



The Falcon Spirit

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Our **Multicultural Fair was a wonderful success**. Thanks to everyone who attended. I'm sure you were as impressed as I was. We hope to continue honoring our many nations around the world and cultures within the United States each year. We wish to thank Jaime Benedict for coordinating the event once again this year. Also, a big thanks to Ms. Wise, Ms. Katsh, and their students for organizing the fun games and maps. Lastly, our thanks go out to the various groups who had tables representing each country. The crafts, foods, entertainment, and activities made the evening so much fun. Our appreciation goes to everyone involved in the evening!

I would like to thank the PTSA for organizing the soup luncheon this week. We all enjoyed the treats and unbelievable food that you provided for our staff. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and for taking the time spoil us!

Mukilteo Elementary continues to expand our recycling with the TerraCycle program which recycles the following items: Empty toothpaste containers, old toothbrushes, plastic bottle caps, dental floss containers, and other empty plastic items that are not food-related. In addition, we will be recycling energy bar wrappers and continue collecting ink cartridges and cell phones. The TerraCycle program pays the school for these items that would normally end up in a landfill and the school uses the money for great PTSA events all year long. Please bring them to school and put them in the proper labeled bins across from the library in building B and the gym. This is a win-win for all!

Lastly, thank you parents for sending your children with non-food items to celebrate your child's birthday at school to keep our students safe. I have seen several great ideas such as playdoh, stickers, pencils, color changing pens, stamps and many other fun items.

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

Best Regards,

Josh Benedict

Upcoming Events



Wednesday, November 25th
Early Release

Thursday, November 26th
& Friday, November 27th
NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving
Break

Saturday, November 28th
MEco Outdoor Classroom
Workday 10 AM – 2 PM

Thursday, December 3rd
PTSA Reflections Gallery Night

Friday December 4th
Early Release



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

Multicultural Night

Multicultural Night was a great success! Thank you to everyone that hosted a booth and to all of you that attended. We were able to share our cultures and learn more about other cultures as well. Thanks again, and we hope to see you next year! – ME PTSA



MEco Outdoor Classroom Update and Work Days

- 1) Come join us at the next work day on Saturday, November 28 from 10-2 p.m.** We'll be planting native species to replace what was removed this summer on the slope to the detention pond and, as always, continuing to pull invasive ivy and brambles. Dress with long sleeves, jeans, gloves and your favorite tool. For safety sake, students must be accompanied by a parent or responsible teen. Snacks will be provided, but bring a sack lunch if you plan to stay past lunch.
- 2) We've had some important visitors through our Outdoor Classroom this fall!**



On October 2, Nate Kussman (ME 5th grader) and Lana Huang (ME 4th grader) wait with Mukilteo Police Park Ranger Peg Bohan and Julie Radeff-Huang (Lana's mom and Outdoor Science Docent chair) to give tours through the MEco Outdoor Classroom for State Representative Strom Petersen and Senator Marko Liias.



Lana (left) and Nate show Representative Petersen the nature trails and erosion control projects throughout the Outdoor Classroom. Jack McManis (above, ME Alum, Kamiak Junior, and Eagle Scout) as well as Elliott Szoke (7th grade ME alum and Boy Scout), talk with Senator Liias and Kate Riley, from the Snohomish Conservation District, about how projects in the space continue to grow and be a win-win for students, teachers, and community groups like the Boy Scouts.

Brrrrrrrr it's Getting Cold Outside!

We have noticed that many of our students are not wearing coats during recess. Sometimes they have one and won't wear it (which is just like my son) and sometimes they tell us they don't have one and need one. If your child does not like wearing coats maybe he/she would be open to wearing an extra layer (another shirt or sweatshirt). If your child is in need of a coat, please contact myself or Brenna Fullner to discuss participating in Clothes for Kids. From our end, we will keep suggesting to students that they wear the coats they brought to school when they are out at recess.

- Heather Basse, Support Specialist ext. 3130 or BasseHC@mukilteo.wednet.edu



Gently Used/New Soccer Equipment Collection

Former ME student and current Kamiak Senior, Tylor Adcock is doing a great outreach program. She is working with an organization called "The Goal of Life" that helps kids in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. This organization encourages kids to play soccer so that they will stay out of the 18 gangs that run the streets throughout Tegucigalpa. 46% of the population in Tegucigalpa lives in poverty, and every day a child between the ages of 15-19 is killed.



If you can help Tylor and this awesome organization, please have your student(s) bring in their old (gently used) soccer equipment (cleats, shin guards, socks, shorts, jerseys, and balls).

Collection begins Monday, November 23rd and ends Friday, December 18th.

For more information on the Goal of Life, visit: <http://hosted.ap.org/interactives/2014/honduras-soccer/>

School Bus Info



Has your child's bus ever been a little late? If you ever want to know how late your child's bus is running, or if you have a general transportation question about the busses, feel free to contact the Mukilteo School District Transportation Department at 425-366-1306.

SOAR Gear 2nd Order

We are doing a second order through H&L Sports for SOAR Gear. If your child does not bring home an order form I have attached the PDF to this e-mail, or you can come to the main office and fill one out. If you have any additional questions feel free to contact the main office at 425-366-3100.

Reflections Gallery Night

Thank you to all of the families and students who participated in the Reflection's Art Program at ME this year. We had a very successful studio session and the art work has been on display for students in the library for the past couple weeks as submissions came in. Now it's time to celebrate the artist achievements. We have entries in the literature, fine arts, dance choreography, and photography. We have scheduled some very generous Mukilteo School District art teachers to judge the entries this year. Once the entries are judged we will be hosting an Art Gallery and Awards Night. The Art Gallery will be held in the library on December 3rd from 6:30-8:00. Following the gallery viewing time and light refreshments we will be awarding the participation awards as well as announcing those moving on to the district level. If you would like to help with the gallery night or have questions about the program, please contact Reflection's Chair Kim Lucas at president@mukilteoptsa.org. I can't wait to share all of the talent shared by our students!

5th Grade Parent Opportunity

Each year, a committee of fifth grade parents forms a PTSA sub-committee whose sole purpose is to plan, organize, and implement a celebration to recognize the transition from elementary school to middle school. Historically, committees have planned a range of activities from roller skating, to a day at the beach, to a dance with a live DJ here at school. (One of those activities per year). This year, the committee has already started to form and brainstorm ideas, but are needing a sense of their financial security before making any decisions on the type of celebration to plan this year and how much fundraising will be needed.

Your child will soon be given a donation envelope to help collect money for the fifth grade celebration, in the hopes that minimal further fundraising will be needed to finance the celebration. A suggested donation amount of \$10-\$20 is listed on the donation form. If you write a check, please make it payable to MEPTSA (checks written to Mukilteo Elementary will be returned). Donations, along with their forms, should be placed into the envelope provided, and returned to school at your earliest convenience.

If you would like to be part of the planning committee for the celebration, their next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 30th, beginning at 3:30 in room 97 (Mrs. Bass' room).