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"Reaching Higher to Promote Student Learning"

Dear Nautilus Families,

Just a little update on our tardies and absences. We have honored students who have perfect attendance each month at our recognition assembly. We also have honored the classrooms who have the greatest percentage of perfect attendance students.

	September	October	November
Tardies	182	293	203
Absences	395	458	464
Perfect Attendance	197	180	172

I really do thank you for trying to get your children to school on time. Remember, students need to be in their classrooms by 8:10 and it takes about 3 minutes to walk from the drop-off area to most of our classrooms. I would aim to have your child at school by 8:05. As you know, Dash Point can be tough in the morning so leaving your house a few minutes early might help.

Parents and guardians, you have some homework to do! We had approximately 200 parent/guardians attend our Literacy Night in October. We have received only 18 survey responses! We need feedback from more of you! Please take the time to fill out our Literacy Night survey. It is only 5 questions and will take you less than 5 minutes. You can find this survey online at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XQ2YJM>

Don't forget, the window to nominate your child for Highly Capable Services opens December 14, 2015 and closes January 15, 2016. If you want your child considered, please contact our office for hard copies (also in Spanish, Russian and Korean) or apply online at: <http://www.fwps.org/blog/highly-capable-program-seeks-students-in-grades-k-11/>. We also will be doing a round of district assessments in January (STAR test and F&P test). These test results will also be used to consider a student for Highly Capable Services. Students are familiar with these assessments.

With Winter Break approaching, I have had some parents ask, "What can I help my child with over break?" Winter Break is a perfect time to work on Reading and Math. If kids are looking for things to do, they can always continue with their Read and Lead (PTSA has a bunch of cool prizes) or spend time on Dreambox. Two weeks is a long time to not be working on school work, so any encouragement you can give your kids would be greatly appreciated.

Dreambox: <https://play.dreambox.com/login/fk25/nautilusks>;
Click on teacher, User Name: ID Number, Password: learn

This is also a good time to work on Typing Agent. Our school district technology department has paid for our 2nd through 8th graders to have access (home and school) to an online typing program. Yay!
Typing Agent: www.fwps.typingagent.com, User Name: ID Number, Password: learn

Mrs. Anderson, our wonderful librarian, has also been working with our 2nd through 8th graders on Hour of Code activities. The kids LOVE this! I bet little ones can do this at home with the help of an older sibling or adult. Search for Hour of Code in a search engine or check out:
<https://code.org/learn>

I hope your break is full of rest, family, and some fun! See you in 2016!

Proud to be a Navigator!
Stacy Lucas, Principal

Important Dates

**December 21 -
January 3**
NO SCHOOL
Winter Break

January 4
Welcome Back

Read & Lead
Minutes Due

January 8
Read & Lead
Prize Day

Cookie Day

January 12
2nd & 3rd Gr Concert
Assembly @ 8:30 AM
Concert @ 6:30 PM

January 18
NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 19
Kindergarten Registration
Starts

January 21
PTSA Board Mtg.
@ 6:00 PM

School Needs

The school is in need of disinfectant wipes. Each classroom is running low. Thank you in advance for your donations



*November Volunteer
Hours 4-5
You are all the best!*

Community Forums

The district Strategic Planning Initiative will create a roadmap toward a future vision for enhancing student achievement and success in the coming years.

Topics of discussion will be:

“Your child's future: How big can you dream?” and “Diverse Voices & Perspectives”.

Please join us at one of the community forums from 5:30—7:30 listed below:

January 14, 2015
Sacajawea Middle School Library

January 25, 2016
King County Regional Library

February 8, 2016
Lakota Middle School Commons

February 29, 2016
Thomas Jefferson High School

March 1, 2106
Kilo Middle School Library



Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2016-2017 school year will begin January 19th. To register a student for kindergarten you will need your child’s birth certificate, their immunization record, and proof of your residency.

Children must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2016 to be eligible to start kindergarten next fall.

**LOST & FOUND:
Before Winter Break....**

Please check the “Lost and Found” for clothing, jackets, hats and gloves. We have a large collection of items that your child may need!

*Enjoy your Winter Break and see
you on January 4th*



News from the Family Liaison



Don’t forget! Reading with the Stars Literacy Night survey is open and we’d love to hear from you <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XQ2YJM>

Do you have a digital camera at home that you are looking to rehome or recycle??? Middle school ASB wants to take on the role of school photography at assembly’s and events. If you would like to donate a working camera please drop it off at the front office! Thank you.

Save the dates!

We will be having another volunteer training on Friday January 8th at 1:40 in the library. If you are considering volunteering this is a great opportunity to learn about supporting students in the classroom with their reading.

Tuesday February 2nd will be our “Coffee with the Principal” event. We will meet at 8:10 in the morning at the school library. If you would like to attend either event please call me at 253-945-3407 or email at ATenniso@fwps.org.

Winter Clothing

-Winter weather is here, which means that we have days that are rainy and colder. Please remember when the chill sets in and the rain begins, students should come to school with appropriate sweaters or coats, mittens, hoods, good shoes and hats. Our students go out to recess in all kinds of weather, children benefit from the fresh air and activity.

-The Health Room does not have extra clothing for children who get wet at recess. Please pack a change of clothes in your child's backpack for such emergencies.

-Labeling all your child's coats, hats, scarves, lunchboxes and any other attire will help these find their way back to your student quickly. Encourage your child to visit the Lost and Found to look for misplaced articles.



WSP Clearance

Volunteers at school and PTSA events need to have a Washington State Patrol clearance to help out. Forms are available in the office or we could send one home with your student. The form takes about 2 weeks for a clearance and are good for 2 years.

News from the Music Department:

Our Martin Luther King Concert will be on January 12th, at 6:30 p.m. This concert will include all second and third grade students. Parents are welcome at our dress rehearsal at 8:30 a.m. on January 12th.

News From the Library

Our library has been buzzing with excitement the past couple of weeks as our 2nd -8th grade students have been learning about computer science through the international education event called Hour of Code. Students have been learning to code using the programming language called Blockly, a visual programming language geared towards teaching kids the basics of coding. Our students have been completely engaged in these interactive lessons and are eager for more! You can check out the tutorials on the web at code.org/learn. Have your student show you how it works—you will be amazed! The website is full of opportunities to extend the lessons we have done at school and learn more about the exciting field of computer programming. Happy coding!



Holiday Stress

The holidays can bring to mind celebration, love, joy, happiness, time with family, good food and friendships. Holidays can also be a time of enormous stress for families and children. This time of year can increase stress through the lack of money, lack of sleep, irritability, excessive demands on time and intense family relationships. People of any age who are stressed are more likely to become physically sick, feel sad or seriously depressed, have sleep problems, over eat or under eat, drink alcohol or consume drugs in excess, and have a lack of energy. Tips for reducing holiday stress:

Set realistic expectations. about gifts and activities. Openly discuss finances and money available for the holidays.

Keep things in perspective. Identify and focus on what is really important about the season to you and your family.

Make connections. Meet and celebrate with family and friends who you have good strong relationships with.

Take care of yourself. Ask for and accept help if you need it. Try to keep regular eating and sleeping, and exercising routines. Take more vitamin C, which helps stop the secretion of stress hormones. Take short breaks periodically (1 to 5 minutes) to breathe deeply and relax.

Learn from the past. Avoid things that have made you unhappy, or have been particularly stressful, in the past.

Laugh as much as possible. Laughing reduces physical signs of stress in your body, improves mood and even helps you fight off viruses.



Enjoy a good book over your time off! Don't forget to record your Read & Lead minutes which are due on the Monday we return!

School Supplies

School has been in session for a semester and it may be time for some school supplies to be replenished. Please check with your children and see what they may need.

Highly Capable Program Seeks Students in Grades K-11

Referrals to be considered to receive highly capable services starting in the 2016-17 school year for students in grades 1-11 will be accepted from Monday, December 14, 2015, through Friday, January 15, 2016. Any referred Kindergarten student who is identified as eligible to receive highly capable services will have the opportunity to start services during the current school year.

Federal Way Public Schools provides services and opportunities for highly capable students to stretch themselves academically.

Here are some signs your student may be Highly Capable and may benefit from highly capable services:

- Is your student intellectually engaged and highly involved in activities?
- Is your student not just TOP of the group, but BEYOND the group?
- Does your student absorb information and then manipulate it?
- Does your student think creatively to solve problems?
- Does your student think independently and at times challenge authority?

Does your student take risks consistently because he/she wants to know what will happen?

Parents, staff, students, and community members can all refer any student currently enrolled in grades K-11 in Federal Way Public Schools.

To refer a student, complete this online form at <http://goo.gl/forms/19iqPeo7EB> or download the form at <http://www.fwps.org/academics/highlycapable/> and print. If you need a paper copy of the referral form, please check with the main office at your student's current school on or after December 14, 2015 (the first day of the referral window). When complete, please return any printed forms to Federal Way Public Schools; Educational Service Center; ATTN: Highly Capable Services; 33330 8th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003. **These referrals serve only to initiate a process to evaluate eligibility to receive highly capable services. Referrals must be received at the Educational Service Center no later than January 15th in order to be considered.**

Programa De Alta Capacidad (Estudiantes Avanzados) Esta En Busca de Estudiantes Para los Grados del Kínder al 11

Comenzando este 14 de diciembre y hasta el 15 de enero se aceptaran recomendaciones para recibir servicios de alta capacidad para el año escolar del 2016-17 para alumnos del 1er al 11avo grado. Cualquier estudiante que sea identificado como elegible para recibir servicios de alta capacidad tendrá la oportunidad de comenzar estos servicios durante el año escolar actual.

Las Escuelas Públicas de Federal Way provén servicios y oportunidades para estudiantes de alta capacidad para que se esfuercen al máximo académicamente.

Aquí incluimos algunas señales que indican si los estudiantes podrían ser de Alta Capacidad y que se podrían beneficiar de los servicios de alta capacidad:

- Se involucra su estudiante intelectualmente y participa mucho en actividades?
- Es su estudiante no solo de los más adelantados de su grupo pero de los MAS AVANZADOS?
- Puede su estudiante absorber información fácilmente y después manipularla?
- Piensa su estudiante con mucha creatividad cuando resuelve problemas?
- Piensa su estudiante independientemente y a veces cuestiona la autoridad de otros?

Se arriesga su estudiante consistentemente porque el/la quiere saber qué pasaría?

Padres, personal, estudiantes, y miembros de la comunidad pueden recomendar a cualquier estudiante quien este actualmente inscrito en los grados K al 11 en las escuelas públicas de Federal Way.

Para recomendar a un estudiante, baje e imprima la aplicación en la página de internet <http://www.fwps.org/academics/highlycapable/>. Si usted necesita una copia de la forma, por favor pídala en la oficina de la escuela donde asiste su estudiante del día 14 de diciembre del 2015 para adelante (el primer día que se pueden hacer recomendaciones). Una vez llenadas, por favor regrésela o envíela a: Federal Way Public Schools; Educational Service Center; ATTN: Highly Capable Services; 33330 8th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003. **Estas recomendaciones solo sirven para comenzar el proceso para evaluar la elegibilidad para recibir servicios para estudiantes de alta capacidad. Las recomendaciones deben de ser recibidas a la oficina central (Educational Service Center) a más tardar el 15 de enero para poder ser considerados para este programa.**