Help for Haiti
McKenny is a compassionate school. Thanks to the generosity of McKenny students, families, and staff, we raised $2,031.26 for Partners in Health to support their work in Haiti. Partners in Health has been providing care in Haiti for over twenty years, so they were in an excellent position to help in the aftermath of the earthquake and will continue to help for years to come. Donations may still be made through their website or by check to Partners in Health, PO Box 845578, Boston, MA 02284-5578.

Popcorn Sales by Student Council
The Student Council will be selling Popcorn on Friday, February 26th. The cost is .50¢ per popcorn bag and is sold on a cash basis only.

Olympia Junior Programs for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders
Monday, March 1st. They will see “The Crayon Court” at 10:00am at the Washington Center for Performing Arts. We are scheduled to return to school by 11:30am. Please schedule appointments appropriately. Thank you.

Teacher In-Service Day
Please mark your calendar for Friday, March 5th as a non school day for all students.

Payment for Cispus for 5th Graders
Just a reminder to 5th grade parents that Cispus will be upon us shortly April 28th – 30th and the cost per student is $100.00 (the cost is lowered due to the great job of fundraising our 5th graders did). If you would like to make installment payments, please contact Debbie at 596-8400 to get set up. Also, If your student needs to take a prescription or over-the-counter medicine, the medicine and doctors permission form must be at school by Wednesday, April 21st. The significant rise in cost, per student, this year may be a hardship for some families. Any additional contribution your family could make would be very much appreciated, and included in our scholarship fund.

McKenny Time
McKenny installed a new clock system. So, we are now on Olympia time! For those who have made adjustments to your home and car clocks, you can now operate on 1 time – Pacific Standard Time.

Late Start – Wednesday, March 3rd
School begins at 10:00am
“The YWCA Other Bank” Drive - February 1 – 28
Student Service Council needs your help! We are hosting a drive for much needed supplies for “The YWCA Other Bank”. They are in need of hygiene products such as toothpaste, toothbrushes, shampoo, soap, diapers, Women’s health supplies, etc. Anything you can donate will be greatly appreciated. Donation boxes will be located by the front doors. Thanks!

5th Grade Parent Night at Washington Middle School
5th grade parents, please pencil in on your calendar, Monday, March 29th at 7:00pm for Parent night at WMS.

Upcoming Alternative School Program Orientations
Students and parents in the Olympia School District have many different choices when it comes to the kind of school in which to learn. Deadlines for enrollment for alternative school programs are approaching quickly. Listed below are key dates for orientation/enrollment nights. Families must attend one of the nights to be placed in the lottery for any of these programs.

ALKI at Reeves Middle School
February 25, 2010 from 6:30-8pm
March 2, 2010 from 6:30-8pm
Classroom observation is March 9-10 (by appointment)

HAP (Hansen Alternative Program)
March 10, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm
March 25, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm
The HAP lottery will take place April 1 at 3:30pm in the Hansen Library.
Classroom observation is March 29-April 1

MAP (Marshall Middle School Alternative Program)
March 1, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm
March 4, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm
Classroom observation is March 9 and March 11

Options at Lincoln
February 24, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm
March 31, 2010 from 6:30-8:30pm
Classroom observation is March 8-12

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz! It’s the latest from the OSD Players, a theatrical troupe consisting of OSD employees and their families. Come see our own teachers perform: Mrs. Grimm, Mr. Schwartz, Mrs. Stewart, and students from McKenny are Kayla Roth, Marlee McDougal, and Mataya Reed. They will perform for five shows February 25-28th at the OHS Performing Arts Center.

Proceeds will go to the OSD Education Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides grants to help students with basic needs and enrichment activities at all our schools. Tickets are $12.50 – $15.50 and can be purchased directly at www.seatyourself.biz/olympiasd

For more information, go to www.osdef.org or call 360/753-8853.
Conference Week
Parent/teacher conferences will be held Monday thru Friday, March 22nd – 26th. Student release time is 12:52pm each day for 1st thru 5th grades and full-day kindergartners. There will be no AM/PM kindergarten held this week. 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. Teachers do not have a lot of flexibility to make changes in conference times. We appreciate you making your appointment time a priority. AM/PM Preschool will be on regular schedule.

Talent Show Information
The talent show is almost here! Please take note of the following dates:
Thursday, February 25, 2010 - Dress rehearsal at 6:30pm
Thursday, March 4, 2010 - Talent show at 6:30pm
Also, volunteers are needed to help sell flowers and concessions at the Talent Show on Thursday, March 4th. Volunteers may be 4th or 5th graders from McKenny, McKenny alumni or McKenny parents. Volunteers should plan to arrive at 6:15 pm. I am also looking for someone willing to take the food drive donations to the food bank. If you are able to help, please contact Britt Watkins at 459-1601 or britt_amy_watkins@yahoo.com.

Science Fair
The McKenny Science Fair will be held on Thursday, April 22nd. Ice Cream will also be available at the Science Fair. We are in need of additional judges for this year’s science fair. No science experience is needed, just a willingness to observe and discuss our student’s work. Please contact Dana Reinhart at 412-1331 if you can help.

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Movie Night
Tonight is movie night. We will be showing “Hotel for Dogs”. Cost is $4.00 per student. Drop-off time is 6:30pm, movie begins at 6:45pm and pick-up time is 8:30pm. Advanced reservations are required and due by Wednesday, February 17th. Students are welcome to bring their sleeping bag/blanket, a pillow and to wear their pajamas to the movie. This is for McKenny students only.

Carnival
The carnival is fast approaching and we are in the process of planning and looking for volunteers. Our first meeting will be on Thursday, February 25th at 6:30 in the Library. If you would like to help with the carnival, please contact Britney Martin at 459-5507 or martinmail2u@comcast.net.

PTO Board for 2010-11 School Year
Are you interested in serving on the PTO Board for next year, please contact Christine Swanson at cswanson@agcwa.com, 628-1698 or Wendy Carlson at 753-8757.
Photo Request from the Yearbook Staff
The yearbook staff invites you to share your digital photos for possible inclusion in the yearbook for 2009-2010. Photos should be from this school year, taken at school and full-resolution (not a reduced file size). We are primarily looking for field trip photos and day-to-day candid photos in the classroom or on the playground. We have plenty of photos from the Fund Run, Fall Social, Winter Program and Pinocchio. If you have photos to share with us please e-mail them to britt_amy_watkins@yahoo.com or you may leave a CD in the office. If leaving a CD, please label it "Yearbook." Thank you!

Attention 5th Grade Parents! New to the Yearbook This Year
Personal messages from you to your graduating 5th grader. See the form in your Friday paperwork for complete details. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity! Complete the form and return it with payment by Friday, March 5th. Direct questions to Britt Watkins at 459-1601 or britt_amy_watkins@yahoo.com.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

February 2010
22 School Board Mtg @ 6:30 @ Garfield
24 Guitar Club @ 8:15
25 Science fair prejudging
   5th grade passport check @ 1:45
   Talent show dress rehearsal @ 6:30
26 3rd & 4th grades passport check @ 9:10
   Olympia Youth Chorus assembly @ 10:30
   Popcorn for sale @ lunch

March 2010
1 OJP 1st, 2nd, & 3rd grades @ 10
3 Late Start (10 am start)
   PTO Board Mtg @ 6:00
4 Newsletter
   Talent show @ 6:30
5 NO SCHOOL – INSERVICE DAY
8 School Board Mtg @ 6:30
10 Guitar Club @ 8:15
   Site Council @ 3:30
12 Donuts with Mom @ 8:00
   Movie Night
14 Daylight saving time begins
15 OJP 4th & 5th grades @ 12:30
17 Guitar Club @ 8:15

April 2010
2 Newsletter
5-9 NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK
14 Guitar Club @ 8:15
   Site Council 3:30
   PTO Board Mtg @ 6:00
15 Fwd: Young Ambassadors Assembly @
16 Movie Night @ 6:30
   Newsletter
19 School Board Mtg @ 6:30
21 Guitar Club @ 8:15
   Group Class Pictures
22 Science Fair
26 School Board Mtg @ 6:30
28-30 5th grade Outdoor School
   Newsletter