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Dear Nautilus Families,

Thank you to EVERYONE as we had 100% of our families attend conferences face to face!!! We greatly appreciate this time and we look forward to conferences again on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

Here is an update on some of our data around Goal 2 (Whole Child):

<b>Statement</b>	<b>Goal</b>	<b>Current</b>
Families attending Scholar Led Conferences	100%	November: 100% of our families attending SLCs
Scholars attending 90% or more days of school	95%	December: 83% of our scholars have attended 90% or more days
Average daily attendance (# of scholars present out of total enrolled)	95%	December: 94% of our scholars attend school daily on average
Scholars not missing instruction due to in-school or out-of-school suspension	95%	December: 97% of our scholars have not missed instruction due to suspension
Scholars feeling safe & welcomed at Nautilus	100%	December: Waiting for survey results

It is time to refer students for our Highly Capable services. If you would like to refer your child, please go to <https://www.fwps.org/Page/386> to download the form. The window is open from now until January 10, 2020.

If you are a parent/guardian of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, it is also time to start thinking about Middle School next year. All 5<sup>th</sup> grade scholars wanting to remain at Nautilus must apply for Choice Enrollment. Choice Enrollment opens January 6<sup>th</sup> and ends February 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information about Choice Enrollment, please go to <https://www.fwps.org/Page/434>. If you live in the following apartment complexes, your home middle school is Totem: Soundview, Blue Ridge, or La Madera. If you live anywhere else in the Nautilus service area, your home middle school is Sacajawea. Again, if you would like your child to attend Nautilus for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and continue with their Project Based Learning experiences, please apply for Choice Enrollment.

Last, as 2019 winds down, it gives me another opportunity to say thank you to all of the Nautilus families. I am proud of the academic growth our students are making. I am grateful for the involvement of our families. I am thankful for our staff and for the countless hours they put in! I wish you and your family a safe and happy winter break! Hopeful for 2020!

Proud to be a Navigator!

Stacy Lucas  
 Principal

# Mark Your Calendar

## December

12 Winter Clothing Bank in library 3:00- 5:00

18 Early Release at 1:35

20 Nautilus Kindness Assembly in gym at 9:00

December 23rd-January 3rd No School—Winter Break

## January

6 Welcome Back

15 Early Release at 1:35

20 No School—Martin Luther King Day



**THANK YOU** to our many volunteers for the Month of November.

Volunteers are in the school helping with the lunchroom, recess, morning greeting, reading with students, making copies, chaperoning

### Reading tips from Ms. Allen and Mrs. Em!

Would you like to help your child practice their power words at home? Here is one fun and easy tip! Create a word wall to display their power words. The word wall can be taped on a wall, door or even a tri-fold. The power words can be written on index cards, sticky notes or cardstock paper. You decide how big or small the word wall will be. Once your child is able to read the word correctly, have your child put a sticker or draw a star on the card. This is one fun way to motivate your child and see their growth.

Want to add on to this tip? Set goals and graph their growth with your child. This can be taped right next to the word wall. Check out this example from a Nautilus student!



### Notes from the Family Liaison:

Thank you to all those who donated to the Nautilus Clothing Bank! It's great to belong to a community that comes together and shares its resources. We were able to partner with Christ Church and a local Girl Scout Troop that helped us with gathering coats, hats, mittens and boots.

If you are the parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader it's time to start thinking about transition to middle school. Nautilus middle school information night is Thursday January 9<sup>th</sup>. Choice enrollment in the district opens on January 6<sup>th</sup> and closes February 7<sup>th</sup>.

It's hard to believe that a decade is coming to an end! Reading improves imagination, focus and concentration, memory and communication skills.

I hope you all enjoy your Holiday Break - have fun and KEEP READING!!!

Anne Marie Tennison



## Highly Capable Program

The FWPS Highly Capable Program provides services to scholars who are designated as highly capable learners, typically in math and/or English Language Arts (ELA).

If a scholar is designated as a highly capable learner he/she will receive specialized instruction and support to meet his/her needs.

FWPS staff, families, community members, and scholars may refer a K-II scholar for consideration during the December 2, 2019 and January 10, 2020 window for the 2020-2021 school year.

For more information visit: [www.fwps.org/Page/386](http://www.fwps.org/Page/386) or call 253-945-2191.

## Wet Weather

It is rainy season. And when it rains, we will still have recess outside. Dress your students in rain gear as we approach even more rainy days. If possible, pack extra clothes in your student's backpack. We do not have spare clothes for wet children.

### KINDNESS SPIRIT WEEK

Monday, December 16th  
Crazy for Kindness Day  
Dress with Crazy Socks

Tuesday, December 17th  
Team Kindness Day  
Dress like an Athlete or Sports Team

Wednesday, December 18th  
Powered by Kindness  
Dress like a Superhero

Thursday, December 19th  
Kindness Rocks Day  
Dress in a Hip-Hop Hoodie

Friday, December 20th  
Kindness is Contagious Day  
Dress in  
Navigator  
Blue



### Nautilus Speech and Debate Club

Mondays and Wednesdays, January 6-February 7, 2020

Nautilus Library, after school

The Federal Way School District is making a concerted effort to introduce speech and debate to all schools in the district. Phase 1 was to insure all high schools have competitive teams. That has been accomplished. Thomas Jefferson, Federal Way, Todd Beamer, Decatur, and TAF at Saghalee all have successful teams that will be represented

### The Office Needs Your Help



If you have ever had the pleasure to be in the office in the morning you know how hectic it can be. We receive MANY phone calls to report a student's absence, and we THANK YOU for letting us know if your student is going to be out for the day. However, if you can email us at [nauattendance@fwps.org](mailto:nauattendance@fwps.org), it would greatly help us by cutting down on phone calls AND we have written documentation for the absence.

### Changing Your Scholars Afterschool Pick-Up Routine

Any changes on how your child will be going home after school MUST be called in by 2:30pm. Any calls made after 2:30 pm might not get to the student before dismissal time. If the office is not notified by 2:30pm the student will go home their usual way.



It is that time of the year! Many of us have the sniffles or a lingering cough which can be very annoying, however, if your child is well enough to return to school they will then be required to go to recess. The front office is a very busy place and as much as we would love to accommodate your request of keeping your student indoors, we do not have space in the office. This is your student's teacher's planning time and the classroom is student free during recesses. Also, we need to contain illnesses to the health room.

Therefore, if you believe your child needs to stay indoors, you will need to have prior approval with the school nurse or a doctor's note. Our school nurse is Joan MacLurg and her number is 253-945-3409. If you would like to email, her email is [jmaclurg@fwps.org](mailto:jmaclurg@fwps.org).

As a reminder, cold weather does not cause illnesses. Fresh air & a chance to stretch after sitting for long periods of time is extremely beneficial for our students.

From WebMD:

## Can you catch a cold from cold weather?



ANSWER:

The only way you get sick is when you come into contact with a virus. Cold air may irritate a condition you already have, like asthma, which could make your body more receptive to a cold virus. But you still need to come in contact with the virus.

From: [Frequently Asked Questions About the Common Cold WebMD Medical Reference](#)

From our School Counselor, Ashley Richards:

### Middle School Parents:

Did you know that your 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade student might qualify for the College Bound Scholarship? This is an incredible opportunity that only requires three simple questions for you to fill out. Contact Ms. Richards, the School Counselor, at 253-945-3412 or [asrichar@fwps.org](mailto:asrichar@fwps.org) if you have not received the application and/or have further questions.



**Attendance:** Did you know that chronic absenteeism is missing 10% of school days, just 2 days each month, can put students at risk of academic failure? When we reduce chronic absence we improve graduation rates, increase academic achievement and give young people the best chance at success in their adult life.

