



Hawk Talk

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Halloween

Halloween is upon us! Please do not send your student to school in Halloween costume. We will call and ask you to pick up the student or bring a change of clothing if they arrive in a costume.



Veteran's Day Assembly

Wednesday, November 9th at 1:15pm. Please invite the military veterans or current military personnel in your family to attend our assembly. We would love to honor your service in the armed forces.

Daylight Saving Time Ends - Fall Back

Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Sunday, November 6th

No School

Friday, November 11th to honor Veterans Day.

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, November 23rd, 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving Break.



Thanksgiving Food Drive

We're asking that each grade level bring a specific part of a typical Thanksgiving meal. From these donations we will put together baskets for some of our own McKenny families and the remaining donations will support the OHS food drive. **This year's food drive will run the weeks of November 1st - 16th.**

Kindergarten – boxed or bagged stuffing, instant mashed potatoes

1st grade - salad stuff: salad dressing, croutons, olives, etc.

2nd grade - canned vegetables: corn, green beans, etc.

3rd grade – canned fruit, cranberry sauce

4th grade – dessert stuff: pumpkin pie filling, sugar, fall candy

5th grade – extras: seasonings, Pam/vegetable oil, gravy, chicken broth

Remember nonperishable items only!

Early Release – Wednesday, November 2nd

School releases at 12:05pm

No Preschool

Juice Pop Sales

We will be selling Juice pops on **November 4th and 18th**.

Remember, juice pops are sold on a cash only basis. 50¢ per juice pop.

Beginning in December we will sell Rice Krispy Treats, dates to be announced.



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.

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.****

Bus Stop Safety

While the students are at school, we constantly reinforce our school-wide behavior expectations (Spirit Skills) of Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. We talk with students about how to follow those expectations when they are at school and we praise them when they do well and we correct them when they make mistakes. A time and place that we cannot provide supervision is when the students are waiting to be picked up at the bus stop in the morning. However, we have recently received several reports of unsafe behavior while students are waiting for the bus in the morning. Please help to reinforce the following expectations:

1. Students should keep their hands and feet to themselves. (Be Safe)
2. Students should remain at their own bus stop and not walk to another stop (Be Safe)
3. Students should use appropriate, positive language when speaking to each other (Be Kind, Be Respectful)
4. Students should enter the bus and sit down efficiently and calmly (Be Responsible)

In a related matter, recently several students have decided, **without receiving permission from their parents, to walk home instead of riding the bus. This is very unsafe.** It is very important for students to take the bus if that is what parents are expecting.

Drop Off / Pick Up

Please make sure to pull as far forward as you can when you are dropping students off or picking students up at the end of the day. This helps to keep the line of traffic moving and is safer for students and families

Think Wreaths, Think Cispus!

OSDEF Holiday Wreath Sales Due November 2nd



CISPUS Holiday Wreath sales on now! Buy yours at McKenny to support 5th grade outdoor education. You can pre-order a beautiful wreath for your holiday decor now until November 2. Your purchase will support overnight outdoor education in the Olympia School District. These make terrific gifts, so remember your neighbors, family and friends. Wreaths are \$22.00 each, with proceeds going to assure funding for overnight environmental studies for our 5th grades, sponsored by the Olympia School District Education Foundation (OSDEF).

Wreath delivery will SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20th from 11:00am to 1:00pm at the Moorad's home: 3214 Sugarloaf Street SE, Olympia 98501.

If you are unable to make it Sunday, you can pick-up your wreath Monday, November 21st from 8:30am to 9am or 3:00pm to 3:30pm in the school parking lot.

Questions regarding orders? Please contact Amanda Benjamin at [312-890-4150](tel:312-890-4150).

Questions regarding pick-up? Please contact Mylene Moorad at [360-970-9885](tel:360-970-9885).

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. ; **November 2; November 16; December 7; January 18; January 4; February 1; March 1 May 3.**

Parent/Teacher Conferences: 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.

Up-Coming Events

November

2	Early Release @ 12:05	11	No School – Veterans Day
3	Individual School Picture Retakes 11:00 to 1:00	16	Early Release @ 12:05
4	Juice Pop for Sale during lunches	18	Juice Pops for sale during lunches
	PTO Fall Social @ 6:30	22	Hawk Talk sent home
7	OSD School Board mtg @ 6:30	23-25	No School – Thanksgiving Break
8	Election Day – Remember to Vote	29	Vision & Hearing Screening
9	Veterans Day Assembly @ 1:15		

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 Fall Social is just around the corner!!!



Grab your boots and don your hats to join us for a fun evening of music and dancing at the "Hawk Hoedown". Admission is free. Bake sale items and souvenirs will be available for purchase. Be sure to bring some money to send friends to the Hawk Jail with the help of Mr. Havens! We need volunteers to help the evening run smoothly. Please contact Fall Social Chair, Kristen Stewart at kristencecil@hotmail.com to volunteer.

Fall Social is Friday, November 4th from 6:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the school gym.

The first movie night was a success!

Thank you Kelsey Ferguson, Sarah Mollas and the Movie Night Committee!!! Everything was truly AWESOME with many students in attendance. The next Movie Night will be December 2th ... stay tuned for the movie announcement!

Fund Run fun!! Envelopes due!!

Our McKenny Hawks ran a total of 4,363 laps around the track on Friday, 10/21/16 for our annual Fund Run! That is a whopping 872.6 miles! Amazing job and congratulations to all the students and adults involved throughout the entire event! A huge thank you to Fund Run co-chairs Jessica Wilson & Marny Howell for all their hard work! Also a great big thank you to all the parent volunteers for their participation, we couldn't have done it without you! We avoided the rain, saw some great costumes and orange hair! We also had a visit from Spirit! Every student who participated received a finisher's medal. If your student didn't receive one or needs a replacement, please let Marny know at marny421@yahoo.com as we have extra left over. We collected the donation envelopes on Friday 10/28 and will deliver prizes to students in early November 2016. If you have late donations, grandma or other out-of-state relatives are sending in checks and you get them after 10/28, please still send them to school - attention McKenny PTO.

Value Village Fundraiser Success!!

A huge thank you to Jennifer Philbrook and to all the volunteers that helped out with this quick and super helpful fundraiser! We greatly appreciate the help from all the families that donated items to help raise funds for our school! 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 will help pay for teacher support and field trips. If you missed this event, never fear- we are already looking forward to doing this event again in the spring for spring cleaning!!



Keep Clipping Box Tops for Education

Huge thank you to all the students, family and staff who collected box tops this fall! Together we collected over 4600 Box Tops for Education!!! That is over \$460 that General Mills sends back to McKenny for purchasing their participating products! Congratulations to Mr. Sjoboen's 4th grade class for collecting the most at 617! Their class ice cream party will be scheduled in November! Mrs. Francis' class came in second followed by Mrs. O'Halloran and Mrs. McEwen's classes. Additional collections will occur in December and again in February, so don't put those scissors down yet!! We are well on our way to the goal of keeping pace with past years and raising about \$1500 through Box Tops!!

Go shopping for McKenny!

McKenny families can help raise money for the school through a variety of shopping programs! Please remember to link up your Fred Meyer rewards card (must re-enroll every June) and your Thriftway 'ThriftCard' to McKenny PTO! You can also use smile.amazon.com this upcoming shopping season, and use the Shoparoo smart phone app with all your shopping receipts! Additionally there is a new Box Tops app to snap a photo of your receipt to earn additional box tops on participating products! Every little bit counts and adds up quick!!!

Check Out Our Website

Be sure to keep up to date with all the happenings of McKenny PTO at www.mckennyppto.org



Save the Date!!

Our next PTO meeting is TUESDAY, Nov. 18^h at 6:30pm in the school library. We would LOVE to see you there!