



Hawk Talk

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January is School Board Appreciation Month. McKenny Elementary would like to thank the Olympia School District Board of Directors for their service to our district!

Early Release – Wednesday, February 1st

School releases at 12:05pm

No Preschool

Science Fair

Science Fair Entry Form Reminder



Entry forms are due to your teacher by

Tuesday, January 31st.

Science Fair is March 1, 2017

Entry forms are available at school and on McKenny website.

Presidents' Day and Mid-Winter Break

No School on Monday and Tuesday, February 20th & 21st.

Learn All About Kindergarten Event Set for February 11th

The Olympia School District will hold its annual "Learn All About Kindergarten" informational event starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, February 11th at Capital High School.

If you know of neighbors or friends who have a child entering kindergarten in the Olympia School District in fall 2017, please share this information with them and encourage them to attend this free event. Capital High School is located at 2707 Conger Ave. N.W. in Olympia.

The event begins at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Superintendent Dick Cvitanich. Families will then have until 11:30 a.m. to visit school booths set up in the high school gym and learn about a variety of topics related to kindergarten and school in general.

Among other things, families may learn about kindergarten program options, riding the bus, how to register for kindergarten and how to use the district's Family Access student information system to stay updated on everything from grades to lunch accounts. The school district's Transportation department will also have a school bus on site for parents to learn about bus safety and rules, and to see the inside of the bus.

A reminder that children should be 5 years old by August 31, 2017 to be eligible to start kindergarten in September 2017. The event is geared for adults of incoming kindergartners in the Olympia School District. Childcare is not provided.

Olympia Junior Program

The following is the schedule for our students to attend the Olympia Junior Programs at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts. Students will depart the school 30 minutes prior to show time and will arrive back at McKenny approximately two hours later. **Please schedule appointments for after school time on these days!**

1st, 2nd grades & DLC's
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3rd, 4th & 5th grades
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Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters Friday, February 24th @ 12:30
Peter Rabbit Tales Wednesday, March 8th @ 10:00
Wings of Courage Tuesday, March 21st @ 12:30
The Incredible Undersea Trial of Joseph P. Lawnboy Wednesday, April 19th at 10:00

Admission fee for 2 plays is \$10.00. Please make sure you have signed and sent in the OJP envelope. The signed envelope is your student's ticket into the performance.

3rd Annual OSD Technology Fair is February 11th

Mark your calendars for the 3rd annual OSD Technology Fair on Saturday, February 11th at Capital High School.

The free event, which is open to all students, families and the community, will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the high school Commons, 2707 Conger Ave. N.W. in Olympia.

School booths will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will showcase a variety of ways that students and teachers use digital tools to support the learning process.

Fair visitors are also invited to watch student technology challenge presentations from 1-3 p.m. Each school has an opportunity to enter a student team in a technology challenge to be revealed the morning of the Technology Fair. Teams will work collaboratively on the challenge from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and present to the audience in the afternoon.

Elementary school students will present their technology challenge from 1-2 p.m. Middle and high school students will present how they responded to their challenge from 2-3 p.m.

Mark your Calendars for Fifth Grade Outdoor School

Our fifth grade students will be attending Outdoor School at the Cispus Environmental Center in Randle, Washington, **April 12th, 13th & 14th**. This will be a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday trip. The Center has been developed specifically for student's environmental studies and has excellent facilities for both study and research.

Cost is \$150.00 per student. If you need to make payments, please call Debbie in the office to set up a payment plan. Also, if your student needs to take a prescription or over-the-counter medicine, the medicine and doctors permission form needs to be at school by Friday, March 31st.

Creativity Festivity

We are excited to invite you to our annual "Creativity Festivity" event. This celebration of the arts will be held on April 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. The focus of the Creativity Festivity this year is "Art from Around the World".

During this evening event parents and students will have the chance to view art that students have produced that is inspired by different regions of our world. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in the creation of art. The production of art will happen at different tables set up in the gym.

We will be looking for volunteers to help with this event. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Bonnie Hauschka at bhauschka@osd.wednet.edu.



Student Emergency Kits

The Safety Committee at McKenny has decided to return to having Student Emergency Kits on site in each classroom for each student. The kits will be used in the event of a disaster. The following is a list of what could be included in your student's kit: 1 bottle of water, 1 bottle of juice, 3 nonperishable foods: choice of granola bars, energy bars, fruit roll-ups; items for child to use: markers or crayons and paper, book, cards; Personal family comfort reminder such as a family photo or letter and 1 large garbage bag (to be used as a rain poncho). We would like to have students bring in their Emergency Kits beginning in January. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Debbie in the office.

Fire Hydrants by Parking Lot Entrance and Playground Entrance

Parents when picking up students, **whether remaining in your car or parking**, please do not block the fire hydrants by either entrance. This is a safety concern for McKenny. Thank you!

Rice Krispies Treats Sales

We will be selling Rice Krispies Treats on **February 10th and 24th and March 10 and 24th**. Remember, Rice Krispies Treats are sold on a cash only basis. 50¢ per bar.



Lost and Found

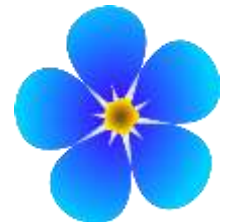


It is always a good idea to regularly check the lost and found for items you may be missing.

Our racks are full; please check our lost and found for any missing items. We will be donating the left over items to The Little Red School House during winter vacation. **Please write your students name in his or her coat.** We can return any lost coat to the correct student if their name is visible.

Spring Conferences – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Spring Conferences will be upon us soon! Parent/teacher conferences will be held Tuesday, March 28th through Friday, March 31st. Student release time is 12:05. Please do not bring siblings (younger or older) in to the conference. Siblings may read in the pod area or look around at the book fair. **Also, AM/PM Preschool will not meet Tuesday through Thursday, March 28th – March 30th.**



McKenny's On-Line Conferencing will begin scheduling using Skyward's Family Access.

In order for the process to work smoothly, we request that **families with more than one sibling at McKenny sign up on Wednesday, March 8th & Thursday, March 9th** and that **all other families wait until Friday, March 10th. Scheduling will be open through Wednesday, March 23rd.** This will ensure that those who require more than one conference can schedule them back to back. Please be aware that most students who see Ms. Wilson in Special Services will be scheduled in advance, due to her need to be in all those conferences and the conferences that need interpreters will also be scheduled in advance.

Each conference time is only 20 minutes long. This is essential to allow time to prepare for the next conference, so please arrive on time. Thank you - our teachers are looking forward to meeting with you!

Please feel free to contact Debbie in the office at (360) 596-8400 if you are having trouble with scheduling a conference. Thank you!

February

1/30 – 2/4	Missoula Children’s Theater	15	Hauschka – Service Club @ 3:22
2/1	Early Release @ 12:05	20	NO SCHOOL – MID WINTER BREAK
6	OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30 @ Knox	21	NO SCHOOL – MID WINTER BREAK
10	Rice Krispies Treats for sale during lunches PTO Movie Night	24	Hawk Talk sent home Rice Krispies Treats for sale during lunches
13/14	Jump Rope for Heart during PE		OJP – 1 st , 2 nd & all DLC’s @ 12:30
14	PTO mtg @ 6:30	27	OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30 @ Lincoln ES

Notice of Nondiscrimination 2016-17 School Year

The Olympia School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, reports of alleged sexual harassment, concerns about compliance, and/or grievance procedures: **Jeff Carpenter, Title IX Officer**, (360) 596-8544; **Kari Lewinsohn, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator**, (360) 596-7538; and **Scott Niemann, Affirmative Action Officer and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator**, (360) 596-6193. All three individuals may also be contacted at 1113 Legion Way S.E., Olympia, WA, 98501.

PTO

5th Grade Baby Photos for Yearbook

Attention parents of McKenny 5th graders! Now's a good time to start thinking about which baby picture you'd like to submit for the 2016-17 yearbook. Debbie Doherty and Kathy Chavez, our Yearbook Committee, needs your photos e-mailed to Debbie directly at ddoherty@osd.wednet.edu. Photos are due no later than April 11, 2017.

MCKENNY CASTING CALL!! Missoula Children’s Theater: *Gulliver’s Travels*

McKenny PTO is happy to announce the Missoula Children’s Theater annual performance will be *Gulliver’s Travels*. The Missoula tour team will be arriving any day with a set, lights, costumes, props, and make-up. They have everything they need..... except the cast! There will be an open audition at McKenny on Monday, January 30th after school. There will be two performances on February 4th!

The Secret Life of Pets!!



Movie night will be Friday, February 10th! It is \$5 for the first student and \$4 for each additional student. Doors open no sooner than 6:00pm and the movie begins at 6:15pm. Pick up will be at 8:00pm. Price includes an intermission popcorn snack, drink and licorice. We’d sure love some helping hands!! BONUS-Parents who stay to help supervise earn a coupon for free admission to an upcoming Movie Night! We wouldn’t be able to do this

without wonderful hands-on parent volunteers who help make movie nights a success! Please consider staying to help us out. Movie night flyers and sign up information will be coming home soon. Complete and return your registration form by the deadline date on the flyer! Contact movie night co-chair Kelsey Ferguson at Kelsey.d.ferg@gmail.com if you’d like to volunteer or if you have any questions!

Calling All Box Tops!!

The last official Box Tops collection for the school year is on February 17th!! A Star Wars themed collection will be coming home very soon! So far this year, we've earned \$488 in Box Tops collections. The goal is to get to \$1000 before the end of the year- we can do it! The classroom that collects the most Box Tops will receive Light Saber popsicles as a reward!



Easy Funds for McKenny!!

With the easy peasy Shoparoo App, we've earned nearly \$50 with only 35 supporters! Shoparoo counts points from snapping photos of receipts through August each year. We are likely to pass our last year's earnings of \$112.50 at our present rate, but having more families and staff use Shoparoo on their smartphones will only increase our potential fundraising!! ALSO! Thriftway Community Rebate Program, Fred Meyer Community Rewards, and Amazon Smile are fantastic ways to link up your shopping and spending. They can all easily earn some extra money for McKenny and our wonderful students!! Every penny counts and it adds up quick- especially with teamwork!!

PTO Meeting!



Come join in!! The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 14th at 6:30pm in the library. Feel free to attend just to observe or come and share your ideas!! We always need volunteers too! If you're interested in giving a little of your time to the PTO, please contact PTO Co Presidents, Frank and Kameron Durocher at etnpnys@gmail.com and kamy726@gmail.com!