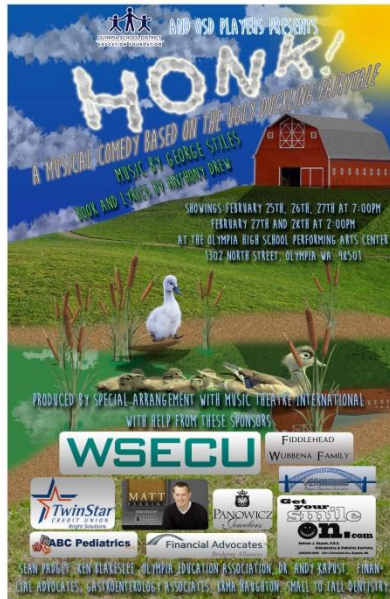




Hawk Talk

Michael Havens, Principal
February 26, 2016
(360) 596-8400 Office
(360) 596-8403 Student Absent/Late Line
Website: <http://mckenny.osd.wednet.edu/>

HONK! The OSD Annual Musical - Thursday - Sunday, February 25th – 28th



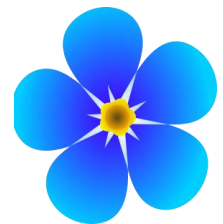
Early Release
Wednesday, March 2nd
School releases at 12:05pm
No Preschool

Early Release Information

Teacher Collaboration: May 4
Parent/Teacher Conferences: March 29 – April 1
Elementary Grading: June 3
Last Day of School: June 17

Spring Conferences – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It's Spring Conference time!! Parent/teacher conferences will be held Tuesday, March 29th through Friday, April 1st. 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 29th – March 31st.**



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 9th & Thursday, March 10th** and that **all other families wait until Friday, March 11th**. **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 have already been scheduled, due to her need to be in all those conferences and the conferences that need interpreters have also been scheduled.

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 do not hesitate to contact Debbie in the office at (360) 596-8400 if you are having trouble with scheduling a conference. Thank you!

Scholastic Book Fair

Visit the book fair in the library before or after your child's conference on **Tuesday through Thursday 11:00 to 6:00 & Friday 11:00 to 4:00pm**. There are great books again this year!

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 week after Spring Break**. 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.

Spring Forward

Sunday, March 13th turn your clocks ahead 1 hour!

Fifth Grade Parent Night at Washington Middle School

Tuesday, March 15, 2015, @ WMS gym at 6:00 PM

Creativity Festivity

McKenny will be holding a Creativity Festivity on March 16th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. This festivity will be a celebration of arts education in our school.

The Creativity Festivity will showcase student art from grades K-5, including self-figurines created with the help of a PTO sponsored artist. While viewing artwork, musical accompaniment by local middle school band members will be heard. In addition, those interested will have the opportunity to create several make-and-take art projects in the cafeteria.

We hope you can attend this exciting event.

4th & 5th Grade Orchestra Festival

Orchestra Festival will be on Thursday, March 17th at 7:30pm in the Olympia HS gym. Rehearsal is Tuesday, March 15th at Washington MS.

5th Grade FamOLY Choir Concert

Wednesday, March 23rd at 6:00pm at Olympia HS Performing Arts Center.

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.

Popcorn Sales

We will be selling popcorn on **Friday, March 4th and 18th**.

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.



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

"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.

4th & 5th Grade Battle of the Books

Battle of the Books is a reading incentive program being offered to 4th and 5th grade students at McKenny Elementary. The goals of this program are to encourage and recognize students who enjoy reading, broaden reading interest, increase reading comprehension, and promote academic excellence. The Battle of the Books is a team effort. The Playoff Season for the Battle of the Books will officially begin on Monday, March 7th. Semifinals will conclude on Thursday, March 10th.

The **Final Battle** will be held in the multipurpose room at an intermediate assembly on Friday morning, March 11th. Three final teams from each grade level will battle in front of third, fourth, and fifth grade students. A championship team will be decided from each grade level. The assembly will be held beginning at **9:15**. At the conclusion, the champions will be awarded medals.

Science Fair Thank You

Dear Parent Volunteers and Community Members,

On behalf of the students and staff of McKenny Elementary, we wish to thank you for supporting our school's 2016 Science Fair. Your energy, flexibility, and time is valuable. So much is possible when members of McKenny's community join together to support learning and enrichment for students. Partnerships of this nature demonstrate commitment to the rigorous Next Generation Science Learning Standards and the efforts it will take all of us to help our students achieve and remain curious.

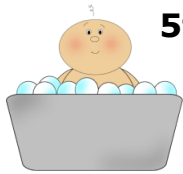
Gratefully,

Michael Havens, Principal

and the Science Fair Coordinators Laura Johnson and Janet O'Halloran



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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 PTO Carnival is Approaching! The annual Carnival is Saturday, May 14th from 5:30-8:00. We need parent volunteers to make this a successful event! We need help with the prep, committee members, set up and tear down the day of, and also staffing the various stations during the event. Please contact the PTO President, Amanda Benjamin, at lakeaman@hotmail.com if you're interested in helping.

Fund Run of the Species - Prizes for the Best Costume! The yearly Fund Run will be Friday, April 22nd. This is the second PTO fundraiser of the year. The Fund Run promotes health, fitness, and fundraising all in one activity! Students raising at least \$25 will receive a cinch sack. Stay tuned for more info!

Movie Night: March 4th Featuring: The Good Dinosaur 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.

Box Tops Thank you to all McKenny students, families, and staff for helping clip and save all those Box Tops! Between our September, December and February collections, we gathered up a total of 9800 box tops! This is nearly \$1000 in funds for McKenny! There will be one final collection in June prior to school getting out for summer vacation. Those box tops will count towards next school year's earnings however.

Congratulations are in order for **Mr. Sjoboen's and Ms. K. Johnson's classes!** Both classes will be rewarded with pit stop popsicle to go along with the racing theme on the PTO board (thank you Ms. Philbrook). Mr. Sjoboen's class collected the most with 899 and Ms. K.Johnson's class was a close 2nd with 873! Date is currently being determined!

Thank you again and please keep up the great work of clipping and saving Box Tops for McKenny! Smartphone users can also help us earn money for our school by downloading the Shoparoo app and taking pictures of grocery receipts (no scissors necessary).

Passport Club – Help needed! Do you have a couple extra hours once a month?? The Passport Club always needs help testing the students. It's only once a month for a couple hours. If you're interested in helping, please contact Kimi Holt at kmht0623@gmail.com.

Attention Amazon Shoppers! Love to shop on Amazon? Love to support your favorite PTO? Well, we have the program for you! McKenny PTO is now available to designate as your favorite organization on AmazonSmile. Each time you make a purchase on Amazon.com, they will donate a portion of the purchase to our PTO! Simply visit smile.amazon.com and designate "McKenny Parent Teacher Association" as your organization of choice.

PTO Meetings The next PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 8th 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.