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Dear Nautilus families,

I cannot believe how quick this school year has been. It is already November! Although I am not a fan of rain, this is my favorite time of the year. I love sitting by a warm fireplace, reading a book, watching football, or catching up on a TV show.

I am pleased to announce that at the November 13<sup>th</sup> School Board Meeting, **we were presented with an award - Setting the Pace!** Nautilus received this award because on last year's state assessment in the area of Math, we performed better than the schools in Washington with like demographics. This is our second year in a row to receive this in the area of math. I am so proud of our scholars and our staff (and a huge thank you to our families)!

A big thank you to all the families who attended Student Led Conferences. We hope you enjoyed seeing what your children have been doing in school this year. One of our measurements of success is around the percent of families who attend SLCs. We also reached a little higher this year and wanted face-to-face conferences, rather than phone conferences. We have a few conferences to make up, but **I am certain we will end up with 100% of our families having conferences**, with very few phone conferences this year. We could not have achieved that without your help! Thank you!

In case you have not heard, we have started Navigator Talks this year. This is a time for parents and guardians to meet and learn about, ask questions, and take home strategies around a particular topic. **Our next Navigator Talk is Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 in the library and our topic is Math Problem Solving!** We will have light snacks and if you do not have a babysitter, just bring the kids.

I wish you and your family a happy Thanksgiving season. All of us have a lot to be thankful for. I am very thankful for the wonderful staff, students, and families that I interact with each day at Nautilus. I have been blessed with a fantastic school.

Just a reminder, **we will dismiss at 1:05 the Wednesday before Thanksgiving** (November 21<sup>st</sup>) and there will not be any hardship supervision, as the staff will be off to spend time with their families. Please plan accordingly.

Proud to be a Navigator!

Stacy Lucas  
Principal



Hello Navigator Families!

It was great to see so many of you at conferences and at the Book Fair last week! Thank you to everyone who stopped in the office and got their ParentVUE accounts activated and took the time to take the parent survey!

### Important Upcoming Family Events:

The Nautilus WINTER Clothing Bank will be Thursday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 to 5:30 in the library.

CLASSROOM reading Volunteer training – Join us in the STEAM LAB on Tuesday December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 – 3:00 for a training on how to help with reading in the classroom. We are looking for volunteers to help support our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classrooms with some extra reading support!

Thursday December 6<sup>th</sup> we have a Navigator Talk about MATH. If you are confused about how to support your children with Math homework – this event is for you! Join us in the Nautilus Library from 5:30 to 6:30.

According to the Journal of Educational Research, compiled by the Children's Aid Society:

**Fact Two: Parent involvement is actually a better predictor of academic success than standardized test scores.**

In addition to helping students directly, the benefits of parent involvement also extend to teachers and parents. For parents, involvement can lead to better relationships with schools and to pursuit of additional education for themselves. Teachers of students with involved parents are also more likely to devote more time to teaching, try new teaching methods and be student-centered.

Anne Marie Tennison

Family Liaison

### HIV FAMILY NIGHTS

Washington State law requires that scholars learn about HIV/AIDS annually from 5<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Parents are allowed to opt their children out of this learning if they attend an event to preview the curriculum. The district is required to host these curriculum preview nights at least two times per year.

**HIV Curriculum Previews are scheduled this year on November 15, 2018, 6 – 8:00 p.m. in ESC room 104.**

**Early Release on Wednesday, November 21st will be at 1:05 and there will not be any hardship supervision, please plan accordingly.**



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