



# The Falcon Spirit

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

**The Fund Run was a wonderful success today!** Everyone's hard work really paid off! I appreciate and would like to once again thank our amazing PTSA, Corrine Bloom, and all of the volunteers for making the day run so smoothly. Also, thanks to all of the family members, neighbors, friends, and staff members for donating to the Fund Run. Your donations provide wonderful opportunities for our students, our teachers, and our school. Student anticipation has been very high and they were so excited to participate. We are very appreciative and thankful for all your support.

**I would like to thank the families who attended our "Harvest for the Habits"** on Thursday evening. Families had a fun time learning more about the habits developing the skills together as a family during the activities. Our staff enjoyed working with you, answering questions, and your participation was greatly appreciated. I believe the kids had fun, too!

As we continue to support students in their leadership efforts, we are always amazed at the connection between leadership skills and the Common Core State Standards. There is a direct correlation to the college and career readiness focus, speaking and listening anchor standards, and the overall emphasis on student ownership of learning and ways of thinking supported in the Common Core. How exciting is that!

On Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, the **PTSA** will be hosting our annual **Halloween Bash** in the school gym and library. For those of you that are new to our school, **Mukilteo Elementary celebrates Halloween during this evening party** which begins at 6:30. It is a fun and safe evening that is geared towards families celebrating together with costumes, music with a DJ, pumpkin decorating, and other fun activities.

**During the school day, costumes are not worn at school, but there are parties centering on a fall festival theme.** Teachers are working with room parents to plan these parties and will communicate more information through classroom newsletters and emails.

**Goal Setting Conferences** are coming up the week of October 26–October 30. We strive for 100% participation at ME and encourage you to take part. Your children have been practicing very hard and are excited to share their Leadership Notebooks and data with you. These conferences also support our school-wide efforts as we continue to focus on the implementation of the 5 Dimensions of Teaching and Learning Instructional Framework. We continue our emphasis on student leadership by providing them with the

## Upcoming Events



**Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>**  
PTSA Mtg. 9-10AM

**Mon-Fri, October 26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Early Release** (Conferences)  
And PTSA Reflections Studio

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Picture Make Up Day &  
PTSA Halloween Bash

**Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Mariner High School  
Harvest Fest 2-5PM

**Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
Veteran's Day Assembly &  
**Early Release**

**Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day**

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opportunity to ***self-assess and set goals*** becoming more active and involved in their learning. A goal we set for ourselves is to keep the lines of communication open between the school and home. So, if you haven't already signed up with your child's teacher for conferences, please be sure that you do. If you would like to meet with teachers in addition to the student-led conference please contact the teacher in advance. Your child will benefit greatly when we work as partners on his/her behalf.

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 hosting a booth or helping out please fill out the online form at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d45aead28a1fd0-multicultural>.

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

*Joshua Benedict*

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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. Beckman, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Idso and Mr. Tepley

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## **Coats and Health Services for Families in Need**

The Family Center of South Snohomish County in Lynnwood will be hosting the ninth annual Operation Warm and Ready event on Saturday, Oct. 24. The event will be from 1-3 p.m. and offers free coats and health services to children and adults. Operation Warm and Ready, sponsored by the Hazel Miller Foundation in partnership with the Rotary Club of Lynnwood, is an effort to provide families with brand new winter coats for their children. With the additional support of organizations such as Clothes for Kids and the Lynnwood Police Department, the event also includes healthcare services, the distribution of school supplies and books and raffles for free haircuts and other prizes. To become involved with the event, contact Stephanie Pimienta at 425-670-8984 ext. 425, or email [spimienta@lcsnw.org](mailto:spimienta@lcsnw.org) for more information. The Family Support Center of South Snohomish County is located at 6215 196th St SW, Lynnwood

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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. Our current Socktober count is 174 pairs of socks!! Mrs. Cornell's class is in 1<sup>st</sup> place, Mrs. Ingle's class is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Mrs. Wise's class is in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Mrs. Hwang's class is in 4<sup>th</sup> place. Happy Socktober!

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## **Is your child eligible for Special Education Services?**

Do you suspect that your child/student has a mental, physical, developmental delay, or a disability that has a major impact on learning, working and caring for him or herself, or performing manual tasks? Is there a recorded history of your child/student having such impairment?

Even if your child/student does not have a disability, does he or she possess certain characteristics that would somehow cause others to treat him or her as if they did have a disability?

If you answer "yes" to any of the questions above, your child may be eligible for special education related services and/or specialized educational accommodations. The Mukilteo School District provides screening for all children living within the school district boundaries, including homeless children, to determine eligibility.

If your child currently attends school, contact that school's psychologist. If your child is not yet of school age, please contact the school district's Special Education Department at 425-356-1204.

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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!

Our Mukilteo Elementary students were definitely colorful and having fun, running, dancing, skipping and getting bubbly. It certainly was fun to see our principal, Mr. Benedict, and our Falcon mix it up with the kids braving the gauntlet of color and bubbles coming out colorful after the run.

MEPTSA would like to thank everyone that volunteered, sponsored and contributed to make "These Colors Will Run" Fun Run the best fundraising event to date.

Congratulations to last week's winner Quinn Haller who won a gift card to I Fly. In our classroom challenge Ms. Sanford's class in the lead followed closely by Ms. Ingle and Ms. Cornell's classrooms.

We will continue to accept donations towards the MEPTSA "These Colors Will Run" Fund Run through the end of next week. We have received over \$20,000 in donations so far and still counting. Our goal is to reach \$30,000 and we still have one more week to achieve this goal.

A week from this coming Monday we will be having our final drawing for prizes. Every child will receive one raffle ticket for every \$20 they collected in donations. We have been able to get some great prizes this year. Our classroom challenge will also be announced. The classroom with the most donations will receive a party of the teacher and classroom's choice.

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### **Staff Appreciation**

MEPTSA will be providing snacks for our staff during the last week of October. The conference week will be a busy one for the staff and having snacks will be helpful, and it is fun for staff to have a variety to choose from. Please feel free to bring in whatever you would like or think they might like to snack on! Homemade or store bought items - everything is greatly appreciated! We will assemble each day in the lounge a snacking table - feel free to bring in your items on Monday morning if you can!

If you would like to sign up, you can access the group meal by [clicking here](#), or by visiting [PerfectPotluck.com](http://PerfectPotluck.com) and locating the schedule by coordinator last name (Powers) and password (2457).

We plan to spoil our staff again with a breakfast in November, and our traditional cookie boxes in December!

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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!**

"What do you think would happen if your imagination could fly? Where would it go? What would it do?"

Let your imagination fly when you create original art in our Reflections Program at Mukilteo Elementary this year. You can compose music, choreograph a dance, express through writing, take a picture or create a painting or drawing in visual arts...just remember to use this year's theme "Let Your Imagination Fly". Entry forms are available in the office and all entries are due November 20th. There will be a box to turn in your entries in the library. Sign up forms will be sent home on October 16<sup>th</sup>. The forms will also be on our MEPTSA website.

Contact Reflection's Chair Kim Lucas at [president@meptsa.org](mailto:president@meptsa.org) if you have questions or need help signing up.

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