

Medical Lake School District #326

August 2009 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 2009-2010 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

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

Board of Directors:

Rod Von Lehe – President
Julie Albright – Vice President
Peggy Schweikhardt
Ron Cooper
Kelly Fouts

CALENDAR

- August 19** Buildings open
New Student Registration 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.
High School Football Practice Starts
- August 24** High School Girls Soccer,
Volleyball, X-Country Practice Starts
- 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 7** Labor Day – no school

Our Website:

www.mlzd.org

Has a lot of great information.

Kindergarten & Preschool Start and Dismissal Times

Anderson a.m. Kindergarten and Preschool	9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Anderson p.m. Kindergarten and Preschool	12:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
ML Elementary a.m. Kindergarten and Preschool	8:40 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.
ML Elementary p.m. Kindergarten and Preschool	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
Job Hotline565-3101
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. 3rd, Medical Lake, WA 99022.

MEDICAL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

CALENDAR

August 5 Sports Physicals at Medical Lake Rockwood at 4:00 p.m.
August 17 Mandatory Athletic Paperwork Turn In Day: 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
(sports packets available in the office)
August 17 Parent Football Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
August 24 Parent X-Country, Volleyball, and Girls Soccer Meetings at 7:00 p.m.



PRICES AND FEES:

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

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.



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:

- (1) 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.
- 2) 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.
- (3) 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.]

- (4) 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.

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.

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
Electronic 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 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Busing information will be available at your child's school on the afternoon of August 28. The schools also have available the busing forms for new students or students having a change of address from last year. The form will also be available on the web site. 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.

FAMILY ACCESS

If you have not already done so, you can have easy access to your child's lunch account, grades, schedules and more by signing up for Family Access. To sign up, please go to www.mlisd.org and click on the Family Access Link. If you have forgotten your log in, please call Debra DuPey at 565-3120 or fill out a new application online.

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