

Medical Lake School District #326

August 2010 Newsletter

WELCOME BACK from
Superintendent, Dr. Pam Veltri:

It is already the beginning of August and the start of a new school year is just around the corner. As we begin a new year, once again I want to extend an invitation to all parents to visit our schools. You are always welcome.

Our principals, teachers and paraeducators will do their best to serve your family's needs. Our maintenance and custodial staff have had a busy summer schedule. They are working very hard to ensure that our buildings are clean, well maintained and ready for children on the first day of school.

As we get ready to begin the 2010-2011 school year, our greatest goal is to provide your child with a successful educational experience. With all of us working together, teachers, classified staff, administrators and the community, we can make this a great year for our kids!

School Start and Dismissal Times

<i>High School</i>	8:05 a.m. – 2:25 p.m.
<i>Middle School</i>	8:05 a.m. – 2:26 p.m.
<i>ML Elementary</i>	8:40 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.
<i>Hallett</i>	8:50 a.m. – 2:50 p.m.
<i>Anderson</i>	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Board of Directors:

Rod Von Lehe – President
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UP-COMING EVENTS

- August 11** HS Sports Physicals – ML Family Practice 3:00-6:00 p.m. \$20.00
August 18 All School Buildings open
New Student Registration: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
August 23 MS Sports Physicals at the MS 8-10am-boys; 10-12pm-girls (\$15)
August 31 7th grade Sneak Peek: 12:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
9th grade Sneak Peek: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
September 1 Open Houses 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. at:
Anderson, Hallett, Medical Lake Elementary
September 2 First Day of School – Welcome Back
September 6 Labor Day – No School

Kindergarten & Preschool Start and Dismissal Times

<i>Anderson a.m. Kindergarten and Preschool</i>	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
<i>Anderson p.m. Kindergarten and Preschool</i>	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
<i>ML Elementary a.m. Kindergarten and Preschool</i>	8:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
<i>ML Elementary p.m. Kindergarten and Preschool</i>	12:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.



DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Administration Office565-3100
 Fax.....565-3102
 M. L. High School565-3200
 MLHS Counselor’s Office565-3270
 M. L. Middle School565-3300
 Hallett Elementary565-3400
 M. L. Elementary565-3500
 Anderson Elementary565-3600
 Special Services565-3408
 Food Services Department565-3427
 Transportation Department565-3110
 Safe Schools Helpline1-800-4-1-VOICE
 ext. 359 or 1-800-418-6423

HOME SCHOOLING DECLARATION REQUIRED

In compliance with state law, parents providing home-based instruction to their children must file a statement with their local school district to that effect by September 11, or within two weeks of the beginning of any public school quarter or semester. Parents living in our district can file the statement with the Administration Office at 116 W. Third St., Medical Lake, WA 99022. Forms are available on our website (Our District/Forms and Policies) and at the Administration Office.

MEDICAL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION CALENDAR

August 11 Sports Physicals at Medical Lake Rockwood 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. (\$20)
 August 16 Parent Football Meeting in Auditorium at 6:00 p.m.
 August 18 Football Practice begins
 August 23 X-Country, Volleyball, and Girls Soccer practice begins
 September 7 School Pictures
 September 7 First Volleyball game
 September 11 First Soccer game
 September 15 First Cross Country Meet at Plants Ferry
 September 17 First Football Game
 October 19 Picture Retakes



PRICES AND FEES:

ASB Card: \$35.00
ASB Card Replacement: \$5.00
Annuals: \$40.00 (Before Dec. 1)
\$50.00 (Seniors with baby picture)

High School Meal Prices

Breakfast: \$1.35
 Breakfast Reduced: Free
 Lunches: \$2.25
 Lunches Reduced: \$.40
 Milk \$.60

*Sorry, no cash is accepted in the lunch line. All money needs to be deposited in the lock box inside kitchen door before 11:00 a.m. to be available for that day.

HIGH SCHOOL ABSENCES

PARENTS: Please call or send a note to excuse your child of an absence within 72 hours. The attendance line is 565-3295.

DRIVERS EDUCATION



Please call B&B Drive School at 466-2343 to register. The cost is \$350.00.

Medical Lake High School Counseling Center

HSPE TESTING DATES

Writing August 9 & 10
Reading August 11
Math August 12

New Student Registration Only

August 18 8:00am – 12:00pm
August 19 1:00pm – 3:00pm

ACT/SAT TESTING

ACT Test: Deadline to register for the September 11 test is August 6.
Visit www.actstudent.org to register.

SAT Test: Deadline to register for the October 9 test is September 10.
Visit www.collegeboard.org to register.

COUNSELORS AVAILABLE FOR SCHEDULE CHANGES AND REGISTRATION

August 25-31 8:00am – 12:00pm 1:00pm – 3:00pm

A couple of changes in the Counseling Department

Mrs. Lisa Prewitt has moved from the Middle School to the High School, and Mr. Ted Koch has moved from the High School to the Middle School. Both are very eager for their new opportunities to serve your children.

If you have any questions, please call the counseling department at your school.

IMPORTANT DIRECTORY INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), a Federal law, requires that school districts, with certain exceptions, obtain your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child's education records. However, schools may disclose appropriately designated "directory information" without written consent, unless you have advised the District to the contrary.

Medical Lake School District has designated the following information as directory information:

Student's name	Address
Home e- mail address	Telephone listing
Photograph	Honors and awards received
Date and place of birth	Dates of attendance
Weight and height of members of athletic teams	Most recent previous school attended
Participation in officially recognized activities & sports	Grade level

If you do not want Medical Lake School District to disclose directory information for your child, you must notify the District in writing within 30 days of the start of the school year.



BUSING FOR THE 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

Busing information will be available at your child's school on the afternoon of Friday, August 30. The schools also have available the busing forms for new students or students having a change of address from last year. The form is also available on our website. Students will be routed as soon as possible. However, parents may need to transport their children until routes are stabilized. Bus stops will be assigned as soon as possible, once the information is compiled.

NONDISCRIMINATION RULES IN EFFECT

The Medical Lake School District complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or religion. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities and district employment opportunities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school districts Title IX/RCW 28A.640 compliance officer and or Section 504/ADA Coordinator: PamVeltri, Medical Lake School District, PO Box 128, Medical Lake, WA 99022, Phone (509) 565-3100.

GUIDELINES FOR CHILDREN WITH LIFE-THREATENING CONDITIONS

Prior to attendance at school, each child with a life-threatening health condition shall present a medication or treatment order addressing the condition. A life threatening health condition means a condition that will put the child in danger of death during the school day. If a medication or treatment order providing authority to a registered nurse and nursing plan are not in place, your child could be at risk. Following submission of the medication or treatment order, a nursing plan shall be developed. Students who have a life-threatening health condition and no medication or treatment order presented to the school shall be excluded from school, to the extent that the district can do so consistent with federal requirements for students with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Please contact the Educational Support Services office at 565-3408 if you have any questions or would like further clarification.

FALL SPORTS 2010 Medical Lake Parks and Recreation

FLAG FOOTBALL, MICRO SOCCER, & VOLLEYBALL

- Deadline: Friday, August 13, 2010
- Coaches Training: Saturday, August 28, 2010
- Practices Begin: Monday, August 30, 2010



Please visit www.mlzd.org for the current 2010-11 school calendar, school supply lists, upcoming events and school activities.

NUTRITION NEWS

MENU for the first week of school



Thursday, Sept 2 - Pizza ~ Friday, Sept 3 - Chicken Nuggets



A variety of deli sandwiches will be served
at the Middle School beginning Tuesday, September 7

The High School will serve deli sandwiches and salads starting September 2

Menus are emailed to every family that has entered an email address in Family Access, and menus are on our District web page including forms for free and reduced lunches, allergy forms and purchase blocking forms

FREE/REDUCED APPLICATIONS

You MUST fill out a new application for 2010-11, and we need to receive it by the end of September so that you will not lose benefits. You may go to the home page and click on Food Services and print out an application or pick one up at your child's school. The application can be returned to the school your child attends or it can be mailed to Charlotte Cook at Medical Lake School District, PO Box 128, Medical Lake, WA 99022. **If you have your application in by Monday, August 30, your application will be approved for the first day of school. If you do not receive an approval letter within 10 days, please call 565-3427.

Meal Prices

Elementary prices:

Breakfast: Reduced – Free

Paid - \$1.10

Adults: \$1.60

Lunch: Reduced K-3 Free

Reduced 4-6 -.40

Paid - \$1.95

Adults: \$3.25

Secondary prices:

Breakfast: Reduced-Free

Paid - \$1.35

Adults: \$1.60

Lunch: Reduced - .40

Paid \$2.25

Adults: \$3.25

DEPOSITS

You can write one check for all your children and it can be deposited at one school. Just write the names of the students on the check and the amount for each student. You can also make a deposit with a credit card through Family Access. **Reminder** notes are sent home each Tuesday, if your student is out of money. With a Family Access account you can select to receive an email notification that your child's account is below \$5.00. Log on to Family Access and click on E-Mail Notifications.

MEDICAL LAKE GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

The Medical Lake Gifted and Talented Program is for highly capable students in grades 2 - 6 who represent the top 3% of their norm group. Students are selected on the basis of academic, intellectual, and creative ability. Information from parents and teachers combined with objective test data determines eligibility. All students who meet the set criteria are accepted into the program. It is the philosophy of the Gifted and Talented Program to provide a differentiated curriculum and learning environment which allows identified gifted students to develop their specific intellectual abilities.

A differentiated curriculum model is in place for all students at the elementary, middle, and secondary levels during the school day. Advanced learners are provided the advanced level component of the general education curriculum.

Currently, the District uses flexible grouping in kindergarten through grade 6. Advanced learners receive more open-ended, long-term, and complex assignments that require a balance of independent and collaborative thinking with like-peers.

At the middle school level, part-time grouping is used in order to compact, extend and exceed the core curriculum. These courses are designed to specifically address the needs of advanced learners with tiered assignments and differentiated resources that require more depth and complexity than the regular grade level curriculum. Curriculum compacting is used to allow time for the more advanced level curriculum.

Gifted and talented students at the high school are served by an exemplary honors and advanced placement (AP) program.

CANDLELIGHTERS OF THE INLAND NORTHWEST

As a mother whose son is a survivor of childhood cancer, Medical Lake resident Shelly Schneider is well aware of the emotional and financial devastation that families experience when their child is diagnosed with cancer. Now that Clayton is cancer free (hooray!), Shelly and Clayton would like to invite you to join their efforts by partnering with Candlelighters of the Inland NW as a sponsor of the Childhood Cancer Awareness Walk to be held on August 28, 2010 at Waterfront Park. Your \$250.00 sponsorship will make a difference in the lives of local children with cancer, while promoting your business on our t-shirts, on our website, and on other printed materials. Any support you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

Candlelighters of the Inland Northwest is a 501(c)3 non-profit dedicated to providing hope, encouragement, and direct assistance to families from Eastern Washington, North Idaho, and Western Montana who have or have had a child with cancer. All funds raised stay local. The registration is FREE for this event and \$15.00 if you want a t-shirt. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Shelly at schneider_shelly@hotmail.com or 299-2609.



Teachers from Hallett Elementary and Medical Lake Elementary competed in a half marathon (13.1 miles) on May 30 in Coeur d' Alene. Congratulations Deanna Mason, Wendy Gilbert, Matt Houn, Jackie Gleason, Sheila Overman, Susan Weber, and Cheryl Spilker.

Congratulations to Darby Evans for having her essay "Why I Will Say No to Alcohol and Drugs" selected as the winner of one of the five districts of Washington State. The 16th annual essay contest is sponsored by Washington State Law Enforcement, Inc., and is offered to all eighth-graders. In addition to having the honor of having her essay chosen, Darby received a \$200 cash prize for receiving first place for the district. Write on, Darby!



The M.S. Cougar Choir and H.S. Windbourne Choir competed at Silverwood's Music in the Parks on Saturday, May 22. They had a blast and represented Medical Lake exceptionally well. The H.S. Choir received a 2nd place trophy in their division, and the Cougar Choir received a 1st place trophy in the M.S. division. Some highlights of the trip were the H.S. choir, amazingly singing "Witness" while spinning in circles on the round-a-bout, while a storm of rain and hail began. When 300 people crowded into the theater

to dry off, the Cougar Choir entertained the audience and was acknowledged by the magician during his show for "putting on a great pre-show".



Jr. Lilac Parade

The 5th & 6th grade band students from Hallett & Michael Anderson Elementary took first place out of 5 elementary bands at the parade! We played "Under the Sea" and the t-shirt design winner was Ellie Davis, a 5th grader from Hallett Elementary.

Go Hawgles (Hawks and Eagles)!

CONGRATULATIONS TO LYNAE STRIEB!

Lynae Strieb, Secretary at Medical Lake High School, was recently awarded with the School Stars Award through KZZU radio station and Public School Employees of Washington. The School Stars Award is an award that recognizes classified employees who work in schools. Lynae was nominated by Scott Kerwien, counselor at Medical Lake High School. Nice job Lynae! For more information on the award, go to <http://www.pseclassified.org/default.aspx>.



NEW FAMILY ACCESS INFORMATION

Big Changes are coming for this coming school year 2010-11. All parents/guardians will receive a letter with your login, password and what's new information in August.

Hallett Math is Cool

The 6th grade boys did a great job representing Hallett and Medical Lake at the Math is Cool Masters in Moses Lake. They placed 2nd in the team contests out of the top 12 teams from around the state in Division 2 (which are the smaller school districts). Teams came from 4 different regions, Seattle, Vancouver, Wenatchee, and Spokane. The 6th grade Hallett team, of 18 students, placed 2nd in the regional competition in February, and these 4 boys were selected because they scored the highest on their individual tests at that competition. The Math is Cool competition is 6 different types of math tests where the students compete as individuals and as a team. The success that these kids have attained can be attributed to their hard work and dedication to their schooling with great parents and teachers supporting them. Jeremy Ryan won 3rd place in top scores on the individual test as well. Pictured Left to right: Colten Miller, Taylor Benroth, Dara Abounorinejad and Jeremy Ryan



VACCINES REQUIRED FOR CHILD CARE/PRESCHOOL ATTENDANCE **July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011**

Month, Day & Year are required documentation of all vaccines. See notes below and chart on page 2 for more information.

AGE VACCINE ²	At 2 Months	At 4 Months	At 6 Months	At 15 Months	At 18 Months	At 23 Months	At 6 Years
HEPATITIS B	2 Doses			3 Doses			
DTaP	1 Dose	2 Doses	3 Doses	4 Doses		5 Doses	
Hib	1 Dose	2 Doses	3 Doses	4 Doses		N/A	
Polio	1 Dose	2 Doses		3 Doses		4 Doses	
PCV	1 Dose	2 Doses	3 Doses	4 Doses		N/A	
MMR	Not given before 12 months			1 Dose		2 Doses	
VARICELLA	Not given before 12 months			1 Dose		2 Doses	

Annual Notifications

State or Federal Law requires these annual notifications. Please read through this information carefully and if you have questions, please call our Educational Support Services office at 565-3408. We always strive to provide accurate and timely communication.

Policies and Procedures

Parents and other members of the public have the right to request policies and procedures and any required evaluations, plans, and reports relating to the Special Education Part B Program. Requests may be sent in writing to Director, Educational Support Services, Medical Lake School District, P. O. Box 128, Medical Lake, WA 99022.

Special Education Public Participation Information

Those interested in attending a meeting and/or reviewing the IDEA application and related surveys and reports may call the Educational Support Services office at 565-3408 for specific information.

Homeless Assistance

Students who become homeless may receive assistance to remain at their school as well as receive other assistance. Please contact the school counselor or the Educational Support Services Director - Homeless Liaison at 565-3408.

Notification of Rights Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Acts (FERPA) for Elementary and Secondary Institutions.

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age ("eligible students") certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the school receives a request for access.* Parents or eligible students should submit to the school principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.

The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes is inaccurate or misleading. Parents or eligible students may ask the school to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate or misleading. They should write the school principal and clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate or misleading. If the school decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible student, the school will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the school as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the school has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility. Upon request, the school discloses education records without consent to officials of another school district in which a student seeks or intends to enroll. [NOTE: FERPA requires a school district to make a reasonable attempt to notify the parent or student of the records request unless it states in its annual notification that it intends to forward records on request.]

The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the school to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

*State Law Qualification: Although FERPA allows 45 days to honor a request, the state policy records law requires an appropriate response to a "public records" request within five business days. RCW 42.17.320. For further information regarding FERPA or for other questions for special needs students, please call the Educational Support Services office at 565-3408.

Update on the Building Project at Medical Lake Middle School

As part of the bond project, the design for revising and adding onto Medical Lake Middle School is progressing very well. When you drive by the Middle School, you have probably noticed that the pine trees have been removed. The trees were removed to comply with additional parking spaces that are part of the city building code, which has changed since the mid-1970's when the Middle School was constructed. In addition, bus parking will move to the west end of the bus garage to make more room for the additional required parking spaces. By the fall of 2011, new trees and landscaping will be planted, once again making the Middle School look beautiful. The covered parking at the bus compound will be removed. Dan Cools, Transportation Supervisor has said that the new buses do not fit in the covered parking, and in a short period of time it will obsolete. Mr. Cools also reported that due to a grant, all the buses will be equipped with Espar heating systems eliminating the need to idle buses until they warm up.

New 6th grade classrooms and a science room will be a wonderful addition to the Middle School. New locker rooms will be a part of the new gym/commons area. The old locker rooms will be revised to accommodate a much needed wrestling room.

We are still working with the City of Medical Lake to change the ordinance to allow the construction of six new classrooms on the southeast end of Hallett Elementary School. The design for that project is on hold until then. From an educational perspective, the southeast end of the building is the best location for an early learning, preschool through 2nd grade wing. It would provide parent pickup and drop off almost at the classroom door, and provide a safe and convenient passage for children.

Stay tuned for more updates on these exciting new projects. Medical Lake Schools are excellent, and we thank our patrons for your continued support.

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