

# Medical Lake School District #326

## August 2011 Newsletter

### **WELCOME BACK** from Superintendent, Dr. Pam Veltri:

The start of a new school year is just around the corner and the construction is moving along at both Hallett Elementary and Medical Lake Middle School. We said a bittersweet good bye to Medical Lake Elementary this summer. The demolition is completed and field work on that site has begun. The six new classrooms at Hallett Elementary are almost completed. Carpeting was installed last week. On September 12, Kindergarten through fifth grade students will be at Hallett.

Renovations to the inside of the current Medical Lake Middle School are in full-swing. The office area is now in the area of the old foyer. The library and two new computer labs have expanded into the old cafeteria space. The old stage is now a 6<sup>th</sup> grade science room and the old locker rooms are now a new wrestling room. Walker Construction crews have been working hard and putting in a lot of time to ensure that the renovations to the current MLMS are completed and the school will be ready to go by September 12<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades six through eight can register in the board room at district office beginning August 24. Due to an unusually wet winter and spring, construction on the new gym, multi-purpose room and classrooms at MLMS have been delayed. We will be able to occupy the new space by late December to early January. You can see a diagram of the addition on the next page. You can view pictures of the construction on our web site at [www.mlsd.org](http://www.mlsd.org).

Balancing the budget in light of severe reductions in funding at the state and federal levels has been a challenge this year. The cuts to school funding have been ongoing for several years and Medical Lake School District has been able to weather the changes by maintaining a reserve. This year we were hit with a surprise reduction in our Federal Impact Aid funding. We will be using a large share of our reserve to educate our children and maintain programs over the next two year budget. However, if our legislators and members of Congress continue with reductions, we will be forced to cut more essential programs. We will continue to work with the state legislature and congressional members to educate them on the need for adequate funding for K-12 education.

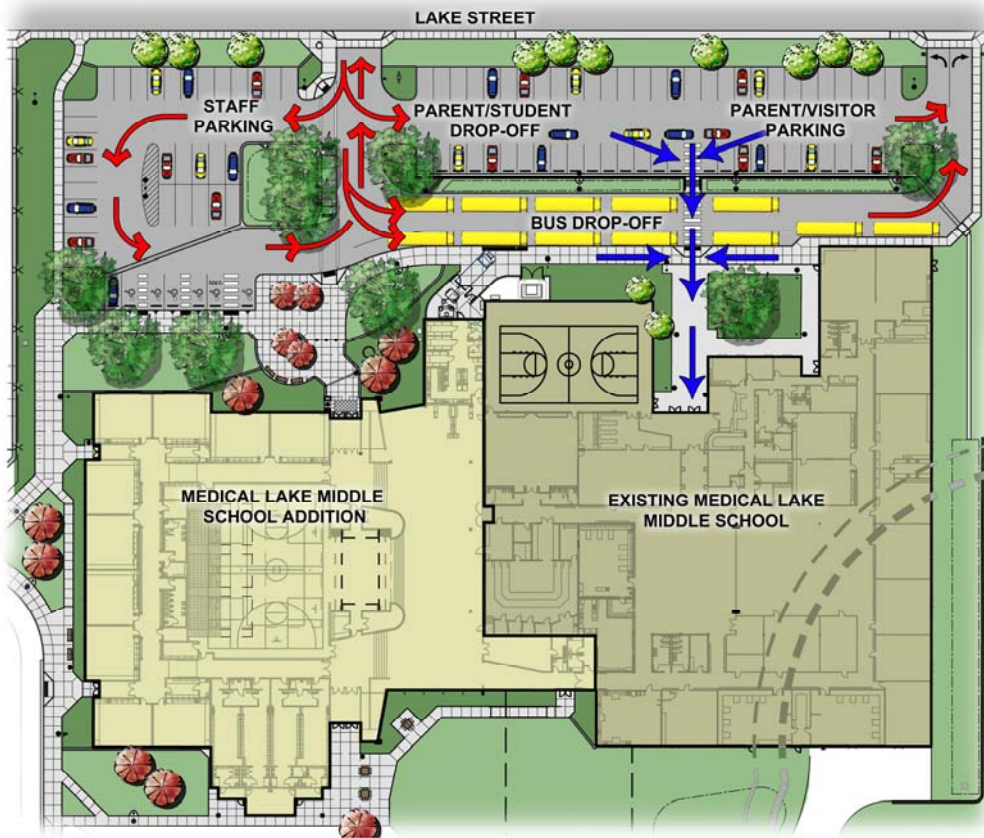
Our greatest goal is to provide your child with a successful educational experience. I want to extend an invitation to all parents to visit our schools. You are always welcome. With all of us working together, teachers, classified staff, administrators and the community, we can make this a great year 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>Hallett</i>	8:45 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
<i>Anderson</i>	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

### **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>Hallett a.m. Kindergarten</i>	8:45 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
<i>Hallett p.m. Kindergarten</i>	12:10 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.



## MEDICAL LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Temporary circulation flow for bus, student drop-off, visitor and staff parking for the start of the school year 2011

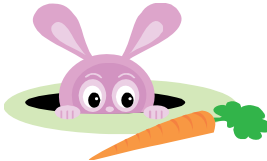
### LEGEND

- CARS
- BUSES
- SIDEWALKS
- CROSWALKS
- VEHICULAR TRAFFIC
- PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC



## UP-COMING EVENTS

- August 22** School buildings (except Middle School) open/Start of high school sports
- August 24** New student registration: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Middle School registration/office temporarily at the District Office, 116 W 3<sup>rd</sup> Street
- September 5** Labor Day
- September 7** 6<sup>th</sup> grade Sneak Peek: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.\*  
7<sup>th</sup> grade and new 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sneak Peek: 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.\*  
9<sup>th</sup> grade Sneak Peek: 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- September 8** Open Houses: 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. at Michael Anderson and Hallett
- September 9** Sports physicals for Middle School (\$15.00) \* location to be announced on website.  
Boys: 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Girls: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. (place to be determined)
- September 12** First day of school – Welcome Back



**CONGRATULATIONS TO MEDICAL LAKE & ANDERSON ELEMENTARY BANDS FOR RECEIVING 1ST PLACE FOR THEIR DIVISIONS IN THE JR. LILAC PARADE.**



## FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATIONS

Lunch applications need to be filled out annually. You may download one from our home page at [www.mlzd.org](http://www.mlzd.org) and click on the Food Services tab or pick one up and drop it off at any of our schools or mail it to Charlotte Cook at Medical Lake School District, P.O. Box 128, Medical Lake, WA 99022. If you do not receive an approval letter within 10 days, please call 565-3131.

### Elementary meal prices:

Breakfast: Reduced: Free  
Paid: \$1.10  
Adults: \$1.60  
Lunch: Reduced: K-3 Free  
Reduced: 4-6 -.40  
Paid: \$2.10

### Secondary meal prices:

Breakfast: Reduced: Free  
Paid: \$1.35  
Adults: \$1.60  
Lunch: Reduced: .40  
Paid: \$2.50  
Adults: \$3.50



## MEAL DEPOSITS

Lunch money can be dispersed electronically District wide for multiple accounts. Parents can write **one** check and send it with any of their children. Please identify the names of the children on the check and the amount for each account. You can also deposit lunch money with a credit card through Family Access. With a Family Access account you can select to receive an email notification that your child's account is below \$5.00. Logon to Family Access and click on E-Mail Notifications.

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### DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS

Administration Office .....565-3100  
Fax.....565-3102  
M. L. High School .....565-3200  
MLHS Counselor's Office .....565-3270  
M. L. Middle School .....565-3300  
Hallett Elementary .....565-3400  
Anderson Elementary .....565-3600  
Special Services .....565-3145  
Food Services Department .....565-3131  
Transportation Department .....565-3110  
Safe Schools Helpline .....1-800-4-1-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.



## TRANSPORTATION NEWS

Busing information will be available at your child's school. 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. Thank you for your support.

Our District received an outstanding rating (for the second year) from Randy Dorn, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for the recent Washington State Patrol annual inspection of our school buses. Congratulations to our hard working Transportation Department. Thank you for keeping our children safe.

## 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.

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## MEDICAL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



High school teachers Shelly Baerwald and June Horton proudly joined Principal, John McSmith to receive the 2010 Washington Achievement Award in the category of on-time graduation rates. Medical Lake High School was among only two top performing high schools in Washington State to receive this award. It was given by the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction in Seattle during their annual ceremony. Congratulations on a tremendous achievement.

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

by Courtney Strozyk

The National Junior Honor Society at the middle school has been very busy. They raised \$863.00 for the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society selling Wild Tree spice packs and grapeseed oils. They also had their annual car wash. Thank you everyone for your generosity. Our members also helped at Founder's Day. They are sponsoring the Children's Cancer Awareness Walk on August 27. In the fall, they will be the 8th grade mentors, assisting the transition of the new 6th and 7th graders to the middle school. We are always looking for new volunteer opportunities and fundraisers. Please email adviser Courtney Strozyk at [cstrozyk@mlsd.org](mailto:cstrozyk@mlsd.org) if you have ideas. Thanks for your continued support of the Medical Lake Middle School National Junior Honor Society.

# PIZZA, POP, AND POWER TOOLS

by Tracy Spencer



What do using a backhoe, welding, laying tile and building wood boxes have in common? They are just some of the many experiences provided at "Pizza, Pop, and Power Tools"-- an event sponsored by the Community Colleges of Spokane and Spokane Public Schools. This activity allows 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls to practice hands-on science and math skills, operate equipment and explore a variety of careers in the building trade.



In May at the Apprenticeship and Journeyman Training Center, several Medical Lake Middle School students tried their hands at various construction fields. Emphasis was placed not only on the



trades, but also on safety, education, and the opportunities available to them. The girls learned that they could earn a wage while learning a trade. "This experience opened my eyes to more possibilities of what I can do with my life. I loved coming here!" stated more than one participant.

## 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 district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 compliance officer and or Section 504/ADA Coordinator: Dr. Pam Veltri, Medical Lake School District, P.O. 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 565-3145 if you have any questions or would like further clarification.

## SECOND ANNUAL CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS WALK

Everyone is welcome to join Shelly and Clayton Schneider on August 27 from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Waterfront Park in Medical Lake on our stroller/wheelchair accessible trail. No pre-registration is necessary and the entrance fee is an *optional* donation of your choice. There will be a free picnic potluck afterwards, just like last year. Hope to see you there to show your support.



## DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS HONORED BY NEWASA

Pictured with Superintendent Dr. Pam Veltri (middle), Janeen VanSlyke, Dan Dorshorst and Steve Meltzer (not pictured) were recently honored at a luncheon by the Northeast Washington Association of School Administrators for their community leadership. They have donated countless hours of their time fundraising for the many scholarships they award to our graduating seniors.

## MICHAEL ANDERSON CHORALAIRES

by Rachael Dunn

The Michael Anderson Choralaires attended the EWMEA Choral Festival at Lewis and Clark High School on March 25th. They received a 1+ superior rating, which is the highest score given. Congratulations on your hard work.



**Required Kindergarten vaccines:** 3 doses of Hepatitis B, 4 doses of DTaP if the last dose given on or after the age of 4, 3 doses of Polio if the last dose given on or after the age of four or 4 or more doses have been given, 2 doses of MMR, and 2 doses of Varicella or health care provider verification of disease.

**Required 6th grade vaccines:** 1 dose of Tdap IF the student is 11 years or older AND IF it has been at least 5 years since the last DTaP, DT, or Td.

A complete list of vaccines required for school attendance can be found on our district website. Please check with your health care provider if you have any questions regarding immunizations.



# **ANNUAL NOTIFICATIONS**

## **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 565-3145.

## **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 565-3145 for specific information.

## **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 565-3145.

## EASY TO UPDATE YOUR STUDENT INFORMATION

**STUDENT REGISTRATION** is a new area in **Family Access** where you can verify or update information for your child/ren. This process will replace the emergency cards/paperwork. The name Student Registration may be misleading. It is actually a verification of information (such as phone numbers, etc.) To complete the registration, click on each step's button, put in the information, and check the completed box. When all four boxes have been checked, click on the Complete Registration button. Even if you are not making an online food service payment or submitting a free/reduced application you will still need to click on the button to open the step, close it and check completed. **Step 1 – Student Information and Step 2 - Insurance Protection need to be completed each year for every child.**

We hope you will find this new module user friendly and that it simplifies the update process. If you do not have your Family Access login information please contact Debra Dupey at [ddupey@mlsd.org](mailto:ddupey@mlsd.org) . If you do not have internet access, please contact your child's school after August 22 and ask for an emergency update form.

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## HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM

The Medical Lake Highly Capable Program is for students in grades 2 through 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 Highly Capable Program to provide a differentiated curriculum and learning environment which allows identified students to develop their specific intellectual abilities.

Currently, the District uses flexible grouping in kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Advanced learners receive more open-ended, long-term, and complex assignments that require a balance of independent and collaborative thinking with like-peers.

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

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