

McLane Elementary



November & December 2016

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PRINCIPAL NOTE'S

School safety is our number priority at McLane Elementary School. Here are a couple of safety procedures that we have implemented at McLane.

Our staff regularly talks with our students about safety procedures and practice drills monthly. Drills include fire, earthquake, shelter in place and lockdown.

All exterior doors, including portable classroom doors are locked all day. The front door is the only open access point during the school day except at recess. In addition, each classroom has a safety latch that can be flipped to close and lock the door.

In the event of a major emergency, staff are assigned specific roles in order to support our students until emergency personnel arrive.

Families and their identified emergency contacts will be notified of emergencies via the automated School Messenger phone calls, emails, social media and our school/district website.

If directed by law enforcement to evacuate our campus, families will be notified of the reunification site via the above communication routes. Our reunification site is the McLane Fire Station. School personnel will release students to parents and identified emergency contacts only. Please make sure that you have updated your emergency contact information if needed.

UP COMING EVENTS

November 2nd – Early Release 12:10

November 3rd – Picture Retakes

November 4th – Veteran's Day Assembly
-Owl Store
-Read-A-Thon Sponsorship forms due

November 7th – PTSO Meeting

November 10th – Red, White & Blue Day

November 16th – Lion's Club Hearing &
Vision Screening
– Early Release 12:10

November 18th - Owl Store

November 18th – PTSO Movie Night - BFG

November 23rd - 25th – Thanksgiving

November 28th – December 12th
Giving Tree Program

December 2nd – Princess & the Pea
- Owl Store

December 7th – Early Release 12:10

December 11th – Barn's & Noble Fundraiser

December 16th – Ugly Sweater Day
- Owl Store

December 19th – January 2nd Winter Break

EARLY RELEASE

**Early Release - Wednesday, November 2nd & 16th
& December 7th**

Spirit Day - College Spirit Wear

Students release at 12:10pm

No Preschool

*** Sack lunches can be ordered for students to take home.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture Retakes - Thursday, November 3rd

If you would like your student to have retakes please pick up an order form which are available in the office. If you choose to order online at <http://lifetouch.com> (Picture Day ID: LS216972Q1) please send your child with a note so the teacher knows to send your student down for a retake. Also if you have photos and would like a retake, please have your child bring their pictures back to school to get retakes.



VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY

Veteran's Day Assembly - Friday, November 4th at 10:15am



Please consider joining us for our annual Veteran's Day assembly. The assembly will begin at 10:15 am. The Marshall Middle School band will be performing. Please invite the military veterans or current military personnel in your family to attend our assembly. All are welcome to attend this very important celebration of selfless service to our country.

RED, WHITE & BLUE

Red, White and Blue - Thursday, November 9th

In honor of Veteran's Day students and staff are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

THANKSGIVING BREAK

NO SCHOOL, November 23rd to Friday, November 25th



PRINCESS & THE PEA

Friday, December 2nd 2:00pm to 3:00pm

We've turned this classic fairy tale on its head! The Prince thinks he has it all figured out, but does he? A pea helps him find the perfect princess, but she isn't going for it! She demands that he find himself first! Audience members will journey with the prince to find out what qualities make a good citizen and a genuine friend. Our spirited actors will amaze with quick costume changes, simple sets and props in this fun romp of riding horses, sailing boats and flying in hot air balloons! And everyone finds out it takes more than a pea to find out someone's true qualities! This is presented by the Olympia Family Theater.

OLYMPIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

A big warm **THANK-YOU** to the Olympia Fire Department! All our students in Kindergarten were measured and given a beautiful new winter coat to keep warm and cozy this winter. Not only did they get a new coat but they were able to climb through the ladder truck to receive it. There were a lot of big smiles as they paraded through the office in their new coats!

UGLY SWEATER DAY

Friday, December 16th

Staff and Students are encouraged to wear an ugly sweater.



HOLIDAY GIVING TREE

Preparations for the Holiday Giving Tree are in the works. This is a wonderful way to support those in our McLane Elementary Community. Last year this program assisted 100 children and 40 families from our very own McLane Elementary. The Giving Tree will be up in the office, Monday, November 30th, to remind us to purchase gift cards. If it helps to remind you, take a paper tag from the tree, or just purchase a gift card and turn it in to the office. This year we are asking for \$25 gift cards from Target and Safeway. That way families can purchase food and gifts to suit their needs. Tags will be available from November 28th through December 9th. Gift cards or cash donations must be received by than Monday, December 12th.



Please donate by Monday, Dec 12th There are 2 EASY ways to give:

- Purchase gift cards in \$25 increments to Safeway and Target and drop off to the McLane office.
- Send in cash/checks to the McLane office for the account (Make checks payable to McLane PTSO and indicate 'McLane Gift Giving Program' in memo line)

Thank you for your support and spirit of giving this upcoming holiday season! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the school office at 596-6600.

OWL RECOGNITION

Owl Recognition is our Monthly Award
for students and staff focused on one of
our 6 Pillars of Character -
trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness,
caring, and citizenship!

September Owl Recognition-Overall Character

Mrs. Dooley - Macie Cook & Charlie Colyar	Mrs. Burney - Cooper Berdin & Miles Blocher
Mrs. Caranci - Eli Jacobs & Avery McKindles	Mrs. Mellum - Katelin Vance & Stone Macke
Mrs. Allen - Ruthie Colyar & Preston Rothwell	Mrs. Hamilton - Mikaela Blocher & Keaton Adams
Mrs. Wendling - Nolan Potts & Annabeth Collett	Mrs. Tran - Kaelyn Kelly & Jaxon Anderson
Mr. Oas - Josie Wynecoop, Lauren Dietrich & Londyn Derrick	Mrs. Jensen - Charlie Cook & Rylee Smith
Mrs. Brock - Baron Allen & Kadya Hagerty	Mrs. Flo - Emalee McClimans & Julian Alpert
Ms. Thrasher - Trott Crump & Cooper Pratt	Ms. Gordon - Anna Roberts & Ryan Trinh

GOLDEN RULER AWARD

The Golden Ruler Award is awarded to a student who
shows growth in an academic or social area.

September Golden Ruler Award

Mrs. Dooley - Eleanor Kinn	Mrs. Burney - Isaac Gall
Mrs. Caranci - Jose Gonzalez	Mrs. Mellum - Andrew Murray
Mrs. Allen - Ethan Alston	Mrs. Hamilton - Kirra Hallwirth
Mrs. Wendling - Emerson Lasley	Mrs. Tran - Casey Green
Mr. Oas - Ayden Weber	Mrs. Jensen - Jonah Shuck
Mrs. Brock - Aspy Smith	Mrs. Flo - Eyob Frederick
Ms. Thrasher - Nevaeh Callies	Ms. Gordon - Victoria Cohen

WINTER BREAK

Winter Break



NO SCHOOL December 19th to January 2nd

UNA CELEBRATION DE FAMILIAS

Thursday, November 3rd 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Una celebración de familias will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. on Thursday, November 3 in the Knox Administrative Center Boardroom.

The event is geared toward Spanish-speaking families to learn about Skyward Family Access and other local services and resources available in the Olympia community. Pizza and refreshments will be available to all attendees.

Community organizations attending include:

- **South Sound Reading Foundation**, donating books in Spanish and English to families.
- **Centro Integral Educativo de Olympia (CIELO)**, providing education, social services and cultural activities for Spanish-speaking and underserved communities of South Puget Sound.
- **Thurston County Public Health**, offering no-cost flu immunizations (ages 3-18 years).
- **Choice Network**, providing information about affordable health care.
- **Hands on Children's Museum**, giving away free passes to the museum.
- **YMCA of Olympia**, giving away free passes to the local YMCAs.

LION'S CLUB HEARING & VISION



Thursday November 16th 9:30-11:30

Thank you to the Lion's Club for conducting the hearing & vision screening.

BUS STOP SAFETY

While the students are at school, we constantly reinforce our school-wide OWL behavior expectations of Be Safe, Be Kind, Be Respectful and Be Responsible. We talk with students about how to follow those expectations when they are at school and we praise them when they do well and we correct them when they make mistakes. A time and place that we cannot provide supervision is when the students are waiting to be picked up at the bus stop in the morning. However, we have recently received several reports of unsafe behavior while students are waiting for the bus in the morning. Please help to reinforce the following expectations:



1. Students should keep their hands and feet to themselves. (Be Safe)
2. Students should remain at their own bus stop and not walk to another stop (Be Safe)
3. Students should use appropriate, positive language when speaking to each other (Be Kind, Be Respectful)
4. Students should enter the bus and sit down efficiently and calmly (Be Responsible)

SCHOOL HOT LUNCHES

Full-Paid Breakfast: \$1.60

Milk: \$.60

Adult Breakfast: \$2.10

Reduced K-12: Free

Full-Paid Lunch: \$2.55

Milk: \$.60

Adult Lunch: \$3.45

Reduced K-3: Free

Reduced 4-12: \$.40

**** Any adults that chooses to have lunch in the lunchroom must sign in as an OSD cleared Volunteer.**

ATTENDANCE & ABSENCES

Prompt and regular attendance is necessary for successful school work. Anytime your child is absent from school, parents are required to call the **ATTENDANCE LINE** at **360 596-6603** to notify us as to the reason for your child's absence. If possible, **PLEASE CALL BEFORE 9:30am**. The attendance line is a 24-hour voicemail number that you can call anytime; or send a note to the teacher/office explaining the reason for your child's absence the next day. A student is marked unexcused if they are absent from school and the office does not receive a phone call the day of the absences, OR if no written or verbal notification is given to the office prior to the absences. Thank you for your cooperation.

LOST & FOUND

It is always a good idea to regularly check the lost and found for items you may be missing.

This item belongs to:

As the weather gets cold and wet, it makes sense the students will come to school with multiple layers of clothing. In order to ensure your students come home with the same clothes they arrived in, please make sure all coats and hats are labeled with student names. If you provide a name, we will make sure to get clothing back to your children if they accidentally leave it behind. Your help could help to eliminate the need for a lost and found rack at school.

INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS

Inclement Weather Conditions please keep the following information readily available in case you need to check if school has been cancelled or delayed due to weather or other emergency conditions. Radio: KGY 1240 AM or 96.9 FM; KMAS 1030 AM; KXXO 96.1 FM; and KAOS 89.3 FM. Internet: <http://osd.wednet.edu> or <http://psecs.wednet.edu> Parents, please keep in mind that there is no student supervision when school starts late or is cancelled. Web or media alerts will inform families if emergency/snow bus routes are being used. For more information access the EMERGENCY INFORMATION link on the OSD home page at <http://osd.wednet.edu>.



OSD home page at

CISPUS WREATHS

Think Wreaths, Think Cispus! OSDEF Holiday Wreath Sales Due November 2nd CISPUS Holiday Wreath sales on now! Buy yours at McLane to support 5th grade outdoor education. You can pre-order a beautiful wreath for your holiday decor now until November 2. Wreaths will be delivered to the school the week of Nov. 21st. Your purchase will support overnight outdoor education in the Olympia School District. These make terrific gifts, so remember your neighbors, family and friends. Wreaths are \$22.00 each, with proceeds going to assure funding for overnight environmental studies for our 5th grades, sponsored by the Olympia School District Education Foundation (OSDEF). Contact a student in 5th Grade or come to the office for an order form.



LIBRARY NEWS

Library Newsletter "Blurb"

Thank you so much for supporting McLane's library by visiting the Scholastic Book Fair during conference week. We raised \$3800 to bring in more books for our library.

Be looking for information about another book fair Sunday, December 11th at Barnes and Noble. This will be a kick-off event that runs through December 16th before the holidays. Mark your calendars!

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

During the course of the 2016-2017 school year, we will ask you several times throughout the year to make adjustment to your day on Wednesdays. These Wednesdays early release days are to provide our staff with opportunities to collaborate and learn new curriculum. We understand that you must sometimes interrupt your schedule to make these days possible. This time is critical for us and we appreciate the sacrifices you make to make this time possible.

Please make arrangements for 12:10 release on the following dates:

**Elementary School Collaboration: November 2nd; December 7th; January 4th;
February 1st; March 1st; May 3rd**

Elementary School ELA Implementation: November 16th; January 18th

Elementary Spring Conferences: March 28th-31st

Elementary Grading: January 27th & June 9th

Last Day of School: June 20th

**** There is NO PRESCHOOL on all of the above dates.**

PTSO NEWS

PTSO, DEFINED

What is your PTSO, anyway? **PTSO stands for Parent Teacher Student Organization**, a group working together to support our school. Every parent, teacher, and student is a member automatically without any fee to join! Our goal is to expand learning experiences for all students by promoting communication, providing enriching opportunities, and strengthening the relationships between community and school. Your PTSO purchases library books, science and math materials; sponsors cultural enrichment programs, family movie nights, theater program, and much more; and provides extra teacher supplies and field trip buses. The bottom line is that we're a bunch of fun people doing good! Join us in the cafeteria at our next meeting on **Monday, Nov. 7 at 6pm** to say hi.

READ-A-THON

October's Read-a-thon wrapped up on October 31, with the dual goal of raising money and encouraging kids to develop a love of reading. While the reading is over, you can still gather your pledge money to help our biggest fundraiser of the year finish on a successful note. 100% of the money collected will be used at our school for our students. **Sponsorship forms, pledge money, and minute recording sheets are due NO LATER than Friday, Nov. 4.** Can't find your forms? Click over to our [Read-a-thon](#) page of our [website](#) to download the forms. If 75% of our students turn in their reading minutes, Principal Monica West will eat a bug!

FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT FRIDAY, NOV. 18 AT 6:30PM IS FREE FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! WE WILL BE SCREENING THE DISNEY MOVIE, 'THE BFG.' ENTRY IS FREE, AND WE ALSO PROVIDE FREE POPCORN AND RED VINES. PIZZA IS AVAILABLE FOR SALE. STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO BRING PILLOWS AND BLANKETS, AND WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BRING YOUR OWN WATER BOTTLES. PLEASE NOTE THAT PARENTS MUST STAY ON-SITE WITH THEIR KIDS DURING THE MOVIE; THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT. 'THE BFG' IS RATED PG FOR "MILD THEMATIC ELEMENTS AND SOME ACTION."

100 MILE CLUB NEEDS YOU!

Volunteers are needed for the 100 Mile Club! The 100 Mile Club is a fitness program designed to encourage students to run or walk the track at recess and/or lunch periods, with the goal of completing 100 miles in the school year. If you or another family member can help with this fun activity by standing on the playground punching tracking cards, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Kim.

OWL STORE VOLUNTEERS

The Owl Store is a fun place for the children to shop for cool trinkets and toys as a reward for good citizenry and/or academics! Teachers give out "Owl feathers" to be used as currency to redeem in the Owl store. The store is open two Fridays per month, and we are looking for a few good volunteers to help kids with their purchases and take the owl feathers. Please email our volunteer coordinator, Kim, if you can help with one or some of these store dates:

November - 4, 18

December - 2, 16

January - 20

February - 3, 17

March - 3, 17

April - 21

May - 5, 19

June - 16

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Not receiving all the details of your PTSO's exciting activities in your inbox? Subscribe to our mailing list! Visit mclanptso.org to sign up now. Like us on [Facebook](#), too!

PARENT WORKSHOPS

Parenting Classes with Candyce Bollinger: These workshops will be held 6-8pm at Olympia Regional Learning Academy. They are free and no registration is required for parents. Childcare is not provided. Last year Candyce presented two workshops for parents that were very well-received.

Elementary Parent Workshops (grades K-5):

- Tuesday, November 15: Positive Discipline
- Tuesday, January 24: Safety without Fear
- Tuesday, February 28: Managing Technology

Middle/High School Parent Workshops:

- Thursday, December 1: Communication & Conflict Resolution
- Thursday, February 2: Social Media
- Thursday, March 2: Anxiety, Depression & Stress
- Thursday, March 30: Teen Relationships/LGBTQ Topics

IMPORTANT LINKS

Skyward/Family Access

<https://www2.crdc.wa-k12.net/scripts/cgiip.exe/WService=wolympis71/seplog01>

Volunteer Application form. Forms can be found on the OSD website. This must be renewed every year.

<http://osd.wednet.edu/community/volunteer>

OSD Transportation 360 596-7700

<http://osd.wednet.edu/departments/transportation>

Notice of Nondiscrimination 2016-17 School Year

The Olympia School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Auxiliary aids and services will be provided upon request to individuals with disabilities.

The following people have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the nondiscrimination policies, reports of alleged sexual harassment, concerns about compliance, and/or grievance procedures: **Jeff Carpenter, Title IX Officer**, (360) 596-8544; **Kari Lewinsohn, Section 504 and ADA Coordinator**, (360) 596-7538; and **Scott Niemann, Affirmative Action Officer and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator**, (360) 596-6193. All three individuals may also be contacted at 1113 Legion Way S.E., Olympia, WA, 98501.