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## "Reaching Higher to Promote Student Learning"

### Important Dates

**November 19**  
Multi Cultural Night @  
5:30 PM

**November 23**  
Crew Leaders  
Celebration @  
2:10 PM

**November 25**  
Early Dismissal  
@ 12:40

**November 26—27**  
**NO SCHOOL**  
Thanksgiving Break

**December 1**  
Read & Lead  
Minutes due

Coffee with the  
Principal @  
8:10 AM

**December 4**  
Read & Lead  
Prize Day

Cookie Day

Celebration Assembly  
@ 8:30 AM

**December 11**  
KC Earth Assembly  
@ 8:30 AM

Dear Nautilus Families,

Happy November! Hope this newsletter finds you warm and with power. As many of you know, one thing we continue to work on is positive attendance and zero tardies at Nautilus. This has been a difficult task. We honor students who have perfect attendance (at school every day, on time, all day long) each month at our recognition assemblies. We also honor the classrooms who have the greatest percentage of students with perfect attendance. You will also see the data each month in our newsletter.

	September	October
<b>Tardies</b>	182	293
<b>Absences</b>	395	458
<b>Perfect Attendance</b>	197	180

As you can see, we need your help! Please help by getting your son or daughter to school by 8:05 each morning and by scheduling appointments outside of the school day. Studies show a direct correlation with positive attendance to high school graduation. Any missed day is a lost opportunity for kids to learn. Students who have poor attendance are more likely to not graduate from high school on time. I want to set up all our students for success in high school! I know the traffic on Dash Point (and in our parking lot) is bad. Look for alternative routes or begin your trip five minutes earlier. Reward your child for getting out the door on time. Parents and guardians, you have a hard job, especially in the morning, and I personally thank you for helping us start the morning positively.

This year, we will be assessing **ALL SECOND GRADERS** on the CogAT screener. CogAT stands for Cognitive Abilities Test. This computerized test is conducted to assess reasoning skills. The results of this assessment will be used (in addition to state and district assessment data) to determine eligibility for Highly Capable Services starting in the 2016-17 school year. **All Nautilus 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be tested on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:30 in their classrooms.** Please make sure your child has a good night's sleep, eats breakfast in the morning and arrives to school on time. For families of current Kindergarten, First and Third through Eighth graders, the referral window to determine eligibility for Highly Capable Services will be Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. More information will become available prior to December 14<sup>th</sup>, so please continue to check the district's website.

I always need to remember that November is a time to give thanks. Thank you to our PTSA who continues to provide for all of our kids. Thank you to our staff members (teachers and classified staff) who spend hours and hours helping our students. Thank you to our parents who send us the best kids! (I do tell people around the district that we have the best kids.) I am thankful for the Nautilus family.

Proud to be a Navigator! Stacy Lucas, Principal

### Battle of the Books 2016

#### YRCA Nominees 2016

- Loki's Wolves** by K.L. Armstrong & M.A. Marr
- Colossus Rises** by Peter Lerangis
- Escape from Mr. Lemoncello's Library** by Chris Grabenstein
- Flora & Ulysses: The Illuminated Adventures** by Kate DiCamillo
- Middle School: My Brother is a Big, Fat Liar** by James Patterson
- The Creature Department** by Robert Paul Weston
- Never Say Die** by Hobbs, Will

#### Sasquatch Nominees 2016

- Jinx** by Sage Blackwood
- Star Wars: Jedi Academy** by Jeffrey Brown
- Serafina's Promise** by Ann E. Burg
- The Great Trouble** by Deborah Hopkinson
- One for the Murphy's** by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- The Adventures of a South Pole Pig** by Chris Kurtz
- Rump** by Liesl Shurtliff
- The Screaming Staircase** by Jonathan Stroud
- The Prairie Thief** by Melissa Wiley



Thank you to all of our Veteran's Day performers and the Nautilus Girl Scouts, with their leader Mrs. Kelly, presenting the flags at the Veteran's Day Assembly.

### Crew Leaders

Have your child tell you about our program at Nautilus called "Crew Leaders". It is a Self Manager program that shows students who demonstrate that they follow the rules, by showing respect, solving problems and making good decisions will be recognized as a "Crew Leader".

Each student who receives their Crew Leader contract and gets signatures from staff members will receive a Crew Leader Badge. This gives the Crew Leaders special privileges in the classroom.

If you would like more information about this program please contact the school or your child's teacher.

### Substitutes needed

Have you ever wanted to be a classroom teacher but just didn't think you wanted to go back to school for your degree? Now is your opportunity.

The state of Washington allows anyone with a B.A. degree to apply to be an Emergency substitute teacher.

If you think you might make a good substitute teacher and who is available to contact CJ - (253) 945-2027 and apply to be an Emergency Sub.

**EARLY**

**DISMISSAL**

**NOVEMBER 25,**

**2015**

**@ 12:40 PM**

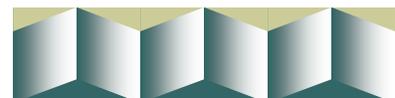
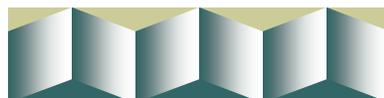
**LUNCHES WILL**

**BE SERVED**

### Literacy Night Survey

We want your feedback about our Reading with the Stars – Literacy Night Event! Please visit...

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2XQ2YJM> to complete a brief survey. We are looking to make this an annual event and would really love to hear your thoughts and ideas.



### Family Liaison News

My name is Anne Marie Tennison and this is my first year as the Family Liaison at Nautilus School. I'm very excited to work with you as a partner in your student's academic success. I have been working with the Federal Way School District for 2 years as a para educator and emergency substitute teacher, so I may look familiar to you. My prior professional experience has included working as a Family Liaison/Advocate for an elementary school and in an Early Head Start Program. I'm looking forward to meeting and connecting with you to help promote the academic success of your students here at Nautilus.

The role of a Family Liaison is to support families so that they are:

**Informed** – Ask questions. Get to know school staff and understand the policies that affect your student's education.

**Prepared** – Have a plan. Help your student and school staff understand your expectations and beliefs about respectful partnerships and a good education.

**Connected** – Share ideas. Help school staff discover meaningful and effective ways to support your involvement at home and in the school.

I look forward to working with you and I invite you to stop by, call (253-945-3407) or email ([atenniso@fwps.org](mailto:atenniso@fwps.org)) if you have any questions or ideas to share.

### Questions about School? There's an App for That!

Parents and students today are busier than ever. Now, Federal Way Public Schools has an app to help you stay up-to-date and involved with school no matter where you are. All you need is a smart phone.

What can you do on the FWPS app? Just for starters, you can check:

Calendars

Grades, thanks to direct links to ParentVUE, StudentVUE and TeacherVUE

Lunch menus

Lunch balances (and pay!)

Game scores

Facebook and Twitter

You'll get the latest news right in the feed -- and flyers too, if you choose to.

That's right, you can customize it to get the information you want most, for just the schools your children attend. Select the calendars you want, and see them combined on your device.

**Another way to get emergency notifications.** Our new app gives you another way to get notifications you typically get through automated phone calls and email. Once you download the app, these will show up like a text message on your phone, as long as the app is open. You'll be able to click through to read more.

Keep your eyes open for more capabilities on the app in the near future.

Stay in touch. Search for "Federal Way Public Schools" on the Apple App Store, and in Google Play.

### Food Drive



Thank you to our middle school students for sponsoring the Nautilus Food Drive. What a success! The Federal Way Multi Service Center will be very grateful to get our donations.

Thank you to the Nautilus Students and Staff for being so generous in your donations!

THANK  
YOU!

**The volunteers at  
Nautilus are the best!!  
During the month of  
October you  
volunteered a total of  
521.25 hours.  
Way to Go!**



News from  
Mr. Underwood

Stay Fit and  
Keep moving!

## How and Why We Close (or Delay) School Because of Weather

In spite of Doppler radar and other advances in weather prediction, it is difficult to be sure about the weather and the road conditions we may encounter in the thirty-five square miles the District encompasses. Our highest priority is always the safety of our students and staff, whenever we consider whether to delay or cancel school. Long before the start of the school day, we take a series of steps to assess the weather and road conditions during inclement weather.

This literally starts the night before: As the district's night security officer makes his rounds, he checks road conditions and monitors the weather. Our Transportation staff is on the road by 3:30 a.m. to do further spot checks within the district. The decision to alter our school schedule is based on observations made during this time. We must make the decision to delay or cancel school by 5 a.m. in order to have sufficient time to notify the media, our drivers and our students' parents.

When the decision has been made to cancel or delay school, we make information available in as many ways as possible: Calls, email and text messages are sent to parents through the district's automated call-out system. Calls are scheduled to go out around 6 a.m. so that early start students and parents get the information before leaving for the day. If we are experiencing an extreme stretch of weather, you may receive a call the night before.

On the front page of the district website, at [www.fwps.org](http://www.fwps.org).

On major television and news radio stations. If you do not see Federal Way School District listed, or if the station says "no report", it means we are operating on a normal schedule. E-mail notification can be sent to you at the same time the TV and radio stations get them. To receive these, you must sign up for emergency notification at [www.schoolreport.org](http://www.schoolreport.org).

Finally, a recording will be on the district's main number, 253-945-2000, if there is a change in our normal schedule. Remember, if you feel it's not safe to make the trip to school, you are well within your rights to keep your child home. You are in the best position to decide about your local conditions and your child's judgment and driving capabilities. While we go to extensive measures to determine if roads district-wide are safe for travel, it's physically impossible for us to be on every street corner and side-street at all times. We rely on you to be the final judge when it comes to the safety of your child.

### Notes from the Family Liaison

Thanksgiving is fast approaching! The Multi-Service Center in Federal Way wanted to make sure that families who may need assistance have filled out an enrollment/service form with their agency. In order to receive Thanksgiving meal assistance the form **MUST** be completed in advance. The Multi-Service Center is located at 1200 S 336<sup>th</sup> St. and the number is 253-838-6810.

Save the Date for Coffee with the Principal! Tuesday December 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:10am to 9:10am in the Nautilus Library will be our very first event. Join Mrs. Lucas, Mr. Kosty, Ms. Burgett and myself for this introductory and question and answer session. If you are interested and able to attend please RSVP 253-945-3407 or [atenmiso@fwps.org](mailto:atenmiso@fwps.org).

Did you know? Research has found that parent involvement is a better predictor of academic success than standardized test scores! (Children's Aid Society 2003)

## WANTED

During the lunch recess time the library is open to our students for reading, relaxing, playing games and arts and craft projects. We are in the need to help supply items for these projects.

### Do you have...

Glue sticks  
White paper for drawing  
Stickers  
Scrapbook supplies  
Colored pencils, markers, crayons  
Old coloring books

Our students are very creative. So if you think they could come up with a fun art project with something you have in your house, I bet they can.

Any questions contact Mrs. Anderson in the library at [janderso@fpws.org](mailto:janderso@fpws.org)