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## "Reaching Higher to Promote Student Learning"

### Important Dates

**April 30**  
District Track Meet

**May 2**  
Read & Lead Due

Crew Leader  
Celebration

**May 11**  
Early Dismissal  
@ 1:10 PM

KG Get Acquainted  
Night @ 6:00 PM

**May 13**  
Read & Lead Prize Day

Carnival

**May 17**  
1st GR Concert  
9:00 AM—Assembly  
6:30 PM— Performance

**May 19**  
PTSA Board Mtg.  
@ 6:00 PM

Dear Nautilus Families,

Just want to update you with our latest tardies and absences data.

	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March
Tardies	182	293	203	192	230	233	367
Absences	395	458	464	402	563	650	766
Perfect Attendance	197	180	172	205	175	167	136

Thank you to all the families who have provided me with feedback and ideas on how to reduce our tardies and absences. Because of this feedback, we now have staff members trying to get kids to class on time. You may see us letting families who are dropping of their kids know how many minutes they have left to get into their classrooms. Kids are moving a little faster now. It was also suggested to solicit more donations of wipes to try to keep the doorknobs and tables clean in order to prevent the spread of illnesses. **All of our classrooms are in need of more wipes if you are looking for something to donate.**

Quite a few families suggested opening the classroom doors earlier so that students didn't have to wait outside. Although this is a great idea, our contract gives teachers professional time for 30 minutes each morning. This is not student contact time, but instead time for teachers to collaborate with colleagues or communicate with parents. Although we cannot require our doors open early, we always have supervision in our gym. If you want to drop your child off early, we start serving breakfast at 7:50 each morning.

Another way to provide feedback about Nautilus is through our yearly parent survey. We get these results back by school so we are hoping all of our families participate. The easiest way to find this survey is to go to the district website at fwps.org and look at the images on the homepage. Click when you see the one that says "**Take our Family Involvement Survey.**" It comes in four different languages. It is also on the front page of the Nautilus website. This survey closes April 25<sup>th</sup> so plan on doing it this weekend.

Thank you to all the families who attended our Student Led Conferences. Our staff enjoys meeting one on one with all of our families. I heard a lot of positive feedback from parents as well!

Proud to be a Navigator!  
Stacy Lucas, Principal

The annual Nautilus Writing Celebration will be on May 26th. Watch for more information to come home soon.



Preschool Information Fair

@Truman  
Head Start  
Tuesday,  
April 26th  
4:30–6:30 PM

Every Minute Counts- when our kids are at school, on time, everyday, they learn more.

**News from the Music Department**

Our First Grade Concert will take place on Tuesday, May 17th, at 6:30 p.m. Students should arrive at 6:15 p.m. and meet at their classroom. Students should wear nice dress clothes.

Parents are also welcome to attend our dress rehearsal on Tuesday, May 17th, at 9:00 a.m. Concerts are in the Nautilus Gym.

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**Are you moving and/or changing schools next year?**

We are in the process of planning for next year's classes. If you know that your child will be changing schools please notify the school office at 253-945-3400.



**News from the Nurse**

Spring is here and children will start spending much of their time outdoors. Unfortunately, it is also the time when kids start doing activities that can lead to accidents. Here are simple things you can do to ensure that your children's summer fun involves minimal risk:

Helmets should always be worn when biking, scootering, skating or skate boarding. Make sure the helmet fits the head correctly, and check the condition of the helmet if your child has a crash. A helmet can break down with age and use.

Water can also be very dangerous for young children, as well as kids who do not swim, or swim well. Make sure your young swimmer is always supervised by pools or bodies of water. Also, make sure they always wear life jackets when boating or doing other water sports. Life jackets should also be worn in water when the child does not know how to swim. Arm floats, water wings and other water toys do not take the place of a proper life jacket. Whether a young child is a swimmer or has a life jacket, they need adult supervision in and around the water.

Summer sun burns also pose health risks to kids (and adults). Repeated sun exposure without sunscreen leads to skin damage and possible skin cancer later in life. Apply sunscreen 15 to 30 minutes before going outside and reapply every 2 hours, or sooner if your child has been swimming. Water-resistant sunscreen wears off -- check the label to see how soon you'll need to reapply. It only takes one severe sunburn to potentially double your child's chances of getting melanoma later in life. Melanoma is a more severe, possibly deadly type of skin cancer.

By taking a little extra time to follow these precautions, you can make your child's time outdoors a little safer.

Volunteers at Nautilus work so hard and we are so lucky to have many parents and community members helping out. We appreciate each and every one of you! February hours 404.50 and March 744.25 hours were worked!



**Next Year's Class Placement**

We are beginning to put classes together for next year. In order to determine the best classroom placement for our students we would like to collect data from this year's classroom teacher and you! We invite you to share any academic or social information you feel will help us make a successful placement. Due to possible budget restrictions we can anticipate some changes in staffing for next year. **Please** do not request a particular teacher as teaching assignments frequently change.

Class placement for next year will be sent home in your child's report card at the end of the year. If you are interested in sharing additional information with your child's teacher, please detach here or use a separate paper and return to the teacher by April 29th.

**Attention Chaperones!**

It is the time of year when our classes are going on field trips. This is always a fun time for our students.

**All volunteers and chaperones must have an approved WSP background check on file.**

Applications are available in the office and are free to the applicant. The application takes a few weeks to be approved so be sure to get yours in early.



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Next Fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Considerations for Placement

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Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*If you need more space,*

*Carnival coming May 13th. If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Nautilus K8 office.*



**Dressing For School**

With Spring here and Summer just around the corner, we want to remind our students of proper dress at school.

Students should dress in a way that does not distract from the education of themselves or others, or promote values, behavior, or products that are unhealthy. Examples of inappropriate dress includes (but are not limited to) halter and tank tops, shorts and/or skirts that are shorter than the student's fingertips when the arms are extended at the sides, sagging pants or long belts, shirts that expose the "belly button" during typical classroom activities, or shirts that portray violence and/or alcohol/tobacco advertising, hats worn inside the building, and inappropriate outer wear worn indoors (e.g., over-sized/overstuffed jackets).

**Notes from the Family Liaison**

It was great to see so many of you at Student Led Conferences. If you didn't get a chance to fill out the Family Partnership Survey, you have until Monday April 25. The link to the survey is on the Federal Way School District website (<http://www.fwps.org/>). We want to hear from you!

This Friday April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Earth Day! A great Geography/World Awareness website is Planetglobalculture.com. There are amazing photos, slideshows and games for the whole family.

### Parent School Involvement Survey Available Online

Parents and guardians, here's your chance to tell us about what your child's school does to include you in his or her education. Please complete the brief Family Partnership survey that is available online at [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org). The survey begins Monday, April 11, and closes Monday, April 25.

You will receive an email invitation to participate, and the survey will be available in English, Spanish, Korean and Russian. If you have more than one child in the school district, you may complete this survey for each child. The survey will take approximately 5-10 minutes to complete.

Parents are welcome to go directly to the survey on the district website, [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org) if they do not receive the email. Also, computers and paper copies of the survey will be available at student-led conferences to give parents another option for completing the survey.

All answers will be treated in a confidential manner. Reports will not identify individuals. Data will be reviewed for participants as a group, not by individual responses. After the survey closes, we will report the findings publicly, sharing what we have learned from your feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts. Engaging in an ongoing two-way dialogue is critical as we work together to provide our students with the best possible education.

### Encuesta sobre la Participación de los Padres Disponible en Línea

Padres y tutores, ésta es su oportunidad de informarnos acerca de lo que la escuela de su niño hace para incluirlos en su educación. Por favor llene la breve encuesta de la Asociación con la Familia disponible en nuestro sitio de internet [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org). La encuesta comienza el lunes 11 de abril y cierra el lunes el 25 de abril.

Usted recibirá una invitación por correo electrónico para participar, y la encuesta estará disponible en Inglés, Español, Coreano y Ruso. Si usted tiene más de un niño, Ud. puede llenar una encuesta por cada uno. Solo se tardara entre 5 a 10 minutos para completar la encuesta.

Se les anima a los padres a ir directamente al sitio de internet [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org) si usted no recibe un correo electrónico. En este sitio, hay un vinculo (conexión) en las imágenes que están circulando y también en el Encabezado de la sección del Distrito. Además, habrá computadoras y copias impresas de la encuesta disponibles durante las conferencias dirigidas por los alumnos para darle otra opción para completarlas.

Las respuestas se tratarán de manera confidencial. Los reportes no identificarán a los individuos. Los datos de los participantes se revisarán por grupo y no por respuestas individuales. Después de cerrar la encuesta vamos a informar de los resultados al público y compartir lo que hemos aprendido de sus comentarios.

Gracias por tomar el tiempo de compartir sus pensamientos. Para poder ofrecerles la mejor educación posible a sus hijos, es fundamental tener un dialogo frecuente y trabajar en equipo.



**DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT THE  
LOST AND FOUND. THE BOX IS  
REALLY FULL!**

