



"Reaching Higher to Promote Student Learning"

Dear Nautilus Families,

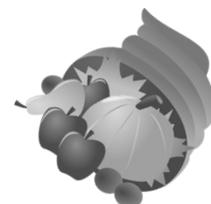
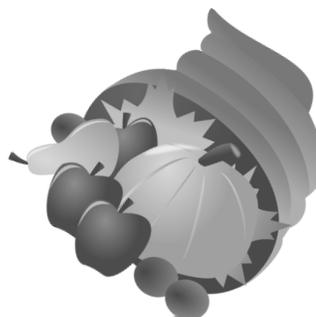
A special thank you to all families for supporting our September 30th late arrival to school. Our staff was busy that morning. Mr. Anderson had the opportunity to meet with other music teachers around the district for a training. Our paraeducators attended a district training on PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). Our teachers created "data boards" where they looked at the reading and math data of all the students in their grade levels and created a visual to see how many students were at standard and how many students were not yet there and needed more support. We will continue to use this visual every time we do a district assessment (STAR Reading and Math or Fountas & Pinnell Reading). Our goal is to move all of our students to standard.

Also on September 30th, our teachers met in Professional Learning Communities. We do this twice a month (usually one day after school and one late arrival day). Our goal some day is to find the time to do this once a week. In Professional Learning Communities, our grade levels have determined one Reading or Writing standard that they want to intentionally focus on. They break this standard down into targets and then teach and assess until 100% of the students master that target. For example, our Kindergarten team is currently teaching how to "crisp point". This is pointing to each word as they read. They will soon assess to see how many students can crisp point and those are not yet there, will receive some more instruction, until they too have mastered the standard. Professional Learning Communities give us the time to really focus on what the kids have learned, what to do to help those who have not yet mastered it, and what to do with those who are exceeding the standard. We have found this time to be valuable, and we thank you for helping make this time available through late arrivals.

Halloween is fast approaching. Classrooms may be working on harvest or fall activities, but we will not be celebrating Halloween. **Instead of wearing Halloween costumes to school, we are kicking off our Literacy Night "Reading with the Stars" on Wednesday, October 28th and students are able to dress as their favorite book character (both to school on our late arrival and to Literacy Night that night).** We have some EXCITING things planned for Literacy Night so please mark your calendar for Wednesday, October 28th from 5:30 to 7:00. There will be fun, stories, take home items, and of course, cookies and milk.

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We are so lucky to have the best volunteers at Nautilus. We have logged in 425.75 hours of volunteer time in September. You are all awesome!



Important Dates

October 15
College Sweatshirt Day

October 21
Wear Orange—
National Bullying
Awareness Month

October 23
Cookie Day

October 26
School Wide Assembly
@ 8:30 AM

October 28
Late Arrival
Students should arrive
at 11:25 AM

School Wide Read In to
Enhance our
Literacy Night

Literacy Night
Reading with the Stars
5:30—7:00 PM

November 2—6
PTSA Book Fair

November 2
Read & Lead
minutes due

November 5—6
NO SCHOOL
Student Led
Conference

PE News

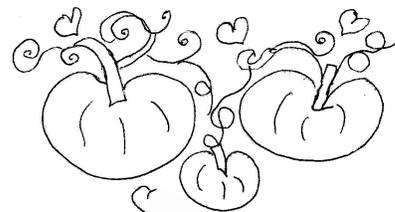
Mr. Underwood reports that the fitness testing is going awesome and will continue through out this month. They are also starting a unit on racquet sports.

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Did you know that if you have a four year college degree, you can be a substitute teacher? Yes, even without a teaching degree. And, we are in desperate need! If you are interested and want more information, please contact me at slucas@fwps.org and I will forward your name to our district office. (You can even just ask to sub certain days, at certain schools, and with certain grade levels.)

Last, don't forget, we have Student Led Conferences on Thursday, November 5th and Friday, November 6th. Although students do not attend class on these days, they are expected to attend Student Led Conferences, as the days count for the mandatory 180 school days. We are hoping for 100% attendance. Back again by popular demand is our Scholastic Bookfair. Make sure you stop by the library during conference hours.

Proud to be a Navigator! Stacy Lucas, Principal



HIV/AIDS KNOW
Prevention Curriculum
Preview Nights
Grades 5—12
Wednesday,
October 28th, 2015
6:30-7:30 Room 104

Educational Service
Center
33330 8th Ave. S
Federal Way

Don't forget
to check out the lost
and found during
conferences. The
blue bin by the gym
is overflowing with
coats, sweaters and
lunch pails!

**2015-16 ASB
OFFICERS ELECTED**

Congratulations to the following middle school students for being elected by their peers to serve as the Nautilus K-8 ASB Officers for the 2015-16 school year:

President: Brock P.
Vice President: Allen K.
Secretary: Brenda C.
Treasurer: Eric G.

Attention Veterans

Nautilus K8 will be having our annual Veteran's Day Assembly on November 10th at 8:30 AM. We would like to invite any family members or friends that are Veteran's to join us on this special recognition day.

If you are able to attend please email eranders@fwps.org

Picture Retakes
 Tuesday,
 November 10th.
 You can purchase
 a new package or
 return your
 previous package
 and a new picture
 will be taken.

Forms are
 available in the
 office or you
 can visit
mylifetouch.com

**WE SCARE HUNGER
 FOOD DRIVE
 October 26th-November 2nd**

We will be holding our annual food drive to support our local food bank during the last week of October. Please consider donating non-perishable food items (canned, boxed or sealed items) to those in need in our own community. Our goal is to donate 2,500 items to the King County Multi-Service Center food bank. We can easily reach our goal if every Navigator brings in just 5 items. Please bring your donations directly to your classroom from October 26th -November 2nd. There will be prizes for the top three classrooms that collect the most food! Thank you for your generous support.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

We receive *10 cents* for every qualifying Box Top. You can find Box Tops on any of the following products:

GENERAL MILLS CEREALS
 BETTY CROCKER CAKE MIXES
 FRUIT ROLL-UPS, POP SECRET
 GREEN GIANT VEGETABLES
 PILLSBURY PRODUCTS
 SCOTT PRODUCTS AND
 KLEENEX TISSUES
 ZIPLOC AND SARAN WRAP PLASTIC
 HEFTY GARBAGE BAGS
 ZOO PALS PRODUCTS
 TOTINOS PIZZA ROLLS

At the end of the school year we mail in the Box Tops and receive a check. The money will be used to help with field trips and support our Navigator Crew Leader Program.

School Attendance Matters

School attendance is essential to academic success, but too often students, parents and schools do not realize how quickly absences — excused as well as unexcused — can add up to academic trouble. Chronic absence — missing 10 percent of the school year, or just 2-3 days every month—can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing courses and ninth -graders dropping out of high school.

By third grade, chronically absent students, especially those who have experienced multiple years of poor attendance, are less likely to read on grade level. By sixth grade, chronic absence becomes an early warning sign that a student may drop out of high school. By ninth grade, it's a better indicator than eighth-grade test scores. Children with certain risk factors—including poverty, homelessness, frequent moves and disabilities—are especially hard hit since they can least afford to miss school.

Every day missed is a day of instruction missed, a day of classroom interaction with students and teachers that can't be recovered.

Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show many children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.

Students are at risk academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days. Once too many absences have occurred, they can affect learning, regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused.

Chronic absence, missing 10 percent of the school year or more, does not just affect the students who miss school. If too many students are chronically absent, it slows down instruction for other students, who must wait while the teacher repeats material for absentee students. This makes it harder for students to learn and teachers to teach.

Sporadic, not just consecutive, absences matter. Before you know it – just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.

For more information on school attendance visit: www.fwps.org/schoolresources/attendance

Notice of Directory Information

You have a say in who can see your child's directory information

Federal law requires schools inform parents that some of their child's information, called "Directory Information," might be used for certain school-related purposes. Parents and guardians may tell schools not to release this information. This is part of a law called The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA).

If you wish to restrict how the district shares this information, please contact the school office and request the form.

What is directory information?

Your child's name.

Photographs, video and other images of your child.

Recognition, diplomas and awards received by your child.

Date and place of birth.

Most recent and previous schools attended.

Dates of enrollment and enrollment status.

Participation in officially recognized activities and sports, and weight/height of student, if related to athletic participation.

Electronic (e-mail) address and telephone number, including cell phone, student ID number.

Student ID number (only if it cannot be used to gain access to education records).

We ask parents to think carefully before restricting this information.

Unfortunately, by restricting your child's directory information for school publications, your student's name and photo cannot be included in student annuals and yearbooks. He or she will not be able to be part of classroom, team or club photos which are intended to be published in yearbooks.

And, if you say "no" to providing contact information to outside organizations, your child's name, address and phone number/s will not be provided to non-district organizations, including: graduation supplies companies; colleges; or military recruiters; and, after graduation, school reunion committees.

What if you change your mind?

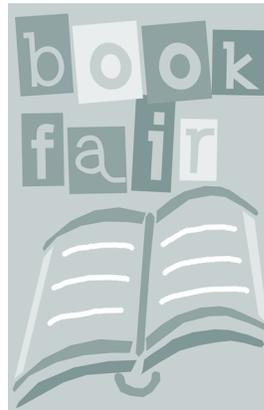
If you ask us to restrict your student information, but later change your mind, just ask to update your information.

Book Fair

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings to school the books kids want to read. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

The Scholastic Book Fair will be here from November 2 through the 6th. On November 5 & 6th it will be open during student led conferences so students can bring your parents to check out the books before or after your conference with your teacher. Every-one is invited! We will need plenty of volunteers to help deco-rate, cashiers, set-up/tear down, family night and much more. Let us know if you are interested in helping.

READING
GIVES YOU
SUPER POWER



Health Screening

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who helped at this year's health screening and picture day.

Another successful day
at Nautilus!

Nautilus volunteers are
the best!