



Mirror Lake Reflections

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February-March 2019

Upcoming Events

February 27– Early Release
at **1:35** and Black History
Month Assembly

March 5– 3rd & 4th Grade
Music Concert at **6:30**

March 6– Sacajawea Middle
School Visit at Mirror Lake
1:50

March 13– Early Release at
1:35

March 21-22– Student Lead
Conferences

March 27– Early Release at
1:35

March 29– Terrific Kid
Assembly at **2:15 pm**

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Dear Mirror Lake Families,

The first semester of the school year is done and Mirror Lake is in full swing. There is a lot to be excited about as we move into the second half of the school year. With report cards at home, we know you may have questions. Please feel free to call and ask if you need assistance understanding how to read the report card or what the scores mean. Our goal is to collaborate with you to help clearly understand where your scholar is currently performing. Once you have gone over grades with your scholar, please sign and return the envelope to your scholar's teacher. Additionally, Student-Led Conferences are coming up next month on March 21st and 22nd –please mark your calendar . This will be a time to hear about progress and check-in on goals. Remember that you can go on Parent-View to see up to date grades, Mirror Lake is working hard to keep scores updated. 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade families, now is a good time to be thinking about preparing scholars for our state Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) test. If you want to help your scholar(s) feel comfortable and see what the test looks like, you can find the SBA practice and training tests online. The actual test will take place after Spring Break. We are excited to see how everyone performs, as we are noticing some great growth in classes!

In partnership,
Natalee Daniels
Principal

Save the Date for STEM Exploration Night!

Save the Date! The third annual STEM Exploration Night is coming up on March 27, 2019! This event for PreK-12 scholars and their families will be held at Federal Way High School from 6-8 p.m.

For the past two years, this event has been a huge success, with thousands of scholars, families, and community members in attendance. During this event, all attendees are invited to experience career pathways in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). For the past two years, we've had more than 80 booths filled with representatives from local STEM companies and higher education programs, including Boeing, Microsoft Xbox, Fred Hutch Cancer Research Center, St. Francis Hospital, University of Washington Tacoma and Highline College.

A light meal will be provided, and Spanish, Korean, Russian, Ukrainian, and Somali interpreters will be available.

Save the Date:

MARCH 27, 2019

6-8 P. M .

FEDERAL WAY

HIGH SCHOOL

Cold and Wet Weather

The rainy season is officially here! Please make sure to pack extra clothes for your scholars. It gets very muddy outside and scholars are slipping in the wet grass and mud. We are in great need of pants in all sizes, so we would gladly receive any donations you have!



Field Trips and Washington State Patrol

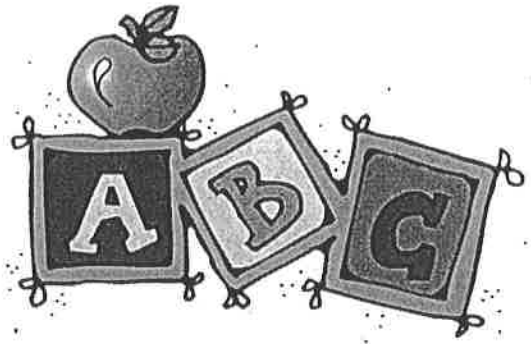
Applications

As the weather gets nicer, field trips will be starting! If you would like to be a chaperone, please check in with the office for a Washington State Patrol Application. In order to turn in the application, we need the completed paperwork and a photo copy of your I.D., which we can do in the office. The process takes a few weeks . If you have previously filled out an application but do not know the status of it, please call Stephanie Redelfs at 253-945-3345 to have it checked.

Mirror Lake Elementary is fortunate to partner with the Federal Way High School Child Development Program. The 60 high schoolers enrolled in the FWHS Child Development Program are working towards earning their Washington State STARS certification. This certification will prepare them to work in childcare and early learning settings after graduation. The high school volunteers are completing their internship at Mirror Lake. Our scholars have the opportunity to work with the FWHS interns in reading, writing and math twice a month.

Kindergarten Registration is now open!

Kindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year is open. Families with a child who will be five-years-old by Aug. 31, 2019 are welcome to enroll their scholar online, or online at school.



To enroll online, visit: www.fwps.org/kiosk, and click on the “Student Registration” link to start the process (make sure to select the **2018-19** school year). Families can also register online in person at the child’s school during regular hours. The following documents are required at the time of registration:

- Your child’s birth certificate
- Proof of your address (rental agreement, purchase agreement, or utility bill)
- Your child’s immunization records for measles, mumps, rubella, polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, hepatitis B, and varicella (chickenpox)

If your child has life threatening conditions such as allergies, asthma, diabetes, and seizure disorders, a meeting will be scheduled with the school nurse to confirm that all medications, medical supplies, and health care provider orders are in place prior to the first day of school.

ParentVue Information

Report Cards were sent home February 20th. You can now view them on your ParentVue account.

While in ParentVue, please check your Contact and Emergency Contact phone numbers and names to make sure they are up to date. This makes sure we have the best way to reach you and is very important to ensure the safety of all our Scholars at Mirror Lake.

If you have any questions or need assistance with updating your contact information, please call the Office at 253-945-3300. We are happy to assist in making changes.

Choice Enrollment Timeline

The Choice Enrollment Deadline was February 20th, 2019. Here is the timeline for the Lottery process.

February 28, 2019 – Lottery held at the ESC

March 7 – Notification of placement status will be e-mailed to all applicants.

March 15 – Acceptance deadline. Parent/guardians must sign and return their placement acceptance letter to the Business Office at ESC.

For more details visit: <https://www.fwps/Page/434>

Standards-Based Grading and Reporting Family Forum

A grade is the ultimate form of feedback to a student and it must be accurate. As a result, Federal Way Public Schools (FWPS) is working diligently to ensure every scholar's grade is accurate.

We would like to invite you to provide valuable feedback to inform high quality and consistent grading practices across schools. Families, mark your calendars and attend one or all of our upcoming SBGR forums:

March 13, 6 pm – 7:30 pm at Federal Way High School, 30611 16th Ave S. Federal Way 98003

May 15, 6 pm – 7:30 pm at Twin Lakes Elementary, 4400 SW 320th St. Federal Way 98023

Light refreshments will be provided. Spanish, Korean, Russian, Ukrainian and Somali interpreters will also be available.

If you have questions about SBGR in FWPS, contact us at (253) 945-2126 or visit www.fwps.org/SBGR.

Right at School: New before and after school program starting in the 2019-2020 school year.

Federal Way Public Schools understand the importance of before and after school programs for some families.

We are making a change in the 2019-20 school year, and have selected a program that is high-quality, more affordable, flexible, and is available at all 23 elementary schools. The program is *Right At School*, which offers engaging curriculum to help spark the joy of learning and 21st Century skill development such as critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, leadership, and more. It's also a program used in our districts in our region, and we are pleased to bring it to Federal Way Public Schools.

For more information about Right at School visit: www.rightatschool.com or call 1-855-287-2466.

The current provider Champions will continue to be available at designated school sites for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year. Champions also has a summer 2019 program available.

You are invited to attend a Welcome Parent Forum and Activity Night hosted by *Right At School*.

Date: February 25th, 2019

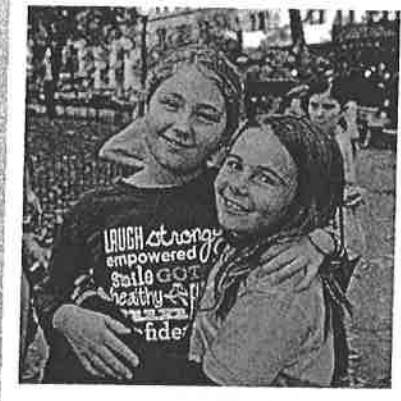
Time: 6-8 pm

Location: Federal Way Public Schools Educational Service Center (ESC)

33330 8th Ave S, Federal Way, WA 98003



Girls on the Run is for **EVERY** girl.



Girls on the Run is an afterschool program like no other! Twice per week for 10 weeks, girls will have fun, make friends, increase their physical activity levels and learn important life skills. Trained and caring coaches lead 3 - 5 grade girls through interactive lessons and running activities. The season ends with a noncompetitive 5K event.

Why it Matters

IT'S FUN. IT'S EFFECTIVE.

Participating in Girls on the Run transforms girls' lives by helping them increase their self-confidence, develop healthy relationships, and feel good about themselves, inside and out.



Girls who were the least active at the start of the program increased their physical activity by more than 40%*



97% of participants said they learned critical skills to manage emotions, resolve conflict, help others or make intentional decisions*

*Results based on a 2016 independent study conducted by Positive Youth Development expert Maureen R. Weiss, Ph.D.

Registration Opens: January 4, 2019

Program Starts: March 4, 2019

Program Location: YOUR school/organization!

Program Fee: Based on sliding scale

Financial Assistance is Available

Contact: Erin Gorup

erln@girlsrun.org | 206-528-2118

LEARN MORE AND REGISTER TODAY AT WWW.GOTRPUGETSOUND.ORG

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While supplies last...

**INTERPRETERS
AVAILABLE**



**CATCH UP ON ALL
VACCINES REQUIRED
FOR SCHOOL**



**NO APPOINTMENT
NEEDED**

Who?

All K-12 students,
up to age 18

What?

Vaccinate your child
against measles and other
serious diseases!

When?

Tuesday,
March 5,
2:15PM to 8PM

Where?

Federal Way
High School:
30611 16th Ave S. 98003

Why?

Vaccinations keep kids
healthy, strong, and ready
to learn!

Vaccines offered:

- | | |
|-------------|--------------------|
| ✓ MMR | ✓ Polio |
| ✓ Varicella | ✓ Hep B |
| ✓ DTaP | ✓ Tdap (6th grade) |

For more information:



Questions about this clinic? Visit:
kingcounty.gov/vaccineclinic



Questions about vaccines your
child needs?
Contact your school nurse.