



# The Falcon Spirit

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope that you have had a great week. I wanted to remind you that the PTSA will be hosting their **Halloween Bash next Thursday at 6:30**. Come out and join in the fun!

**Student Goal-Setting Conferences** are taking place next week. This is a very important part of our school year allowing parents the opportunity to hear from their child. All of our students at ME have a Leadership Notebook where our students record their personal and academic goals and chart their progress toward meeting their goals, (**Beginning with the End in Mind**). The benefit of the data notebooks is that they provide students with an ongoing, timely source of feedback, which directly impacts student achievement.

At Mukilteo Elementary we value parental involvement and strive to build strong authentic partnerships with parents. The Research-based **9 Characteristics of High Performing Schools** state that, "programs and interventions that engage families in supporting their children's learning at home are linked to higher student achievement." We strongly believe this! When you attend conferences, we believe that you are part of the team. We are all here to provide an education that will set the stage for the years to come and prepare all students for their futures. We appreciate your partnership and we look forward to working with you this year.

In an effort to continue providing a safe learning environment for our staff and students I would like to remind you of our **safety procedures** here at ME. Each year I strive to improve our safety efforts through input from staff, parents, students, and community members. Recently, I asked one of our Mukilteo Police Officers to visit our building to look for any potential hazards and to provide ways for us to improve our school safety and safety plans. We will be reviewing the feedback that he provided with our safety team and making additional changes as necessary.

Safety procedures currently in place:

- **Centralized parent pick up area**
- **All staff will continue to walk classes out to the bus lines and the parent pick up areas**
- **We are a closed campus during school hours (8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.)**
- **Visitors will continue to check into the office to receive their visitors badge**
- **All staff are required to wear a name badge at all times (including guest**

## Upcoming Events



**Mon-Fri, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Early Release** (Conferences)  
And PTSA Reflections Studio

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture Make Up Day &  
PTSA Halloween Bash

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Mariner High School  
Harvest Fest 2-5PM

**Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Veteran's Day Assembly &  
**Early Release**

**Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO SCHOOL – Veteran's**  
**Day**



Please drive slowly, we want to make sure our kids and everyone in cars are safe!

Mukilteo School District complies with federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following individuals have been designated to handle questions or complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX Officer - Bruce Hobert (425-356-1325), Section 504 Coordinator - Ruth Peckarsky (425-356-1277), and the ADA/Access Coordinator - Debra Fulton (425-356-1330), all located at 9401 Sharon Drive in Everett, WA 98204. Inquiries regarding ADA/Access issues at Sno-Isle TECH Skills Center should be directed to Dave Rudy, Director (425-348-2220) at 9001 Airport Road in Everett, WA 98204.

teachers)

- If an individual is on campus without a visitor's pass, they will be immediately directed to the office to obtain a visitors badge
- Portable bathrooms are locked and a key used for entry
- Teachers Safety binder with emergency procedures in all classrooms
- Monthly drills including Evacuation, Lockdown, Shelter in Place, and Earthquake drills
- Locking of additional doors as advised by the police department
- Active shooter staff trainings



Thank you for your help and support as we work together to provide a safe learning environment for everyone!

That's it for this week. Have a great weekend!

Best Regards,

*Josh Benedict*

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### VETERANS INVITED!

All parents, relatives and community members who have served, or who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, are invited to be our guests at our **Veteran's Day Assembly** on **Friday, November 6**, at 9:30 AM. Please submit the names of veterans to the office (see below) ASAP or 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 & BLUE** or their special organization's uniform.

**I am a veteran and will be attending your assembly on November 6 at 9:30 AM**

Name:

Rank:

Branch of Service:

When & Where you served:

Student Name:

Relationship to student:

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of the Year Celebration

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

At the conclusion of fifth grade, a PTSA committee of fifth grade parents has historically planned an end-of-the-year celebration. This celebration is for ALL 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and the committee meeting is for ALL 5<sup>th</sup> grade student's parents, including Summit. There are many ways past committees have chosen to do this: with a half-day celebration (DJ dance in the gym along with additional outdoor and indoor activities planned for students to rotate to as they choose- for example), or a full day celebration (down at the beach with outdoor activities organized for students to rotate to as they choose- for example).

To make this happen, there needs to be a new committee formed to discuss the plan to be implemented, to understand the limitations we have from our school district, and to put fundraising ideas in place (this is 100% funded by fundraising the committee chooses to do).

If you are interested in being part of this PTSA committee, or just want to know more about this end-of-the-year celebration, please plan to join us for the first official meeting – November 9<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 -4:30 in room 97 (Mrs. Bass' room). There are many types of jobs to be completed by committee members, from big to small- so the more who can help, the better for all!

-The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team: Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Beckman, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Idso and Mr. Tepley

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## Coats and Health Services for Families in Need

The Family Center of South Snohomish County in Lynnwood will be hosting the ninth annual Operation Warm and Ready event on Saturday, Oct. 24. The event will be from 1-3 p.m. and offers free coats and health services to children and adults. Operation Warm and Ready, sponsored by the Hazel Miller Foundation in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lynnwood, is an effort to provide families with brand new winter coats for their children. With the additional support of organizations such as Clothes for Kids and the Lynnwood Police Department, the event also includes healthcare services, the distribution of school supplies and books and raffles for free haircuts and other prizes. To become involved with the event, contact Stephanie Pimienta at 425-670-8984 ext. 425, or email [spimienta@lcsnw.org](mailto:spimienta@lcsnw.org) for more information. The Family Support Center of South Snohomish County is located at 6215 196th St SW, Lynnwood

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## Check the Lost and Found



**Is your child missing a coat, or a bracelet? Are you missing your car keys?**

We have 2 lost and found locations at the school. The main location for clothes and larger items is right outside of the gymnasium. The second location is for smaller items, and is located in the main office.

We do have several sets of car keys from last year, so if you are missing some, please contact the main office at 425-366-3100 or visit us. Thank you!

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## **SOCKTOBER Sock Drive**

It's that time of year again, it's Socktober! Mrs. Ingle's class will be hosting a sock drive to help our neighbors, who are homeless and in need, by collecting new pairs of socks to give to them. The class who brings in the most new socks will earn a donut party. Please help us make a positive impact on our community by donating new socks for the homeless. Simply collect the socks your class brings in each day and send a messenger to bring them to Mrs. Ingle's class in room 109. We will keep track of the classes. Last year we collected over 1000 socks! Hopefully we will match that goal this year. The only thing we ask is that all socks are new and not used. Socks can be for women, men, youth girls and boys, and babies. Our current Socktober count is 174 pairs of socks!! Mrs. Cornell's class is in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mrs. Ingle's class is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Mrs. Wise's class is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Mrs. Hwang's class is in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Happy Socktober!



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## **Is your child eligible for Special Education Services?**

Do you suspect that your child/student has a mental, physical, developmental delay, or a disability that has a major impact on learning, working and caring for him or herself, or performing manual tasks? Is there a recorded history of your child/student having such impairment?

Even if your child/student does not have a disability, does he or she possess certain characteristics that would somehow cause others to treat him or her as if they did have a disability?

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions above, your child may be eligible for special education related services and/or specialized educational accommodations. The Mukilteo School District provides screening for all children living within the school district boundaries, including homeless children, to determine eligibility.

If your child currently attends school, contact that school's psychologist. If your child is not yet of school age, please contact the school district's Special Education Department at 425-356-1204.

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## **Staff Appreciation**

MEPTSA will be providing snacks for our staff during the last week of October. The conference week will be a busy one for the staff and having snacks will be helpful, and it is fun for staff to have a variety to choose from. Please feel free to bring in whatever you would like or think they might like to snack on! Homemade or store bought items - everything is greatly appreciated! We will assemble each day in the lounge a snacking table - feel free to bring in your items on Monday morning if you can!

If you would like to sign up, you can access the group meal by [clicking here](#), or by visiting [PerfectPotluck.com](http://PerfectPotluck.com) and locating the schedule by coordinator last name (Powers) and password (2457).

We plan to spoil our staff again with a breakfast in November, and our traditional cookie boxes in December!

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## **Halloween Bash**

The Halloween Bash is around the corner! Bring the family for a game filled night on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:00 PM in the ME Gym. There will be games, face painting, dancing and more! Kids and adults can wear family friendly costumes (no weapons). Pizza for \$1/slice. We need volunteers to help make this event fun and successful! Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45aead28a1fd0-halloween>.

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## **Last Chance Sign Ups for M.E. Student Artists**

Reflection's art studio times are still available for students who have not had a chance to sign up. (One session per student). You must have a completed signed participation form turned into the PTSA box in the office by **MONDAY MORNING October 26th at 9 AM**. You will find a link to the sign up form on our PTSA website here: <http://www.meptsa.org/Studiosignup.pdf>.

Studio time spots still available:

Monday-Watercolor paints papers and pencils **8 spots**

Tuesday-writing and music **17 spots**

Wednesday- Acrylic on Canvas **6 spots**

Thursday- Acrylic on Canvas **10 spots**

Friday- Photography (must bring own camera and memory card/film) **5 spots**

When a written request is signed and complete, you may attach it in an email to [president@meptsa.org](mailto:president@meptsa.org) indicating your requested day for art studio times. The physical signed copy must be in the PTSA box in the office by **MONDAY MORNIN, October 26th at 9 AM**. Your request will be approved once I have your signed studio sign up form.

Once the studio time is completely full it will be posted as closed and your request will be sent back letting you know it is not available. All transportation for this event must be provided by the parent/guardian as there is NO MUKILTEO SCHOOL DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION for this activity. Studios run from 1 – 2 PM with a 2 PM pick-up time. Please direct your requests and questions to Kim Lucas, Reflection's Chair, by emailing [president@meptsa.org](mailto:president@meptsa.org). Can't wait to see what all of our artists create!