



# Hawk Talk

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**September 23, 2016**  
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**(360) 596-8403 Student Absent/Late Line**  
**Website: <http://mckenny.osd.wednet.edu/>**

## Volunteers at McKenny

Thank you to all our volunteers who day in, and day out, come to McKenny to volunteer with our students. In accordance with the Olympia School District Volunteer policy, all volunteers who work with students, help in the classroom, go on field trips, etc. must have on file a Volunteer Application form in the school office.

## Early Release – Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

School releases at 12:05pm

No Preschool



**Fall Conferences**  
**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**  
**Fall Conferences will be upon us soon**

Parent/teacher conferences will be held Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. 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, October 25<sup>th</sup> through October 27<sup>th</sup>.**

McKenny's On-Line Conference scheduling will begin in October 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 is available beginning on Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup> & Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>** and that **all other families sign up will be available on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. Scheduling will be open through Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.** 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 or need help with signing up for Family Access. 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 6:00pm and Friday 11:00 to 4:00**. There are some great books again this year! If you are interested in volunteering in the book fair, please contact DeAnne Barre, our Librarian at (360) 596-8400.

## Planned Absence Request Form

Remember, if you are going on vacation or on a trip, please complete a Planned Absence Request form. These forms are available in the office or call us and we will send one home with your student.

## Tardies & Early Dismissal

New guidelines have been implemented for the Elementary Schools in the Olympia School District regarding tardies and early release of students at the end of the day. Student will be marked:

- **Tardy** 9:00 to 9:30 (30 minute window)
- After 9:30 (9:31 on) the student is considered a **Half Day Absent (AM)**
- If a family takes a student out early from school (before 2:52) it is a **Half Day Absent (PM)**
- If the children leave within the last ½ hour of the school day (2:52 to 3:22) it is recorded as an **Early Departure**.

\*\*Unless it is medically urgent, we ask that parents not check out their students after 3:00pm. At this point, please wait until the end of the day at 3:22pm for the student to be released.\*\*

## Attendance & Absences

Prompt and regular attendance is necessary for successful school work. Anytime your child is absent from school, parents are required to call the attendance line at **(360) 596-8403** to report the reason your child is not in school. **Please call before 9:10am**. The attendance line is a 24 hour voicemail number that you can call anytime; or send a note to the teacher/office explaining the reason for your child's absence the next day. A student is marked **unexcused** if they are absent from school, and the office does not receive a phone call or email the day of the absence, OR if there was **no** written or verbal notification given to the office prior to the absence, Olympia School District Policies and Procedures Policy 3200 state: When a student reaches 10 or more total unexcused absences during the current school year, the District is required to file a court petition. Unexcused absences **cannot** be amended after **72 hours** from the date of the absence. Thank you for your cooperation.

## The Great Washington ShakeOut

McKenny Elementary is joining millions of people worldwide practicing how to Drop, Cover and Hold on October 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:15am.

## Teacher In-Service Day

Please mark your calendar for **Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>** as a non school day for all students. McKenny teachers will be working on our School Improvement Plan.

## Juice Pop Sales

We will be selling Juice pops on **September 30<sup>th</sup>, October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>**. Remember, juice pops are sold on a cash only basis. 50¢ per juice pop.



## Early Release Information

During the course of the 2016-2017 school year, we will ask you several times throughout the year to make adjustments to your day on Wednesdays. These Wednesday early release days are to provide our staff with opportunities to collaborate and learn new curriculum. We understand that you must sometimes interrupt your schedule to make these days possible. This time is critical for us and we appreciate the sacrifices you make to make this time possible. **September 28; October 5; November 2; November 16; December 7; January 18; January 4; February 1; March 1**  
**May 3**

**Parent/Teacher Conferences:** October 25 – 28 and March 28 - 31

**Elementary Grading:** January 27 and June 9

**Last Day of School:** June 20 (barring no make-up days)

### Preschool

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

## Playground Rules

We would like to take a moment and share the McKenny Elementary Playground Rules with parents so you will know our expectations of students of the playground:

1. Playground Para Educators are in charge.
2. Stay within playground boundaries.
3. Use equipment in a responsible, appropriate and safe manner.
4. Recess is over when the bell rings. Walk immediately to your area. (When you reach your line, hands to self and voice at level 1)
5. Use only soft plastic bats and balls, no hardballs.
6. Rough play such as wrestling, kicking, play fighting or pushing is not allowed.
7. Inappropriate language or gestures are not allowed.
8. Ask an adult to use the bathroom. You may not leave the playground without permission.
9. If someone is bothering you or being unkind tell a Para Educator.
10. An orange cone next to equipment indicates that the area is unsafe and off limits.
11. Dirt, rocks, sticks and bark are to remain on the ground.
12. Walk in the walking zone.
13. Play in a non-competitive, fun and friendly manner to ensure safety.
14. Jump ropes to remain on blacktop only.
15. INCLUDE ALL STUDENTS.



### Cell Phone Policy Reminder

Each year we see an increase of families who have their children bring cell phones to school. We understand the purpose and appreciate that families utilize this tool for the safety of students. Please remember that our school policy allows students to bring cell phones to school as long as they are turned off and left in a backpack during school hours. Teachers or our office staff can also hold them for students during the day if they did not bring a backpack. Students can access school phones during the day with permission of an adult. This policy reduces interruptions in the classroom and keeps our focus on learning. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

## Community Flyers

Olympia School District will no longer be distributing hard copies of community flyers to all students at the elementary school level. Instead, OSD will post flyers electronically to the school district's website. You can find approved flyers in the "Community Events & Activities" section at:

[osd.wednet.edu/community\\_events\\_\\_activities](http://osd.wednet.edu/community_events__activities).

## Sending Money to School

Make sure the check or envelope is clearly marked with your child's name, teacher's name, amount (if cash) and indicate what the money is for (field trip, lunch, etc.) so that we can direct the check or cash to the correct person. Please send the exact amount. The office does not have petty cash to make change.

## Parenting Classes with Candyce Bollinger

These workshops will be held 6-8pm at Olympia Regional Learning Academy. They are free and no registration is required. Childcare is not provided. We will have a flier out for you to share and also have this posted on our website in the near future. OSD staff will be able to take these classes for staff development or clock hours. Staff can attend both elementary and secondary sessions.

### Elementary Parent Workshops (grades K-5):

- Tuesday, October 18: Child Developmental Overview
- Tuesday, November 15: Positive Discipline
- Tuesday, January 24: Safety without Fear
- Tuesday, February 28: Managing Technology

### Middle/High School Parent Workshops:

- Thursday, October 27: Teen Developmental Overview
- Thursday, December 1: Communication & Conflict Resolution
- Thursday, February 2: Social Media
- Thursday, March 2: Anxiety, Depression & Stress
- Thursday, March 30: Teen Relationships/LGBTQ Topics



## 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!!!

## Up-Coming Events

### September

28 Early Release @ 12:05

30 Movie Night

### October

3 OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30 @ Knox

5 Early Release @ 12:05

7 Assembly – Just music @ 2:40

11 PTO mtg @ 6:30 – Library

14 NO SCHOOL – TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAY

17 OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30 @ OHS

20 Great Washington ShakeOut @ 10:15

21 PTO Fund Run

Assembly – Life Skills @ 2:40

25-28 Conferences – Release @ 12:05

25-28 Book Fair – Library

31 Happy Halloween – **NO COSTUMES PLEASE**

## 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

The McKenny PTO welcomes you to another year!! For anyone who is new to McKenny Elementary or who has never had the opportunity to be involved in our programs, please take a moment to glance at what we do and why! Also find us on the PTO website [McKennyPTO.org](http://McKennyPTO.org)!

### What We Do

The mission of the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is to enrich the student experience at McKenny Elementary. To achieve this, we build relationships within the school and community, volunteer our time at the school and in the classroom and support and organize programs and activities.

### How You Can Help

The PTO can always use volunteers!! Let us know if you are available to help out with one particular event or if you are willing to be called upon as needed.

### Classroom Parent Representative

There are still some open spots for classroom parent representatives. A classroom parent representative assists the teacher in various tasks such as organizing class baskets for the school carnival. If you are interested, please contact the PTO to obtain more information and to see if your child's classroom is still in need of this helpful position!

If interested in volunteering please contact Frank or Kamy Durocher, PTO Co-Presidents at [etnpnys@gmail.com](mailto:etnpnys@gmail.com) & [Kamy726@gmail.com](mailto:Kamy726@gmail.com) respectively, or Natica Bacon, PTO Vice President at [Natica.Bacon@gmail.com](mailto:Natica.Bacon@gmail.com)

## Movie Night: The Angry Birds!!



Our first movie night of the school year will be Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and will feature The Angry Birds Movie! Movie Night is \$5 for the first student and \$4 for each additional student. Doors open/sign in start at 6:00 p.m. and the movie begins at 6:30 p.m. Price includes an intermission popcorn snack, drink and licorice.

Supervision is provided – but we'd sure love some company!! Parents who stay to help supervise earn a coupon for free admission to an upcoming Movie Night!

Movie night flyers and sign up information will be coming home. Please complete and return your registration form by Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>!

For questions, please contact movie night co-chair, Kelsey Ferguson at [Kelsey.d.ferg@gmail.com](mailto:Kelsey.d.ferg@gmail.com)



## The Great Pumpkin Fund Run!!

Please join us in supporting McKenny students as they participate in our annual Fund Run on October 21<sup>st</sup>!! This is the first of two annual fundraisers for the PTO. This year your generous contributions will help PTO fund school projects like the new buddy bench, school enrichment events like Missoula Children's Theatre, and library/classroom support for more books and field trip transportation costs. All students who participate will receive a certificate and a fun small item. Students who raise \$30 in pledges will receive McKenny Gear! Prizes will be given to those wearing the most pumpkin/orange or best Peanut's character look-a-like on race day!

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or best Peanut's character look-a-like on race day!**

**Parent Volunteers are needed throughout the day!!**

Contact Jessica - [jjwilson33@comcast.net](mailto:jjwilson33@comcast.net) and Marny - [marny421@yahoo.com](mailto:marny421@yahoo.com)

**You can also use our handy online sign-up genius to volunteer!!**

<https://goo.gl/jczYIX>

Your help is greatly appreciated

## Value Village Donation Drive Fundraiser!!

It's time for some fall cleaning! Need to clear out a few things *and* want to make a difference?! We have a solution for you! The PTO is hosting a Value Village donation drive fundraiser on Saturday, October 22nd. Donations can be dropped off anytime 3:00pm-7:00pm at the Value Village on Sleater Kinney. Start cleaning out your closets and garage, and tell all your friends, family and neighbors to join the fun. Receipts will be given out for tax purposes. A flyer will come home with more information!

## Keep Clipping Box Tops for Education!

Keep those scissors sharp and keep clipping those Box Tops for Education! This year we will be having a competition between classrooms. The classroom with the most Box Tops collected by October 21<sup>st</sup> will get an ice cream party!! Contact Box Top Committee Chair Marny Howell for more information at [marny421@yahoo.com](mailto:marny421@yahoo.com) or read more about Box Tops for Education at [www.boxtopsforeducation.com](http://www.boxtopsforeducation.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](http://smile.amazon.com) and designate "McKenny Parent Teacher Association" as your organization of choice.

## McKenny Hawk Wear!!

We've got spirit, yes we do! A flyer went home recently with various options for you and your student(s) to show school spirit! Choose from a short sleeve shirt, long sleeve shirt, sweatshirt, and our exciting new reusable tote/grocery bag option!!

## Calendar Check

Our next PTO meeting is **Tuesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm in the school library. Thank you to everyone for the great turnout at our September meeting! Everyone is welcome to join on in; we would love to see you there!!

