



Hawk Talk

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McKenny's International Night Returns!

Tonight at 5:30 to 7:30pm

Relax and enjoy the food and entertainment!



A Message from the Principal

McKenny Families

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents, grandparents, nannies, neighbors and friends who drop students off in the circle each morning. As you know we had to make a change in our morning drop-off procedures and people have been fabulous about yielding to the buses, and staying flexible, safe and orderly when dropping off students in the circle.

One of my biggest concerns was related to the removal of the cones at 8:55. I was worried that once the cones were removed, people would attempt to go straight into the circle. Almost everyone is still turning right and following the line through the parking lot. Thank you. It keeps the parking lot safer and preserves fairness. I am also appreciative of the fact that people are still doing a great job of pulling as far forward as possible. This helps the flow of traffic and makes the drop-off time flow more smoothly.

Finally, I have noticed that more and more students are arriving prior to the 8:55 bell. This is fantastic because once the students are in class and the 9:00 bell rings, teachers can get the day started and maximize instruction time.

Thank you again and, as always, please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Michael Havens

Science Fair



Wednesday, February 24, 2016 5:30-7:00
Packets are available on the McKenny Webpage

Early Release – Wednesday, February 3rd

School releases at 12:05pm

No Preschool

Early Release Information

Teacher Collaboration: February 3, March 2 and May 4.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 29 – April 1.

Elementary Grading: January 29 and June 3

Last Day of School: June 17 (barring no make-up days)

Presidents' Day and Mid Winter Break

No School on Monday and Tuesday, February 15th and 16th.

AM Kindergarten & Preschool Parents – Early Release Information

AM Kindergarten (9:00am to 12:05pm)

AM Kindergarten students will extend their school day to 12:05 and ride home with the rest of the students at our school. Lunch will be available to purchase for \$2.55. Kindergarten students who ride the bus home will still need to be met at the bus by a parent or sibling.

Preschool

Preschool students will not attend school on these 18 early release days.

Releasing Students Early at the End of the Day

It is becoming more problematic for teachers and the office staff to **release students after 3:10**. If you could refrain from picking up your child early, it would be greatly appreciated.

Learn All About Kindergarten day is Saturday, February 20

On Saturday, February 20th, the Olympia School District will hold its annual "**Learn All About Kindergarten**" informational event starting at 10 am at Capital High School.

If you know of anyone in your neighborhood who has a child entering kindergarten in fall 2016, please share this information with them and encourage them to attend.

The event begins with a welcome by Superintendent Dick Cvitanich and general overview in the school theater followed by an information fair until noon in the Commons.

During the event parents will learn about a variety of topics related to kindergarten and school in general, including how to register for kindergarten, kindergarten program options, riding the bus, and how to use the district's Family Access student information system to stay updated on everything from grades to lunch accounts.

A reminder that children should be 5 years old by August 31st, 2016 to be eligible to start kindergarten this fall.

The event is geared for adults of incoming kindergartners in the Olympia School District. **Child care is not provided.** Capital High School is located at 2707 Conger Ave. N.W. in Olympia.

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

3rd, 4th & 4th grades

"The Lightning Thief"

Thursday, February 18th at 12:30

1st, 2nd grades & DLC's

"Aesop's Fables"

Monday, March 7th at 12:30

1st, 2nd grades & DLC's

"Jack and the Beanstalk"

Monday, March 21st at 12:30

3rd, 4th & 4th grades

"Let's Go Science Show"

Wednesday, April 18th 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.



Notes to School or Office

Sending notes to school (whether it is the school office or a teacher), please make sure you **date and sign** the note. Also, please write notes on a half sheet of paper or larger. Notes could get lost if they are on small pieces of paper or post it notes. Thank you!!!

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 13th, 14th & 15th**. This will be a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday trip. The Center has been developed specifically for students 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, April 1st.

Popcorn Sales

We will be selling popcorn on **Friday, February 5th and 19th**. Remember, popcorn is sold on a cash only basis. 50¢ per bag.

Thank you to **Jennifer Philbrook and Dorothy Johnson** for being our "Popcorn Moms". We really appreciate your taking the time to pop all that popcorn.



In Case of Emergency

If your student were to have an emergency situation while at McKenny Elementary School, we would want to be able to contact a parent or family member as quickly as possible. Please take the time to make sure that you have provided the school with current home/work/cell phone numbers. Call 596-8400 if you need to make corrections. Thank you!

Volunteers

Spring is fast approaching! Which reminds me that if you are planning to volunteer for a field trip or to work in the classroom, etc, please make sure you have completed your volunteer application. Thank you.

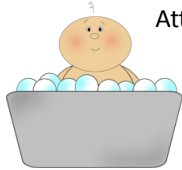
Up-Coming Events

February 2016

1 – 6	Missoula Children's Theater	18	100 th day of school
1	OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30 @ Knox		OJP @ 12:30 – 3 rd , 4 th & 5 th grades
2	90 th day of school	19	Popcorn for sale during lunches
3	Early Release – 12:05	20	Learn all about Kindergarten Informational Event @ CHS @ 10:00
5	Popcorn sales during lunches	22	OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30 @ Roosevelt
	Sutich field trip - 9:15 to 11:30	24	McKenny Science Fair
9	PTO mtg @ 6:30	26	Hawk Talk sent home
12	Report cards sent home		Passport check
15 – 16	No school – Mid Winter Break	29	Leap Day

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 2015-16 yearbook. Debbie Doherty and Kathy Chavez, our Yearbook Committee, needs your photos either uploaded to the yearbook site (on the PTO website) or e-mailed to her directly at ddoherty@osd.wednet.edu. Photos are due no later than April 11, 2016.

MCKENNY CASTING CALL!! Missoula Children's Theater: *Aladdin*

McKenny PTO is happy to announce the Missoula Children's Theater annual performance will be *Aladdin*. 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 beginning Monday, February 1st. Please contact Debbie in the front office for more information.

Movie Night: Friday March 4th

Our next movie night will be Friday, March 4th. Movie Night is \$5 for the first student and \$4 for each additional student. Doors open at 6:15 and the movie begins at 6:30. Price includes an intermission popcorn snack, drink and licorice.

Supervision is provided – but we'd love some company! Parents who stay to help supervise earn a coupon for free admission to an upcoming Movie Night. Go to <http://www.mckennypto.org> for more information.

Passport Club

Passport Club is well underway and the students are doing fantastic! Don't forget to study those maps with the kids so they can earn some stamps. We always need volunteers to help with passport testing. It only takes a couple hours once a month. If you're interested in helping, please contact Kimi Holt at kmhlt0623@gmail.com.

PTO Meetings

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, February 9th at 6:30 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 the PTO President, Amanda Benjamin at lakeaman@hotmail.com.