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## "Reaching Higher to Promote Student Learning"

Dear Nautilus Families,

Another great start to the school year. We had 380 students show up for Navigator Night. This is up 100 students since last year! We had a blast! We ran out of ice cream (twice) but Mr. Kosty made it up to the kids who missed out and served them ice cream the first week of school. We hope that being able to meet the teachers and drop off school supplies and forms before school starts is helpful. As of today, we have 498 students enrolled at Nautilus. Our largest class is second grade where we are at 98 students. That is a lot of kids.

I am pleased to announce we have hired a Family Liaison. Our new Family Liaison is a familiar face to the Nautilus community. Anne Marie Tennison has not only subbed in our building for the last few years, but she is a Nautilus parent. Anne Marie will be a great asset, and she will begin by listening to parents, finding out what parents want to know, and helping create a positive partnership between the school and home.

We do have two openings still to fill at Nautilus and I was hoping there may be a parent or a friend of a parent who is interested. The first one is our Kitchen Manager. This job is posted on the district's website. This position is a 2.5 hour position (10:30 to 1:00) and a high school diploma and food handler's permit are required. What great hours for those who want to still be home when your kids are home! Plus it is a fun, fast-paced job where you get to be at Nautilus! Our second opening is our Nurse. The Nurse position currently is more of a full time position and involves other schools, in addition to Nautilus. It requires a Bachelors of Science in Nursing and Washington State Educational Staff Associates School Nurse Certificate. If you have these requirements and don't want to work full time, please email me ([slucas@fwps.org](mailto:slucas@fwps.org)) and I will see what we could do for a part time position at Nautilus. Another fun, fast-paced job working with Nautilus kids!

Last Spring we took our very first Smarter Balanced Assessment. Check out <http://www.smarterbalanced.org/> if you want more information on the new test. Parents of current 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> graders, please keep an eye out for the results as we will be mailing them home. Our school's results were:

### Nautilus K-8 SBAC 2015

	NAU ELA	FWPS ELA	NAU MATH	FWPS MATH	NAU SCIENCE	FWPS SCIENCE
3rd	48%	39%	74%	48%		
4th	31%	44%	34%	42%		
5th	63%	53%	50%	41%	65%	53%
6th	50%	45%	44%	33%		
7th	44%	50%	44%	36%		
8th	65%	53%	41%	32%	77%	50%

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The majority of our scores were above the district scores. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Math scores were the second highest in the district. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade ELA scores tied for the second highest in the district. Our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science scores were the second highest in the district. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math scores were the third highest in the district, just one point behind Tafa. Our 7<sup>th</sup> grade Math scores were tied with Tafa for second highest in the district. Our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Science scores were second highest in the district behind FWPA. I am really proud of our students and teachers!

You probably have heard that we are a Title 1 and LAP school this year, having only been a LAP school in the past. Title 1 schools receive federal money and LAP schools receive state money. We use this money to focus on K-4 Reading. The federal funds require us to meet federal guidelines, one being that 100% of our students must be at standard in Reading and Math. Because we did not meet this requirement, we are on a step of improvement. This step of improvement allows you to choose your student into one of two schools that is not on a step of improvement (yet). I can tell you that even though we are on a step of improvement, our test scores are just as good as the other schools. Plus, we have fantastic kids and families! If you want further information on this, please feel free to email me at [slucas@fwps.org](mailto:slucas@fwps.org).

Thank you for all you do to make sure your child is ready to learn every day. As always, we are committed to the success of all students and believe that partnering with parents makes all the difference! You are invited to our school any time you can make it. Come see what is happening. If you have questions or concerns you are encouraged to make contact with your child's teacher or give the office a call. We have an open door policy! Looking forward to a great year!

Proud to be a Navigator!  
Stacy Lucas, Principal



### Start of the School Reminders

**Please Call Us!** It is district policy to account for all absent students each day. Please call the Nautilus office at 253-945-3402 to report an absence or late arrival. We need to know how many lunches to order each day, so it is helpful to know whether to include your child or not. Also, a safety call will be made for each absent student that we have not received a phone call from a parent/guardian.

**Written Excuses:** If a parent/guardian calls in a student absent, a written excuse is also requested. If we do not receive a note, the absence or tardy will be marked as unexcused.

**What's the perfect time to arrive at school?** Our school hours are 8:10 A.M. to 2:40 P.M. We request that students arrive no earlier than 8:05 A.M. There are no staff members to provide supervision at that time. If your child is having breakfast at school, breakfast is served from 7:55 – 8:10 AM.

**Student Messages:** We often receive requests to give students messages in class. When we do this, it interrupts the entire class so we have started a student messenger service. Messages, forgotten lunches, etc. will be delivered to your child's classroom two times a day, once at 10:45 and then again at 2:15.

**Lunchroom Reminders:** Children love to share or trade part of their lunches with others. However, many of our students have allergies, or parents may not want them to eat something they did not send. Students also feel that sometimes there are "Bad Trades" and then are not happy with what they received. Please remind them to eat what they have brought and not share or trade. If your child is purchasing lunch remind them that they need to take what they order in the morning. We sometimes run out of items when a child sees something they want and change their minds. This leaves someone else without. Also remember that students should not bring glass bottles to school. Thank you for your help!

**Important Advice:**

**Write child's name on everything!**

As you send your child to school with personal supplies, lunch boxes, sweaters and coats, remember this golden rule: **WRITE HIS/HER NAME ON EVERYTHING!** We don't want your favorite jacket, Thermos or Tupperware container to end up in the Lost and Found or the local clothing bank. Items with children's names are easily returned. Please help out by identifying all of your child's belongings with ink or permanent marker. Thank you for your help!

**Mark Your Calendar for our Music Concerts**

Mr. Anderson is so excited about this school year and our student performances. Please mark your calendars for your child's grade level concert.

- January 12 2nd and 3rd Grade
- March 1 4th and 5th Grades
- May 17 1st Grades
- June 2 Kindergarten



**ALL VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS MUST SIGN IN AT THE OFFICE**

For the safety of all children please stop by the school office each time you enter the building to sign-in and get a visitor's name tag. If you plan on volunteering this year or chaperoning a field trip you must have an approved WSP background check on file.



**Annual Notification of Rights**

Under FERPA, a school must annually notify eligible students in attendance of their rights under FERPA. The annual notification must include information regarding an eligible student's right to inspect and review his or her education records, the right to seek to amend the records, the right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information from the records (except in certain circumstances), and the right to file a complaint with the Office regarding an alleged failure by a school to comply with FERPA. It must also inform eligible students of the school's definitions of the terms "school official" and "legitimate educational interest."

FERPA does not require a school to notify eligible students individually of their rights under FERPA. Rather, the school may provide the notice by any means likely to inform eligible students of their rights. Thus, the annual notification may be published by various means, including any of the following: in a schedule of classes; in a student handbook; in a calendar of school events; on the school's website (though this should not be the exclusive means of notification); in the student newspaper; and/or posted in a central location at the school or various locations throughout the school. Additionally, some schools include their directory information notice as part of the annual notice of rights under FERPA.

**September 29, 2015 - Individual Picture Day**

Don't forget to turn in your order forms. Pictures are pre-paid and several options are available!

**Vision Screening and Hearing Assessments**

All students will be screened for vision and hearing. Volunteers are needed on this day. If you are interested in helping please contact the Nautilus office at 253-945-3400.

**Yes I can help on Health Screening day:**

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

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

8:10—11:30 \_\_\_\_\_ and/or 11:30—2:40 \_\_\_\_\_

HIV/AIDS Know  
Prevention Curriculum  
Preview Night  
Wednesday,  
October 28, 2015  
6:30—7:30 PM  
33330—8th Ave S  
Room #104



## Important Dates

**September 21—28**  
Smile Partners at Nautilus

**September 23**  
WATCH D.O.G.S  
Pizza Night  
6:00—7:00 PM  
RSVP by 9/21

**September 25**  
PTSA Membership Drive

**September 29**  
Picture Day/Health Screening  
6:00 PM—PTSA Skate Night  
& PTSA Meeting

**September 30**  
Late Arrival  
School Starts at 11:25 AM

**October 1**  
Read & Lead  
Kick Off Assembly  
@ 8:30 AM



## Counselor News

As we all are adjusting to the new school year, I want to continue my efforts in explaining the many roles of a school counselor and share the goals I have for the upcoming months at Nautilus. As the school counselor, I work with all children, providing direct services, to help them with social/emotional and academic concerns. I also work collaboratively with staff and families to ensure all students are moving towards academic progress and personal development. I encourage parents and families to reach out to me if there are any questions or concerns about their child's academic, personal, or social/emotional development.

In order to provide effective counseling services to students at Nautilus, I am working in conjunction with faculty to assess what the specific needs of the school are. The needs will determine 3 things: which in-class guidance units will be most useful, what counseling groups/"lunch-bunches" will be created, and what school-wide education should to be incorporated into the school. I am very excited to be working with a highly collaborative staff and look forward to connecting with families to better support our students. Thank you! Miss Tammy Burgett

### Afterschool Carpool

We have a large number of students being picked up after school. Our parking lot has a very limited number of parking spots. The fire department asks that you not park in the fire lane or by yellow curbs. Therefore, if you want to park, you will either need to arrive really early or you will need to park out in the neighborhood and walk in. Please remember there is one long line for pick up and we ask that you patiently wait. We can get all the cars in and out in about 12 minutes. Student pick up needs to occur in the main parking lot on the East side of the school. Please do not park in the neighborhood near the bus loop (West side of school) because the buses cannot get through. We greatly appreciate your help with this.

### Federal Way Clothing Bank

The following locations are available in Federal Way for assistance in clothing.

FW Multi service Center  
1200 S 336th St  
Federal Way  
Hours are Mon, Weds, and  
Friday from 10:00—2:00

FW PTSA Clothing Bank  
33914—19th Ave S (Portable  
D behind Saghalie)

Open from 6:00PM— 7:30  
PM. This is available for K-5  
students only in FWPS and ID  
is required for both parent and  
student.

### 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.

Nautilus families can visit on  
Sept. 8, Oct. 13, Nov. 3,  
Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 8,  
April 12, May 10

