

UPDATE

Medical Lake School District No. 326

May 2006

From Superintendent Pam Veltri:

Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you!

All of us from Medical Lake School District want to thank the community for their support of our recent bond levy. It passed with an overwhelming 71% support from our citizens. This levy replaces the expiring levy, and is not a new tax. With our citizen's approval, our school district is now eligible for over 1.3 million dollars in state funds through the levy equalization program.

We will use the levy funds wisely. State funds cover only basic education costs, they do not support athletics, extracurricular activities at all grade levels, maintenance of our buildings and grounds and some teaching positions. The local levy dollars are used to provide these programs. We have many projects planned for this summer that the levy will fund. We truly appreciate the overwhelming support.

Preschool Screening

Medical Lake School District provides child development screening throughout the school year for those who live in the Medical Lake School District. If we can discover where children are experiencing difficulties early in their development, we have a better chance to assist them in achieving their potential in their K-12 education. The screening is offered at no cost to all children birth through five years of age in order to prepare for their future educational needs.

The screening(s) consists of: speech and language skills, cognitive skills, large muscle motor skills, fine motor skills, and a parent interview. The screening(s) can take up to 2 hours and may require a couple of different screening sessions to complete.

Appointments for the screening are necessary. If parents would like more information about the screening, please contact Mardee in the Educational Support Services office at 565-3408.

We are proud of you, Annie!

Annie Caldwell became part of the Lilac Festival Royalty in February at a coronation ceremony. Out of 14 finalists, one was chosen as queen. Annie and five other high school seniors were chosen as princesses. Each received a scholarship as representatives for the Lilac Association. The queen and princesses are kept extremely busy, visiting several nursing homes, hospitals, and civic events. May will be packed with parades, such as the Junior Lilac Parade and the



Torchlight Parade. This year the Lilac float will be in the Medical Lake Founder's Day Parade. What she loves most is donning her crown on the heads of nursing home patients and little girls who can pretend they are princesses too.



Hallett Math is "Cool"

Hallett Elementary 5th and 6th grade Math is Cool teams have made it to Masters Competition (state) which will be held in Spokane at Mt. Spokane High School on May 20th. Good luck team.

KINDERGARTEN/PRESCHOOL REGISTRATIONS

If you have not already registered your child for next year at Michael Anderson or Medical Lake Elementary, you may drop by the schools and fill out the information. Your child must be 5 years of age by midnight of August 31. A birth certificate or proof of age will be needed. Their current immunization information is also required.

Michael Anderson Preschool Registration (for ages 3 and 4) is only for children living on the base. If you have not yet registered, you may stop by Michael Anderson Elementary anytime for that paperwork.



MLES PARENT NIGHT

Medical Lake Elementary Title program has offered a Partnership with Parents night each month. They included Kitchen Math, TV and Kids, Making it Work, Launch into Reading and Writing and Between Parents and Teachers. The last one in May is titled Doing Science at Home. Parents are provided with resources, models and activities to interact with their student at home. Activities promoted ideas for creativity, problem solving, imaginative thinking and/or building student's confidence. Some parents comments have included "workshops are very informative and provide easy ideas and activities for at home learning," "love the hands-on activities," and "I enjoyed the interaction with and ideas of other parents." We are looking forward to expanding workshop offerings to our families next year.

High School FFA News

Medical Lake FFA is busy getting ready for our most active time of the year. From Livestock Evaluation, Food Science, Public Speaking, State FFA Convention, Junior Livestock Show, Plant Sale, New Officer elections, to our Annual Parent/Member Banquet. Our plates are full.

On March 24, 32 members participated in Cattle Evaluation at the Stockland Livestock Auction at Davenport. Students from Medical Lake, Reardan, & Davenport were given practical instruction in beef scenarios and performance data and then applied their skill toward animal selection. Medical Lake finished 2nd place.

On March 30, our "Rituals Team" and Public Speakers competed in a state qualifying leadership event at Liberty High School. The freshman "Rituals Team" finished 1st out of six other teams from District V. Team members were Kolette Lowe, Jade Adam-Haynes, Ben Brown, Jordan Lynch, Greysen Danae, and Brett Moriarty. Korianne Lybbert placed 2nd in extemporaneous speaking. The six-member team and Korianne will compete at the State FFA Convention at WSU, May 10-14.

Students will also participate in a Food Science Seminar at Liberty High School and at the Southeast Washington Junior Livestock Show at Asotin at the end of this month.

May 2 and 7 will bring the Spokane Junior Livestock Show. May 10 and 13 will be the State FFA Convention at WSU, and the Annual Parent/Member Banquet on May 15.



TRANSPORTATION NEWS



Lost and Found

The Transportation Department has a lot of items that have been left on the buses throughout the school year. If your child is missing clothing, lunch boxes etc. you are welcome to come to the Transportation office and look. We are located just west of the Medical Lake Middle School. All items left at the end of the school year will be taken to Care and Share.

Keeping Kids Safe

Motorist operating around school buses:

Washington State Law requires the motoring public to adhere to strict rules when operating a vehicle around a bus that is loading or unloading students. The penalty for not following the school bus stop law is currently \$357.00. This fine cannot be reduced. The vast majority of bus related injuries or deaths of children happen outside the bus.

What the law says and means.

All school buses are equipped with a warning light and stop paddle system to alert and direct motorist when the bus is loading or unloading students. These lights are located above the windows at the front and rear of the bus. When you see a bus with yellow lights flashing this means that the bus is approaching a stop to load or unload students. When the bus stops the driver will activate the red lights. If the road you are traveling on is a two-lane road ie. one lane in each direction, you must stop behind the furthest rear point of the bus. (This rule also applies to left turn lanes). You may not pass on either the left or right side of the bus, or make a left or right turn that would take you alongside any part of the bus whether you can see students or not. At the front of the bus you must stop back far enough so that the students may cross safely and not have to zigzag around your car.

HIRING GREAT ATTITUDES

Nutrition Services Department is looking for **great attitudes** to work with the cooks serving meals to our students. It just takes a couple hours out of your day and you can still get your children off to school and be there when they arrive home in the afternoon. It is a fun and rewarding job and you also get paid! Why not give us a try? Please call: Charlotte Cook, Supervisor of Nutrition Services at 565-3427.



“Best of the West Plains”

Ryan Grant, Patti Headlee and Jim Cattin were honored at a third annual dinner hosted by the West Plains Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for your dedication to our students.



Medals for the Ski Team

Our Medical Lake Special Olympics CC-Ski Team went to state competition in Leavenworth, WA on March 3, 4, & 5. Our team members did well. They were Evie Fuller, Josh Kaplan, Alison Kepka, Nicholas Stamper, with his brother Reese, as a partner athlete. We were so proud of them because not only did they receive several medals but they were great sportsmen.

NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION

Michael Anderson, Hallett Elementary, and MLES will have registration for new students on August 21-22 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Your child's shot record and birth certificate are required.

Michael Anderson Kindergartners

Celebrate Waffle Wednesday

The Kindergarten classes at Michael Anderson have been working hard on learning letters, sounds, sight words, and counting to 100 by 1's, 5's, and 10's. To celebrate all that they've done, and to practice working with the letter W, the Kindergarten classes recently had a Waffle Wednesday Celebration. Parent volunteers came in to help and it was a very fun day!

Michael Anderson Elementary is also pleased to welcome Amanda Larson to our Kindergarten team. Mrs. Larson is a highly experienced teacher with wonderful ideas, and we're happy that she's here to work with our students



Thank you Russ Brown

Mr. Russ Brown was recently honored for his many years of service by NEWASA. Besides his 35 years with our district he has been an active member of Citizens for Medical Lake School for 25 years, active in WIAA for 32 years. He has been active with the Lilac Festival Association for 22 years and is currently serving as President. Thank you for your continued support and dedication to the community and Medical Lake School District. He is pictured here with NEWASA President Dr. Thomas Rockefeller and Superintendent Pam Veltri.



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