you help support your Mukilteo Schools? Simply shop at Barnes & Noble Alderwood on Friday, December 15th through Sunday, December 17th and bring the attached voucher.

(Don't worry if you forget your voucher - Barnes & Noble Alderwood will have extras at the cash register area when you check out!)

Mukilteo Schools will receive a portion of every applicable dollar spent when using your voucher! (Gift Card purchases do not count toward Bookfair donations.)

Save your holiday shopping for this weekend and not only will you find some great gifts, but you will be supporting your schools! Plus, volunteers from various Mukilteo Schools will be providing gift wrapping!

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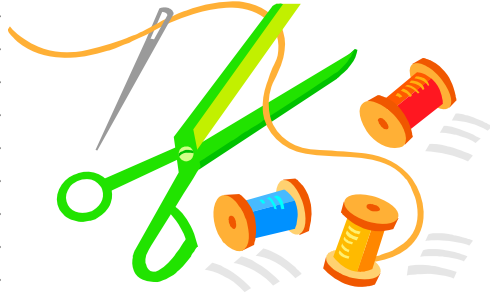
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Remember - for every dollar spent, the Mukilteo Schools Foundation will receive up to 25% directly back to help support your children in their classrooms!



Hope Club Needs Our Help! To Assist 40 Shelters In the Greater Seattle Area

Hope Club has been busy sewing blankets and knitting scarves. We will be participating in our first service project of this school year in December. We will be gathering at

the Coast Guard Station in Seattle to help stuff and deliver up to 2000 stockings to over 40 shelters in the Greater Seattle area. In order for this to be successful we will be collecting items to be put in the stockings from December 1st through the 8th. Essentials and small toys are needs for children of all ages. Examples are: knit hats, mittens, scarves, small toys, individually wrapped candies, lip balms, (like Chapstick) hair ties, etc.. If you would like to participate please deliver items to school during the first 8 days of December. If you would like more information please contact:

Cheryl Phillip, Advisor at: phillipcm@mukilteo.wednet.edu or 356-1308 ext. 3073

PTO PAGE

OV PTO Executive Board:
Nadine Weller-Machado - President
Barbara Edmondson - VP
Elena Uri - Treasurer
Dana Tubbesing - Secretary



Scholastic Book Fair

Mark Your Calendars, the Scholastic Book Fair is coming to OV! The book fair is sponsored by the PTO and last year's profits earned \$2,500 in books for the library and classrooms. This year the book fair will run for 4 days: Dec. 11-13th and will be open from 8:00-3:30 in the library. Family shopping night will be on Tuesday, Dec. 12th from 6:00-8:00pm. There will be great books and other gift ideas, so we hope to see you there! For more information or to volunteer, contact Nadine Weller-Machado at: nadineweller@comcast.net or 425-407-0506.



Donate your old cell phones!!



We are excited to continue our cell phone recycling fundraiser. We are simply asking you to protect the environment by donating your used cell phone which will be recycled with EPA regulations and refurbished. 100% of the proceeds will go back to the Olympic View PTO and to our school!

- Your used cell phone can raise money for our school!
- Your used phone contains hazardous substances that can pollute the air, soil, and drinking water if not disposed of properly. One cell phone can contaminate 132,000 liters of water!

Please call Nadine Weller-Machado (425) 407-0506 if you have any questions or drop off your phones at the Olympic View Middle School office. Please do not include accessories. They can be recycled locally.

Thank you for your support!

Notes from the School Nurse....

Lynne Fontes BSN RN ESA cert.



As we enter the cold and flu season, please encourage your children to wash their hands frequently and demonstrate to your children coughing and sneezing into their elbow or a tissue. The best defense to the spread of colds and flu is hand washing.

In addition children should not be given Aspirin or Aspirin containing products unless specifically instructed by their health care provider. Aspirin containing products have been linked to Reyes syndrome.

What is Reye's Syndrome?

Reye's syndrome (RS) is primarily a children's disease, although it can occur at any age. It affects all organs of the body but is most harmful to the brain and the liver--causing an acute increase of pressure within the brain and, often, massive accumulations of fat in the liver and other organs. RS is defined as a two-phase illness because it generally occurs in conjunction with a previous viral infection, such as the flu or chicken pox. The disorder commonly occurs during recovery from a viral infection, although it can also develop 3 to 5 days after the onset of the viral illness. RS is often misdiagnosed as encephalitis, meningitis, diabetes, drug overdose, poisoning, sudden infant death syndrome, or psychiatric illness. Symptoms of RS include persistent or recurrent vomiting, listlessness, personality changes such as irritability or combativeness, disorientation or confusion, delirium, convulsions, and loss of consciousness. If these symptoms are present during or soon after a viral illness, medical attention should be sought immediately. The symptoms of RS in infants do not follow a typical pattern; for example, vomiting does not always occur. The cause of RS remains a mystery. However studies have shown that using aspirin or salicylate-containing medications to treat viral illnesses increases the risk of developing RS. A physician should be consulted before giving a child any aspirin or anti-nausea medicines during a viral illness, which can mask the symptoms of RS. Info From NINDS....

Congratulations to our Pirates of the Month!

														
	Feliciano Aleman	Sara Harmke	Branda Luu	Ceanna Richardson										
	Douglass An	Theo Hatziliadis	Lana Musnitskaya	Tanya Rubashka										
	Robert Bingisser	Jeremy Hedden	John Nathan	Jamael Smith										
	Ramy Carter	Alyssa Jacobson	Beth Newcombe	Aimee Sokol										
	Dalton Dengah	LaQuesha Jenkins	Tori Niewohner	Emily Strannigan										
	Kelli Desrosier	Dakoda Johnson	Chris Nicholson	Alexa Uri										
	Sarah Ferraro	Kateryna Kerpan	Eric Onishi	Emily Welsh										
	Saida Flores	Amy Key	Beth Oswald	Jane Werner										
	Jessica Gannon	Emily King	Jesse Papen	Luke Wester										
	Jose Gonzales	Magnus Lagerkrans	Jonathan Peterson	Andrew Weyers										
	Arianna Greer	Christopher Lange	Urooj Qureshi	Sarah Williams										
	Hannah Hageage	Andriy Linnyk	Kelsea Rayment	Kansas Woolridge										
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Lunch Bunch and Pirate Success



Part of our continuous effort to increase student achievement, Olympic View staff has developed two programs to assist our students. These programs are not meant to be punitive, but to send the message to students that *we care about their learning*.

Our **Lunch Bunch** program is offered Monday through Friday during the first twenty minutes of lunch in our school's library. This program is for reluctant learners or for students who neglected to do their homework assignment the evening prior. It is meant to happen immediately as we want to send the message to students that we care, and we will provide assistance for them to complete their work. Students are informed by their teachers that they need to attend **Lunch Bunch** for the beginning of their lunch time. Students are checked in as they arrive to the library by our librarian. **Lunch Bunch** is run by certificated personnel. This program for the first quarter has been highly successful as measured by fewer and fewer students attending.

During lunch, students may always choose to go to the library and still work on their assignments. They may also check out books during their lunchtime.

In addition to our **Lunch Bunch** program, we direct students to our after school **Pirate Success** program. This program is designed to help students who are reluctant learners who may have neglected to do their homework from their 4th, 5th or 6th period classes. We have several students from Kamiak High School's Key Club and Honor Society who assist our learners in this program. Parents are personally notified by our school staff letting them know that their student will be attending our pirate success program. Communication to parents is of paramount importance. If we cannot get in touch with a parent, the student will not attend, but we will inform the parent on their answering machine of the missing assignment(s) so they are kept informed. This program is also offered Monday through Friday from 3-4:00 in our library. Students are escorted out to the activity bus at 4:00 for their transportation home. Again, any student can choose to attend this after school program, but some students are required to attend with parent permission.

If you are interested in assisting with our after school or lunch programs, please contact our main office at (425) 356-1308. We thank you for your continuous support!



Our next newsletter will be sent out in February, 2007. Please be sure to check our Activity Calendar frequently on the website for any changes to events we have posted. We also want to remind you that an early-dismissal day that was scheduled to take place in Mukilteo schools on Monday, March 19, 2007, will instead occur on Friday, March 16, 2007.

Have a wonderful mid-winter break!



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