



March 11, 2016

# The Falcon Spirit

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As we continue our preparation for our Leadership Day on March 25<sup>th</sup>, I would like to thank all parents that have volunteered this week. Your help is much appreciated! The students have been working very hard on their songs, speeches, and scripts and are so excited to practice their leadership skills on Leadership Day! I have begun working with the Masters of Ceremony and am amazed at their leadership and the ownership they are taking in preparing for the day. Our Leadership Day will allow our students to practice their everyday leadership with authenticity. **Once again, I would like to remind you that parents are invited this year on a first come first serve basis.** Make sure to register on our website or click on the link below if you are able to attend. This helps us plan and organize our day more efficiently. [http://www.theleaderinme.org/event-details/?event\\_id=2211](http://www.theleaderinme.org/event-details/?event_id=2211)

As we approach the third trimester we begin our planning for the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade Smarter Balance and Measurement of Student Progress Assessments. In preparation for the online assessments, students are practicing on our tablet computers. Our staff has done an outstanding job preparing students by familiarizing and giving them access to technology on a weekly basis. By passing the recent Levy, students will continue to have more access to technology to support them in their learning. We look forward to increased technology support and devices, an increase in safety measures including surveillance cameras, and improved communication. We appreciate the community support! The first day of testing begins on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please review the testing schedule below.

<u>ELA- Smarter Balance</u>	<u>Math-Smarter Balance</u>	<u>MSP (Science)</u>
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade- 5/3, 5/4	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade- 5/19, 5/20	
4 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 5/16, 5/17, 5/18	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 5/23, 5/24	
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 5/10, 5/11	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 5/25, 5/26	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade- 5/12

During the testing window, you can support your children by sending them to school **well rested and by feeding them breakfast**. Our wonderful Nutrition services will also be providing free breakfast for all students taking the assessments. Breakfast begins at 8:30 a.m. In addition to breakfast, please also send your child with a healthy snack. You may also reassure them that they do not need to be nervous or concerned. All we ask is that they take their time and do their best. We know this is one snap shot of where they are as learners, but we want the most accurate snap shot we can get. It is very helpful if parents have their children in school, unless they are ill. We do our best to make up tests, but the efforts of parents who plan around the testing window are greatly appreciated.

### Here are the benefits of the SBA and MSP:

- The results provide information that informs staff of each students individual progress
- Parents receive additional information about how their child is doing
- The new Smarter Balance Assessment will provide information of where the child is academically with the online assessment adjusting to the child's ability

## Upcoming Events



**Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**Early Release**

**Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**  
PTSA Meeting 6:30 PM

**Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Early Release**  
**Leadership Day**

**Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> –**  
**Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Book Fair

**Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Kamiak Traveling Kids  
Show @ME  
**PTSA Bingo Night**

- The data will be utilized for placing students appropriately to support high achievers, students at grade level, or students that need additional support

For additional information visit:

[http://www.mukilteo.wednet.edu/pages/MukilteoSD/DepartmentsAndPrograms/Departments/Teaching\\_and\\_Learning/Assessment](http://www.mukilteo.wednet.edu/pages/MukilteoSD/DepartmentsAndPrograms/Departments/Teaching_and_Learning/Assessment)

Best regards,

*Josh Benedict*

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### **Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration has begun and will continue through the end of the year and we will be back in August to continue accepting registrations. If you have a student that will be five years of age on or before August 31, 2016, it is time to register for the upcoming school year! Mukilteo Elementary School's registration hours will be 9 AM – 3 PM on school days.

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### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Pre-Registration and Info Nights**

The middle school counselors will be at ME on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in our 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes to help all of our 5<sup>th</sup> graders with Pre-Registration for 6<sup>th</sup> grade. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will take home their registration forms so that their parents can help them complete and sign it. The middle schools will each be holding a Parent Information Night at their building:



OLYMPIC VIEW  
HARBOUR POINTE  
EXPLORER  
EXPLORER  
VOYAGER



Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30 PM  
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Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 PM – **SUMMIT Parent Night**  
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### **From the Nurse**

**Parents of fifth graders:** A Tdap vaccination is required for entering 6th grade. (Tdap protects against Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis diseases). This vaccine may be obtained as soon as your child turns 10 years old. When your child receives this vaccination, please notify your school right away to have this information recorded.

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## Leadership Day at ME



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Leadership day at ME will be Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:15 – 11:15 AM.

It will feature: Speeches, Classroom Visits, Data Notebook Sharing, Leadership-Through-the-Year Displays, Music, Outdoor Classroom, Community Out-reach, & more... See what empowering students with leadership skills & opportunities can accomplish! For more information visit

Leadership day is a special opportunity for our school to open our doors to the community to show off the great things that are happening. Through implementing The Leader in Me process we have built a unique environment where the principles, practices, and habits of The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People® are embedded into our culture. This year we are inviting parents, community members, and educators to view students practice their leadership skills through presentations, classroom visits, art, music and tours! [Click here](#) for more information and to register for the event. Seating is limited, so make sure you register!

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## Help the 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Service Project



Our 1<sup>st</sup> graders have taken on the fun service project of cleaning up and beautifying the school! We want to help improve the school environment so that it looks beautiful for Leadership Day, and for the remainder of the school year. Our goal is to plant flowers in a few of the flower beds in the front of the school, as well as in the pots in the building's atriums.

In order to be successful with this project, we need YOUR help! The 1<sup>st</sup> graders are now accepting flower donations of any size! Pansies, Cyprus, Lobelias, Marigolds, Daisies, and Geraniums are a few ideas. Gift cards to stores such as Lowes, Costco, Home Depot, or anywhere else that flowers can be purchased, would be another way to help.

If you are willing to donate, please send in your flowers or gift card by Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, so that we can plant them in time for Leadership Day on March 25<sup>th</sup>. You can drop off your donations in the main office or in any of the 1<sup>st</sup> grade classrooms, rooms 52-55.

Thank you SO much for your help! The First Graders can't wait to show their leadership skills through this service project!

Sincerely, Ms. Bade, Ms. Haegeland, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Sanford, and all of the First Graders ☺

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## Outdoor Classroom Work Party

There will be a work party in the Outdoor Classroom on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM-noon. Come help a Cadette Girl Scout troop clear out an area where they will install a rain garden that will help filter water that runs down to the pond and the sound. All are welcome!

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## Destination ImagiNation



Last Saturday all of our Destination ImagiNation teams competed in the North Sound Regional tournament of over five hundred kids! Mukilteo Elementary is so proud of all of our teams. Their leadership, sportsmanship, and cool thinking was apparent in everything they did! There were four different Central Challenges that our teams competed in, as well as an Instant Challenge and we did very well! The First place team winners have been invited to the State tournament that is in April.

In the **Fine Arts Challenge-Get a Clue**, *The Imaginative Dragons That Like Cheesepuffs* Team placed first as well as won the tournament's coveted award-**The Renaissance Award** for out of the box thinking and high creativity. They are: Levi Develice, Alyssa Quevedo, Luke Parker, Josie Zirkle, Davis Wood, Malorie Holsten and Quinn Haller!

*That Kreative DI Team* placed fourth. They are: Crystin Neitzel, Spencer Jacobson, Joseph Jackson, Humphrey Ye, Audrey Garcia, Zoe Cooke, and Ishna Tickoo.

In the **Improvisational Challenge-Close Encounters**, *The DI Dwarfs* placed first! They are: Dunn Sackett, Anna Morse, Tess Crocco, Ella Sackett, Amiya McLean, Diya Patel, and Mina Hwang.

In the **Structural Challenge-Musical Mashup-The Fiery Flames of Doom** placed first! They are: Jacob Barela, Willy Durbin, Joseph Na, Lana Huang, Elisabeth Funston, Ester Kim, and Elina Huang.

In the **Technical Challenge-Pace of Change- The AfterMath** team placed second! They are: Claire Banfield, Abby Keeley, Ishaan Chauhan, Parker Develice, Noah Parker, Atticus Manning, and Janet Dong.

*The Purple Prodigious Predators* placed sixth. They are: David Brady, Zach Warren, Nathan Na, Mark Pock, Natalie Roberts, Daniel Phillips, and Elizabeth Plitnik.

Also, in the **Pace of Change Technical Challenge**-our sister team at the Middle School level-*The Infinite Creative Crew* placed First with Daphny Joshwa as part of that incredible team!

Our beginning **Rising Stars**, *The Sparkling Eyed Owls* did a fabulous job too, as they solved problems and created a win-win in **Change in Direction**. We are so proud of them! They are: Silva Berger, Yuna Park, Hayden Black, Lucie Lien, Rachel Yan, and Kiara Berger.

A great deal of appreciation and gratitude also goes out to the amazing team managers: Mrs.Develice, Mrs. Quevedo, Mrs. Barela, Mrs. Durbin, Mrs. Devilbiss, Mr. Yan, Mrs. Sackett, Mrs. Green, Mr. Neitzel, Mr. Jacobson, Mrs. Brady, Mrs. Warren, Mr. Banfield, and Mr. Keeley. In addition, it takes a village to run such a big tournament, thank you to our volunteer appraisers: Mrs. Shelli Jordan-Zirkle, Mrs. Amie Parker, Mrs. Haemi Durbin, Mrs. Anne Crocco, Mrs. Karen Morse, Mrs. Pooja Tickoo, Mr. Geoff Short, and Mrs. Linda Manning. You are all greatly appreciated!

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## iBreakfast

**What is iBreakfast?** iBreakfast is a promotion run by the Dairy Council. It's essentially a focus to get more students to eat breakfast and focus on dairy products. Our District has been given 7 iTunes gift cards for weekly winners, and 2 iPad minis for Grand Prize winners. We have to share these prizes with all of the other students eating breakfast District wide! The rules of this program will be as follows:

- The program will run every Thursday from February 25<sup>th</sup> – March 17<sup>th</sup> (4 weeks).
  - 2/25, 3/3, 3/10, and 3/17.
- Every student that gets breakfast from us will receive 1 raffle ticket.
- If a student gets a **Parfait** on one of the dates above, then they will receive 2 raffle tickets.
- The District will draw weekly winners for the iTunes cards, and ultimately the iPad Minis the final week.
  - The District will make announcements of winners the following week.

If a student at our school wins, the district will present the iPad winners at lunch time, and reach out to the parents of the student to see if they would like to attend (and take the iPad home).

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## New District Safety Tip Reporting Service

Safety is one of the school district's top priorities. To help safeguard the school community, the district has introduced a tip-reporting service that allows students, staff, parents, and members of the community to submit safety concerns by telephone, text, email or the Internet.

The system is called SafeSchools Alert, it can be used to report tips on bullying, harassment, drugs, vandalism, or any other kind of safety issue. Those calling to report an emergency will be advised to call 9-1-1, instead.

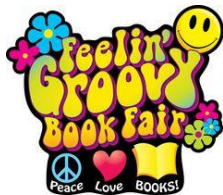
A person with a concern can submit a tip in any of four ways:

- Call 425-374-0021
- Go to the website at <http://1438.alert1.us>
- Send a text to 425-374-0021.
- Send an email to [1438@alert1.us](mailto:1438@alert1.us)

Every tip that is received will immediately be logged into the SafeSchools Alert system, which will automatically notify administrators so they can investigate and take appropriate action. Whether a tip is submitted anonymously or with a name, the person who made the tip also can check back later to see how the matter was handled.

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## Book Fair



The book fair is coming to our school March 28<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>! Students will preview on Monday and shop with their class during their library time that week. Parents and family can come to the fair before, or after school with their student, there will be a later shopping night on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup> while Bingo night is going on around the corner in the gym. You can preview our book fair [online by clicking here](#). Start dreaming of your new favorite reads! Book fairs require many helpful hands, for set up and take down, to run the cash registers and to help children shop. Please sign up to help by [clicking here!](#)

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## Crossing Guards Needed

Crossing guards are needed for the rear entrances to ME. If you can help volunteer in the mornings or afternoons to help children get to school safely we need you! The times are mornings from 8:30 – 8:50 AM or afternoons from 2:30 – 2:45 PM or 3:30 - 3:45 PM. Signup on our SignUp Genius page by [clicking here](#).



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## Bingo Night



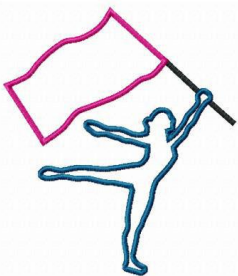
Mark your calendars! March 31st from 6:15 – 8:00 PM in the Gym.

Join us for a fun filled night of Bingo games, prizes and popcorn. Bingo Boards are \$1.00 each. There will be a grand prize for the final blackout round. Bring your family – It's going to be a great night!

Parent volunteers will be needed for Bingo Night, please sign up on our Sign up Genius page by clicking [here](#).

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## 7th Annual Kamiak Winter Guard Classic



Saturday, March 19th the Kamiak Winter Guards and Performing Arts Boosters host the 7th Annual Kamiak Winter Guard Classic! 11 Washington Guards (teams) will be competing all day in the Kamiak Main Gym. This year's Regional A Guard includes students from Harbour Pointe and Olympic View Middle Schools. Come enjoy this family friendly event while supporting these dedicated and talented young people as they present the Northwest's finest display of this Sport of the Arts! Concessions will be served throughout the day--including Ivar's delicious Clam Chowder. We will hold a

50/50 Cash Raffle and will have unique handmade items for purchase. Doors open at 11:30 AM, Preliminaries begin at 12:00 Noon and Finals begin at 4:00 PM. Admissions: Adults \$10, Students & Military w/ ID \$7, Seniors 65+ \$5 and Kids 5 and under are free. Come support Kamiak and discover a sport that both young and not as young can enjoy.

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## ECEAP Preschool



**We get your child ready for Kindergarten!** ECEAP Preschool is now accepting applications for the upcoming school year. Morning and afternoon classes are held Monday - Thursday. Children must be 3 or 4 by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Free, (income eligible), slots are available. ECEAP is located at 3616 South Road, #C4, Mukilteo, WA 98275. Please call 425-356-1312 for more information.