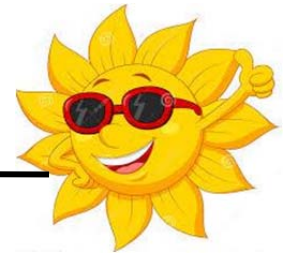




SCHOOL UPDATE

May 2015

MEDICAL LAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 326



CALENDAR

May 25 –
No School ~ Memorial Day

May 26 –
Board Meeting ~
Middle School Library
6:00 pm

May 27 –
Concert Awards High
School 7:00 – 8:00 pm

May 27 –
Kindergarten Music
Program Hallett
Elementary
6:30 – 7:00 pm

May 29 –
Last day for Activity
Buses

May 29-30 –
High School Band and
Choir Music in the
Parks Competition ~
Coeur d’Alene

June 6 –
High School
Graduation @ EWU
11:00 am

June 11-
8th Grade Promotion
and Dance
6:00 – 9:00 pm

June 12 –
LAST DAY OF
SCHOOL

From the Superintendent’s Desk

Hard to believe that May is almost over. Graduation and summer break are just a few short weeks away. It has been a great year in the Medical Lake School District. Our students, teachers and community are incredible.

Director of Teaching and Learning, Kim Headrick and District Business Manager Chad Moss had the privilege of attending the WASA Community Awards Luncheon to honor a few of our outstanding community organizations: Dollars for Scholars, Friends for Children, the Food Bank, and the Booster Club. These are just a few of the community organizations in Medical Lake who often go unnoticed but who do so much for our students and schools. Thank you for all you do.

Another great testament to our District are the hard working students and teachers. Hallett Elementary and the High School were once again on this prestigious list. Hallett for High Progress, and the High School for Graduation Rate and Overall Excellence. The dedication of our teachers and the pride our students take in their work really shows. So to them I say, “Congratulations.”

Our School Board acknowledges this hard work and dedication as well. At our April Board Meeting, the Board unanimously agreed to allow for a 1 hour late start on Fridays beginning September 2015. We know that this may cause hardships for those who use before school care. As a community, we are looking into options that will lessen the impact this may present. We will keep you informed as we move forward in this process. Your students are important to us and making sure the transition goes smoothly with little impact to you as parents/guardians is equally important.

Wishing you a safe and fun summer,
Timothy D. Ames

Superintendent
Medical Lake
School District



PACE CHARACTERISTIC FOR MAY~ COURAGE





FFA All the Way!

High School Junior, Lola Harding got Grand Champion Lamb Showman for Jr/Sr FFA. Sophomores Mollee Gray and Mariah Huey took home purple ribbons in swine market class. Mollee Gray and sophomore Selena Plute brought back purple ribbons in hog showmanship and made it to the final drive. From early morning feedings and pen cleanings to bathing and grooming for a show, these students do a lot of hard, behind the scenes work to get ready for these competitions. We are proud of your accomplishments, good job!

Four Community Organizations Recognized

Every Year, WASA recognizes community members or groups for their contributions to education. WASA nominees must have at least 1 of the 7 specific criteria in order to be recognized such as: benefit to students, leadership, motivation, success, cooperation/coordination with their local district, recognition by others and history of service.

This year, Medical Lake recognized 4 community organizations that have an impact on the students in our district. Dollars for Scholars raises approximately \$30,000 annually through fundraising and participating community donors, which is handed out to graduating seniors by way of scholarships. The Medical Lake Food Bank donates \$1,000 monthly to the district's nutrition services to assist families in need. They provide families needing assistance with fresh fruits, veggies and dry goods on a daily basis and have been able to give about 30 sack lunches to students needing meals on weekends. Friends for Children raises monies for scholarships, registration fees and tuition for students in need. They also provide financial assistance to other community organizations. Medical Lake Booster Club raises approximately \$15,000 annually, providing donations for school activities and clubs. They are the main sponsor for the Senior All Nighter and have purchased uniforms for choir, lights for the football field and sponsored robotics to name a few. To date, they have never turned down a request for assistance. Organizations like these are the backbone of our community. They believe in our students. Their pride and support is evident in the generosity of time and funds available on a yearly basis. To these and all the wonderful community organizations in Medical Lake we proudly say Thank You!

Washington Achievement Award Winners

Congratulations to Hallett Elementary and the High School on their recognition from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction again this year. Each year awards are handed out using the State Board of Education Revised Achievement Index. Data is collected for the three previous years and is based on statewide assessment. Hallett Elementary received the High Progress Award for the second year in a row. The High School received its 6th year in a row for Graduation Rate and its first year for Overall Excellence. These awards are a testament to the high quality of instruction and dedication that our district has for academics. We believe in Every Student. Every Day. Thank you to our students who work hard, our staff who help them achieve and our parents and community who offer continuing support.





RAISE, REAR, AND RELEASE RAINBOW TROUT

In January, the Spokane Conservation District delivered hatchery trout eggs to Michael Anderson Elementary School. Fourth grade students in Mrs. Overhauser-Smith's class were in charge of feeding the fish, cleaning the tank and testing the water. The students were able to observe the change from eggs to alevin and finally parr. On April 30th, Mrs. Overhauser-Smith's class buddied up with students from Mr. VanTine's first grade class and headed to Medical Lake's Waterfront Park where they became official stewards of the Medical Lake environment and released the trout into the lake.



LATE START FRIDAYS FOR THE UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR

We would like to take a moment to inform you of upcoming changes to the 2015-16 school year. In previous years, teachers have had structured "Learning Improvement Days" funded by the state where students came to school late one day per week. However, these days were cut from the budget a few years ago and since that time we have struggled to provide the valuable time needed to address district initiatives and State and Federal mandates.

At the April 28th Board Meeting, we requested a one hour late start on Fridays, and our Board members agreed this would be beneficial to teachers and ultimately, to students as well. All districts in Spokane County have a form of release time for professional development. Our late start days will be in sync with the Cheney School District's and will be every Friday morning beginning in September 2015. This will allow our teachers additional time for targeted professional learning and help us keep up with the required changes to Federal and State mandates for curriculum development. This affects programs such as, but not limited to: further implementation of the new

Teacher Principal Evaluation System, new Washington State Learning Standards (Common Core), and the Smarter Balanced Assessments.

We realize that this may be a hardship on parents who rely on before school care for their students. We are currently looking into ways to lessen the impact on you, our parents/guardians. We are contacting the local daycares, the library and other community outreach programs to find ways to make this an easy transition for everyone involved.

The Medical Lake School District is dedicated to keeping parents/guardians informed and will update our website as information is made available. We will begin posting the building start times for Fridays shortly and will keep you informed if these times were to be modified for any reason.

We greatly value your time and appreciate your patience while we work out all the necessary details. Please keep checking our website and your student's school website for more information. They will be updated as it is made available.

Valedictorian Stephanie Burris
Salutatorian Kris Isherwood

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PACE

Congratulations to the Medical Lake School District PACE award winners recognized by the West Plains Chamber at the May 7th chamber breakfast.

- Aria Layton from Hallett Elementary for INTEGRITY ~
- Brody Bolsch from Michael Anderson Elementary for DILIGENCE ~
- Samuel Gollehon from the Middle School for FAIRNESS ~
- Jackson Tappero from the High School for INTEGRITY ~

The Medical Lake School District No. 326 complies with all federal and state rules and regulations and will provide equal employment opportunity and treatment for all applications and staff in recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion and training. Such equal employment will be provided without discrimination with respect to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including 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 disability, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW28A.640 officer and/or Section 504/ADA coordinator: Timothy D. Ames, Superintendent, P.O. Box 128, Medical Lake, WA 99022, (509) 565-3100. Visit www.mlsd.org/domain/152 for a link to complaint procedure.

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