



Hawk Talk

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Spring Break

No School April 3rd through 7th – Have a wonderful week!

Early Release – Wednesday, May 3rd

School releases at 12:05pm

No Preschool



Gear Drop-off Instructions for Cispus Outdoor School April 12-14, 2017

Students must bring camp gear to school no later than 8:55am on Wednesday morning, April 12th — preferably by 8:30 or earlier. If it works better for your family to drop off items on Tuesday the 11th, Mrs. Hauschka and Ms. O'Halloran will be in their classrooms until at least 6:30. **Knock on exterior classroom doors.**

Please note that students *may not* transport gear from home to school on the school bus. Teachers will be in the classroom early (by 7:00 a.m.) on Wednesday morning for early morning drop-off of gear.

Please pack required items in a soft, duffle bag. Preferably, place a tightly-rolled sleeping bag and pillow in a second duffle bag, or a durable plastic trash/leaf bag. **Label outside of both bags with child's name.**

Sharpie on duct tape works best. Note that students must be able to carry their own gear.



Kindergarten & New Student Registration for Fall 2017 - 18

Kindergarten registration forms available starting – March 27

Return Kindergarten registration forms starting – March 28

A Taste of Kindergarten (Open House) at McKenny – June 8 at 11:00

New student registration forms available starting – April 11 - 1st thru 5th grades

Olympia Junior Programs

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 & 5th grades **The Incredible Undersea Trial of Joseph P. Lawnboy** **Wednesday, April 19th at 10:00**



Smile Big and Bright

Group classroom pictures will be on Tuesday, April 25th. Envelopes will come home soon.

Creativity Festivity Event – “Art from Around the World”

Our school will be holding our second annual Creativity Festivity event on Thursday, April 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. This festivity will be a celebration of arts education in our school.

The Creativity Festivity will showcase student art for grades K-5. Musical accompaniment by middle school orchestra members will be provided. In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to create make-and-take art projects at five different tables in the gym.

If you are interested in volunteering at this event please contact Bonnie Hauschka at bhauschka@osd.wednet.edu. We hope to see you there!

OSD Teacher of the Year

We are pleased to announce that Nancy Hooper is the recipient of the Olympia School District Teacher of the Year Award at the elementary level.

Nancy Hooper has been teaching in the Olympia School District for 24 years. Nancy has worked at Boston Harbor Elementary and McKenny Elementary. She has had the opportunity to teach students in grades K-5. Nancy was born and raised in Olympia. She and her husband Brad, who also worked for the Olympia School District for a number of years, have three daughters.

Nancy’s ability to artfully balance a busy family and professional life is impressive. She does all this with a positive, can-do attitude that is paired with instructional expertise.

Mrs. Hooper's work has a lasting impact on her students. When asked what she enjoyed most about Mrs. Hooper’s class a former student, who is now in middle school said, “She loves teaching. She is enthusiastic and energetic in the classroom. Mrs. Hooper makes learning fun.”

When told about the award Nancy Hooper shared, “As a student of the Olympia School District myself, I have very fond memories of my teachers! Now, as a teacher, I’m blessed to work with a district filled with dedicated educators who teach from their heart and painstakingly do all they can to ensure the success of their students. It is an honor and privilege to be an educator in the Olympia School District!”

We are so proud to have Nancy Hooper on our McKenny staff.

Olympia School District Night at the Tacoma Rainiers

Tickets are available for the annual Olympia School District Night at the Tacoma Rainiers on Saturday, April 15.

The Rainiers will take on the Albuquerque Isotopes beginning at 5:05pm. at Cheney Stadium in Tacoma.

All students, families, teachers, staff and the Olympia School District community are invited to join us for this fun-filled district event. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us and show support for the Rainiers and our schools.

Last year we sold more than 200 tickets. Let's see if we can surpass that this year!

Be sure to arrive on time to watch Superintendent Dick Cvitanich throw out the ceremonial first pitch. Then stick around after the game for "Kids Run the Bases."

We hope to see you there!

http://osd.wednet.edu/media//News%20items/osd_flier_with_ticket_link_2017.pdf

Promo code is OSDNIGHT Or

<https://oss.ticketmaster.com/aps/rainiers/EN/promotion/home>

Notice for school newsletters regarding teacher professional development

The Olympia School District is committed to offering professional development to teachers so that they can better meet the needs of all of the students in their classrooms. During the 2016- 2017 school year, the district is providing professional development in the areas of: English Language Arts, Mathematics and the Teacher/Principal Evaluation Program. The district welcomes any suggestions or comments about teacher professional development from parents and the community. These can be directed to your building principal or to the OSD K-12 Teaching and Learning office at 596-8585. Thank you for your continued support and interest in improving our schools.

Rice Krispies Treats Sales

We will be selling Rice Krispies Treats **April 21, May 5, and 19, June 2 and 16**. Remember, Rice Krispies Treats are sold on a cash only basis. 50¢ per bar.



April

- 3-7 Spring Break – No School
- 12-14 5th grade Outdoor School
- 17 OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30
- 19 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade OJP @ 10:00
- 20 4th grade field trip @ 9:00 to 2:00
- 21 Rice Krispies Treats for sale
- 25 Group class pictures
- 28 Hawk Talk sent home

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

Spring Carnival Is Coming!!!

This final PTO fundraiser of the year will be held on Saturday, May 6th!! This year's carnival will be fiesta themed! We need plenty of help to make this event a success both during the planning stages and during the carnival. There will be volunteer spots available for as little as 30 minutes during the carnival. We are also seeking donations for our raffle baskets and silent auction! This could be anything from a gift card to business to a free vacation. We could also use donations for bingo!! You can drop off \$5-\$10 bingo prize toys in the box to the left of the main school doors! For more information, please contact our Carnival co-chairs Kelsey and Sarah at kelsey.d.ferg@gmail.com and mollas@comcast.net.



McKenny PTO survey!!

Your McKenny PTO would like to get your ideas on what you'd like to see and participate in with us! We've put together a survey that will help us with that. Please head to the following link to take the important survey: <https://goo.gl/forms/8mczirTYbS5A53hA2>. Our goal is to get more parents involved in PTO events while raising more funds so we can continue to help support our kids' school experience!! We have gotten some wonderful feedback but we still need LOTS more!

Earth Day Donation Drive

Our fall Value Village donation drive was so successful, that we are going to do it again. We received 2,338 pounds of clothes, 514 pounds of books, and 1,689 pounds of household goods. These generous donations resulted in \$550 raised for our PTO, which helped fund teacher support and field trips!! Please bring your spring donations to our fundraising event at Value Village on Saturday, April 22nd from 3-7 pm. If you are unable to participate that Saturday, you may drop off your donation after school at McKenny on Friday, April 21 between 3:30-5 pm. Please see the flyer that is being sent home for more information. You can also contact Jennifer at jphilbrook@hotmail.com.



Theater Production Decision

Over the past few years we have been fortunate to have Missoula Children's Theater come to McKenny to enrich participating student with the world of theater!! However, we have looked into having a local company work with us for a change of pace, variety, and a more in depth show. At our April PTO meeting we will be voting between Missoula Children's Theater and Apple Tree Productions for next year's theater experience. These two groups are both fantastic; however they have differences such as overall cost, time commitment, involvement, and production. This is an important decision that we should all participate in, especially those who plan to be involved. Please come to our April PTO meeting to hear about both of these amazing opportunities and to cast your vote.

SAVE THE DATE

The next PTO meeting is on **TUESDAY, APRIL 18th**. Together we make a difference to the students and enrich the educational experience for everyone. Yet, no matter how many volunteers, there is always room for more. We encourage you to consider how your interests and talents can support current or new PTO activities. Please come to a meeting or talk to a board member or classroom rep, we can't wait to meet you and share some of our happiness- there's enough for everyone!!

