



# The Falcon Spirit

October 9, 2015

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I would like to send another reminder that on **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., we will be hosting our "Harvest of the Habits Family Night"** in the gym. This event is open to the entire family to participate in fun activities that highlight the 7 Habits. We will be also serving cider and popcorn during this fun evening! We hope to see you there!

The Mukilteo Elementary PTSA will be hosting the annual **Multi-Cultural Fair on Thursday, November 19 2015 from 6:30-8:00.** It will be a fun evening of learning about different cultures around the world. There will be food, games, crafts, and more! The planning is just getting under way so if you are interested in helping with this event or hosting a booth watch for more information to come. We would like to have as many cultures as possible represented!

If you are interested in volunteering in the classroom, please stop by the office to fill out the volunteer paperwork. We welcome and encourage parents to help out in the classrooms. I would also like to invite parents to join our **Parent SOAR Advisory Team** if you are interested. We meet on Tuesday mornings once a month and will begin meeting next Tuesday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in our staff room. I will provide you with additional information if you are interested. Please email me at [Benedictje@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:Benedictje@mukilteo.wednet.edu) if you would like to join or just show up. Thank you for your interest and support!

That's it for this week. Have a great weekend!

Best regards,

*Joshua Benedict*

## Upcoming Events



**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Harvest of the Habits Family Night 6:30-7:30PM, Gym

**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>**

Fund Run! And **Early Release**

**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**

PTSA Mtg. 8-9AM

**Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

7 Habits Pep Assembly

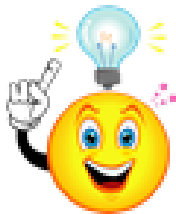
**Mon-Fri, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Early Release** (Conferences)  
And PTSA Reflections Studio

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

PTSA Halloween Bash

## Destination ImagiNation News



Destination ImagiNation News-DI MANAGERS NEEDED!

We have many, many wonderful students who are in need of YOU, as a Volunteer DI Co-Manager! If you have an hour a week to give, please consider being your child's DI Manager. You will be trained throughout the season to work with a team of 5-7 students in a preferable age range. Contact Miss Wise at [wisems@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:wisems@mukilteo.wednet.edu)

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## Please Sign in Whenever You're on Campus

Parents,



As we get in the swing of the new school year, we will occasionally send reminders of district and school policies or other protocols that we request you abide by. **Safety is our number one responsibility and it is required that all visitors sign in and wear a visitors badge, no matter how well staff know you or how often you visit. Along with this, please do not enter classrooms unannounced, whether to drop a lunch/binder/coat, etc. to your student, to speak with the teacher or even to offer assistance without setting this up prior to your visit.** Staff love to have your involvement and assistance but please plan ahead, thank you!

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## Help Us Build a Buddy Bench!



In May 2015 Mukilteo Elementary experienced the loss of a beloved teacher, Linda Merriman to cancer. Linda was known for her exceptional teaching abilities including her attentiveness to nurture, listen to and problem solve with students. In her memory we are seeking the donation of a buddy bench for our playground. This would be a place where students could make a friend, be heard, solve a problem or just take a quiet break. If you have contacts within the community to help with the construction of a bench please contact Heather Basse, Support Specialist at 425-366-3130.

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## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade End of the Year Celebration

Dear Fifth Grade Families,

At the conclusion of fifth grade, a PTSA committee of fifth grade parents has historically planned an end-of-the-year celebration. There are many ways past committees have chosen to do this: with a half-day celebration (DJ dance in the gym along with additional outdoor and indoor activities planned for students to rotate to as they choose- for example), or a full day celebration (down at the beach with outdoor activities organized for students to rotate to as they choose- for example).

To make this happen, there needs to be a new committee formed to discuss the plan to be implemented, to understand the limitations we have from our school district, and to put fundraising ideas in place (this is 100% funded by fundraising the committee chooses to do).

If you are interested in being part of this PTSA committee, or just want to know more about this end-of-the-year celebration, please plan to join us for the first official meeting- October 22<sup>nd</sup> in room 97 (Mrs. Bass' room) from 3:30-4:30. There are many types of jobs to be completed by committee members, from big to small- so the more who can help, the better for all! -The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team: Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Idso and Mr. Tepley

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## SOCKTOBER Sock Drive



It's that time of year again, it's Socktober! Mrs. Ingle's class will be hosting a sock drive to help our neighbors, who are homeless and in need, by collecting new pairs of socks to give to them. The class who brings in the most new socks will earn a donut party. Please help us make a positive impact on our community by donating new socks for the homeless. Simply collect the socks your class brings in each day and send a messenger to bring them to Mrs. Ingle's class in room 109. We will keep track of the classes. Last year we collected over 1000 socks! Hopefully we will match that goal this year. The only thing we ask is that all socks are new and not used. Socks can be for women, men, youth girls and boys, and babies. Happy Socktober!

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## Packs for Kids



Thank you to everyone for your donations of non-perishable food to our Packs for Kids program! A yellow and red box marked "Packs for Kids Food Donations" is now located in the main office. We will continue to take donations of food throughout the year to keep this program running. Many thanks!

### Items Needed for Packs for Kids:

- ❖ Boxes of Tuna Helper, Chicken Helper or Homestyle Bake
- ❖ Cans of Tuna or cans of chicken (for above box meals)
- ❖ Boxes of Macaroni and Cheese
- ❖ Single serve cereal boxes
- ❖ Oatmeal Packets
- ❖ Cup of Soup, or Top Ramen
- ❖ Boxes of Instant Potatoes
- ❖ Pudding Cups
- ❖ Granola Bars, or Protein Bars
- ❖ Snack Size Crackers, or Cracker Sandwiches
- ❖ Snack Size boxes of Raisins
- ❖ Fruit Cups
- ❖ Apple Sauce cups or pouches
- ❖ Cans of soup, or Ravioli with pull tab
- ❖ Cans of veggies or baked beans

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## Check the Lost and Found



### **Is your child missing a coat, or a bracelet? Are you missing your car keys?**

We have 2 lost and found locations at the school. The main location for clothes and larger items is right outside of the gymnasium. The second location is for smaller items, and is located in the main office.

We do have several sets of car keys from last year, so if you are missing some, please contact the main office at 425-366-3100 or visit us. Thank you!

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## **MEPTSA 2015 THESE COLORS WILL RUN FUND RUN NEWS!**

Next week is the big event - more than 600 kids running, skipping, hopping, jumping, getting colored, popping bubbles and generally having a good time in support of the programs they love at their school. [Students will be sprayed with water and colored corn starch will be thrown in the air as they run around the field. On Friday plan your child's wardrobe accordingly. We don't want the students ruining their best clothes at the race. Even for kids that are in the bubble area kids may get soapy goo on them so have your child dress to get a little colorful and dirty.](#)

Our goal is lofty - \$30,000 - but by aiming high we only have to ask you for your financial support once this year, and we can fund all of the areas that support the many programs and initiatives that make Mukilteo Elementary the rich, full faceted learning environment that we all love. We are halfway there - but still very much need any financial contributions from you, your families and your friends in order to fund library books, transportation for field trips, scholarships for students in need...and so much more.

Congratulations to Ellie Haller who brought in the most donations last week and was the winner of the Toys R Us gift card. This week's prize is a gift certificate to I Fly, and every \$20 a student brings in earns them a ticket in the final drawing for prizes. We have some great final prizes ready, but we would love to give out more. Do you have new toys/activity kits or unused gift cards at home - we will happily accept prize donations, too!

Thanks for your support - through our Mukilteo Falcon synergy, we make ME a great place to be!

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### **Halloween Bash**

The Halloween Bash is around the corner! Bring the family for a game filled night on Thursday, October 29 from 6:00-8:00 pm in the M.E. Gym. There will be games, face painting, dancing and more! Kids and adults can wear family friendly costumes (no weapons). Pizza for \$1/slice. We need volunteers to help make this event fun and successful! Please sign up at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45aead28a1fd0-halloween>.

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### **Calling all M.E. Student Artists!**



Get your pencils, paintbrushes, cameras, video recorders, director's caps, and musical melodies ready. It's time to start creating your **original** works for the 2015-2016 [PTSA Reflections Program](#)! Put on your thinking caps and get the creative juices flowing with this year's theme:

### **"Let Your Imagination Fly."**

Each student may submit only one entry per category. This does not mean you have to use each category. Pick the category or categories that will best showcase your talents.

All entries must follow the General Rules for Participation AS WELL AS the rules for the category. For example if you choose Visual Arts, you will need to follow "The General Rules for Participation" AND "Visual Arts Rules." You will find all the links below.

[General Rules for Participation](#)

[Rules for Visual Arts](#)

[\\*2015-2016 General Rules Updates](#)

[Rules for Photography](#)

[Rules for Choreography](#)

[Nat. PTSA Special Artist Rules](#)



[Rules for Film Production](#)

[Rules for Literature](#)

[Rules for Music Composition](#)

## IMPORTANT REFLECTIONS DATES

- There will be studio times to sign up to create original works during the week of **October 26-30**. This is also conference week, so the times are after early release for approximately an hour.
- We will host a gallery night to view our artists' submissions on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Specifics about these events will be available in an upcoming newsletter.
- **ALL REFLECTIONS ENTRIES MUST BE TURNED INTO THE REFLECTIONS CHAIR KIM LUCAS ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>.**

Student Entry Forms will be available at school in the front office wall display. These are prefilled out with the school specific information. If you need to print a new one at home please include this information on any new forms. All entry forms **MUST** be complete or they will disqualify the student's work. Entries may be turned in at the office in a box marked **REFLECTIONS**.

If there are any parents interested in being involved with this amazing arts program, I am looking for some Reflection's Committee Helpers for the following tasks:

- To help verify that all entries meet requirements and entry forms are complete
- Setting up the gallery night
- Assistants/Helpers for the Studio times
- Recruitment of Judges  
(3 - Must be objective and not friends or parents of students who participate)



If you have questions please contact:  
**Kim Lucas @ [president@meptsa.org](mailto:president@meptsa.org)**  
**MEPTSA CO-PRESIDENT**  
**Reflection's Committee Chair**  
**360-904-3775**

"The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original work."

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