

Medical Lake School District 326

August 2008 Newsletter

Board of Directors

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Important Dates:

August 25, High School New Student Registration 9:00 a.m.-
27, 28 12:00 p.m. and 1:00—3:00 p.m.
August 27 Elementary School Open Houses 1:00—3:00 p.m.
August 28 7th Grade Sneak Peek 12:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. Middle School Parent Meeting
August 28 9th Grade Sneak Peek 9:00a.m—12:00 p.m.
September 1 Labor Day—No School
September 2 Welcome Back—First Day of School
October 1 H.S. Progress Reports Mid Term 1



From the Superintendent:

The new school year is about to begin and we have exciting things going on in each of our buildings and the district. We have been busy all summer preparing for our children. We want the 2008-09 school year to be the best ever!! We have some new teachers that will be joining us this year and we will have new science textbooks and materials for our students.

In the teaching and learning arena, the principals, administrators and teachers have been involved in programs that investigate the research on highly effective teaching practices in mathematics so that we can help ALL students reach the high standards needed for competing in today's world. Our teachers are dedicated to meeting the needs of all students and this is just one more way that they are demonstrating this dedication to children.

We are able to purchase new textbooks, supplies and materials as well as offer field trips, advanced placement classes and continue to update our facilities thanks to the generosity of our citizens. Each of you continue to support the Maintenance and Operations Levy every three years and we appreciate your assistance.

The District is continually working at keeping our facilities in the condition that makes for a safe, orderly, nurturing environment for our students. This summer, one set of bathrooms at Medical Lake Middle School was remodeled. Students will come back to new tile, fixtures and partitions that match the school colors, grey and maroon. For the past six years, we have continued to modernize Medical Lake Middle School, which was constructed in the early seventies. We have replaced all of the carpet, painted walls and lockers, refaced all cabinets, and replaced the roof and the heating and ventilation systems. The school continues to need more classroom space so that students can move out of portable classrooms that have long outlived their intended use. The gymnasium is not full size and we continue to struggle with enough room for physical education classes. Our oldest building is Medical Lake Elementary School. It was built in the late nineteen fifties, and added to in the early nineteen sixties. This building is a challenge for teachers and students. The wiring is not adequate for today's technological needs in a school. This fall, the Board and I will convene a Facilities Committee to look at the current state of all of our buildings and help the Board develop a long range plan of action so that we continue to have facilities that support our students in their learning. If you are interested in serving on this committee please let us know by calling the Medical Lake School District Office at 565-3100.

The staff of the Medical Lake School District thanks you for the opportunity to serve the youth of our community. We appreciate the support our community continues to extend to our schools.

Dr. Pam Veltri, Superintendent

<u>SCHOOL START / DISMISSAL TIMES</u>		<u>Phone Number</u>	<u>Fax Number</u>
ML High School	8:10—2:30	565-3200	565-3201
ML Middle School	8:10—2:31	565-3300	565-3301
ML Elementary	8:25—2:45	565-3500	565-3501
Hallett Elementary	8:35—2:55	565-3400	565-3401
Anderson Elementary	8:55—3:15	565-3600	565-3601
Alternative High School	8:10 –2:30	565-3136	565-3133
Bus Garage		565-3110	565-3114
Educational Support Services		565-3408	565-3446
District Office		565-3100	565-3102
Food Services		565-3427	

***THE FOLLOWING IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS MUST BE MET
BEFORE YOUR CHILD WILL BE ASSIGNED A CLASSROOM:***



KINDERGARTEN

- 4 DTap** if the last dose given on or after the age of four
 - 3 IPV (Polio)** if the last dose given on or after the age of four **or** four or more doses have been given
 - 2 MMR*** received on or after the 1st birthday (at least 28 days apart)
 - 3 Hep B** (given at the recommended intervals)
 - 2 Varicella*** received on or after the 1st birthday (at least 28 days apart) **or** a signed note from your health care provider verifying the date your child had chickenpox
- *If your child needs both an MMR and Varicella vaccination, they must be given on the same day or 28 days apart.

FIFTH GRADE

- 1 TDAP** vaccination (Tetanus, Diphtheria and Pertussis Booster) - If it has been five years or more since their last tetanus containing vaccine **and** they are 11 years of age
- 1 Varicella** vaccination given on or after the 1st birthday **or** approximate age or date of the chickenpox disease

Please call our school nurse or the school office staff if you have questions, or talk to your health care provider. For more information about immunizations required for other grade levels, go online to <http://www.spokaneschools.org/StudentSupport/HealthServices/Resources.stm>



7TH GRADE SNEAK PEEK

Thursday, August 28, (12:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.)

Middle School Parent Meeting 6:00 p.m.

9TH GRADE SNEAK PEEK

Thursday, August 28, (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

FAMILY ACCESS UPDATE

by Debra Dupey

Family Access has the ability to send e-mail notifications for low lunch account balances and attendance. If you would like to be notified by e-mail when your child's lunch account falls below \$4.00, or when your child has been marked absent or tardy, you can subscribe to one or both of these notifications. To subscribe, log into **your Family Access Account**.

1. Click on the Account Info and enter or verify your e-mail address.
2. Click on the e-mail notifications link, click "Change My Notifications" and select which notifications you would like to receive.

A process will run each evening at 5:00 p.m. that will generate a return e-mail. If you do not have the option to select the Food Service notification please contact me at familyaccess@mlsd.org Grading notifications are coming for the 2008/09 school year. These notifications will be sent on a weekly basis and will be triggered by missing assignments, low assignment grades or falling term grades. If you are not already signed up for Family Access, please log onto the school district's web site at www.mlsd.org and click on the Family Access link.



K-9 ASSEMBLY

Sergeant Overhoff of the Spokane Police

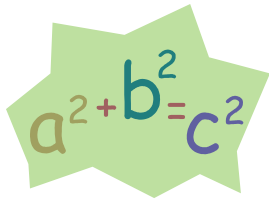
Department K-9 unit visited Medical Lake Elementary and shared information on "Duke" the K-9 dog. We honored one of our local students, Lauren Alderman for her part in helping to provide a vest for Duke. It's exciting to see our students taking on projects and following through with them. We say "thank you" for all your efforts and we are pretty sure that Duke thanks you too.



BAND AND CHOIR NEWS



The District has hired Ms Gail Phillips as our new band teacher for the High School and Middle School. She taught Elementary band several years ago at Michael Anderson and Medical Lake Elementary. She is a Spokane native but has been teaching for the last ten years in Puyallup. We are very happy to have her back. We have also hired Mr. Nathan Geyer as our new choral director for the high school.



MATH IS COOL

by Melanie Kilgore

Teams from Michael Anderson Elementary and Hallett Elementary competed at the fourth grade Math is Cool competition. The students competed against kids from all over this area. The Math is Cool Competition emphasizes higher level thinking, probability, fractions, geometry, problem solving, and computation. There are six different parts to the competition including mental math, team tests, a knowledge bowl, and individual tests. The 4th grade team from Michael Anderson Elementary earned 4th place, and the 4th grade team from Hallett earned 2nd place. Individual awards were earned by Madisyn Williams (eighth place), Frederick Lacey, (fifth place), Jeremy Ryan (second place) and Kayla Pruitt (seventh place). The teams competed at the state championship in May.

MAES team members were Trenton Applegate, Jennifer Baier, Kami Birkland, Jordan Calero, Frederick Lacey, Danielle McMillan, Daniel Miller, Ben Micklich, Ethan O'Keefe, and Madisyn Williams.

Hallett team members were Dalton Conely, Alex Garza, Whisper Brown, Jeremy Ryan, Dara Abounorijad, Ryan Doffek, Kayla Pruitt, Madisen Kellop, Shawna Curtis, Jessica Laird, Isiah Farnen, Cory Wagner, Taylor Ruggles, Stephanie Basilan, Haley Brown, Emma Davis, Tyler Castro and Bradyn Wegner.

DISTRICT WIDE EMERGENCY DRILL

by David Dobbins

To help insure your child's safety while at school, we practiced a variety of emergency drills during the year. On Wednesday, May 14, Medical Lake Schools held a district-wide emergency drill in the afternoon. The drill included a brief lockdown of all the schools, and off-site evacuations of Michael Anderson Elementary School on Fairchild AFB and Medical Lake High School. A lockdown means all school doors are locked, and students are restricted to their classrooms in ultra quiet mode.



SPECIAL BOOKSHELF FOR THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

from Mary Kay Rolwes

Medical Lake Middle School was recently selected to receive the 2008 *We the People* bookshelf from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association. The bookshelf consists of twenty-one classic books for grades K-12 with the theme of "Created Equal." Mrs. Rolwes will promote the "Created Equal" theme during the 2008-09 school year by encouraging readers to select the books and by providing special programs on equality throughout the year.

The bookshelf also includes a "History in a Box" kit on Abraham Lincoln in recognition of the 200th anniversary of his birth which will be celebrated in 2009. The collection includes photographs, music and letters from the time of the Civil War. The books and Lincoln collection can be viewed at the Middle School library.

HIGH SCHOOL TRANSITION PROGRAM

by Lois Feken



Becca Wyrick, a 2008 graduate of Medical Lake High School shows her first paycheck from working at the deli at Denny's Grocery Store. She is part of a successful School-To-Work Program which includes other Medical Lake graduates: Alison Kepka who is employed by Wee Lambs, Beth Denman working in housekeeping, Josh Kaplan is a custodian at FAFB and Chris Dean who is working at Walmart. What a good opportunity for everyone involved.

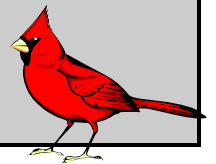
SENIOR ALOHA FUND-RAISER AUCTION

The Pizza Factory in Medical Lake had a fundraiser for the senior class graduation all night party. Below is a watercolor painting that was donated by Cathy Gottschalk for the Silent Auction. Thank you for supporting our graduating seniors and for helping make graduation night fun and safe for our graduating seniors.



HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION

August 25	Fall Sports Parent Meeting 6:00—8:00 p.m.
August 25	First day volleyball, cross country, and women's soccer
August 25, 27, & 28	New Student Registration 9:00 a.m.-12:00p.m. and 1:00-3:00 p.m.
August 28	9th Grade Sneak Peek 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
September 5	School Pictures
September 9	Deadline to Register for SAT Test
September 15	Driver Education Parent Meeting
September 16—November 11	Fall Session Driver's Education
Oct 1	Senior Picture for Annual due
October 17	Picture Retakes



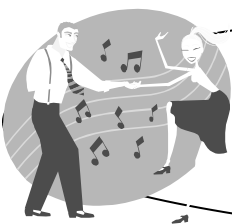
THE BLOODY FOG

by Keturah Rachel Guidry

On top of a mountain gazing out onto a sea of fog
Attempting to walk out into the scarlet colored fog
Seeing mountains in the distance
Feeling like I could reach out and touch them
The Earth looked like it was bleeding out
In the distance the blazing light of the sun fading in
the land
The wind was blowing in my face
It was magical
I don't know what came over me
but I was overwhelmed by
the beauty and the wonders of the land
I was stuck for eternity in this land of beauty
And yet it was a land of terror
I look down and I see nothing
It was like a never ending pit



Keturah Guidry



MANY THANKS

The Middle School would like to say "thanks" to Glenn Dow for sponsoring the 8th grade dinner dance this year.

FEED THE WORLD

Mrs. Johns' eighth grade language arts classes spent time unwinding from the WASL by feeding the world! By going to www.freerice.com and selecting the correct definition for vocabulary words, they donated 20 grains of rice, per word, through the United Nations World Food Program toward world hunger. Give it a try and see how many bowls you can fill. It's addicting!



CHILD FIND SCREENING

Medical Lake School District provides preschool screenings for those who live in this district. The screenings are offered at no cost to all children, birth through five years of age in order to prepare for their future educational needs. 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.

If you would like more information about the screening, please contact Mardee King in the Educational Support Services office at 565-3408.

FFA NEWS

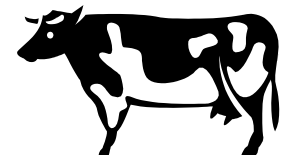
Medical Lake FFA members were extremely busy competing this spring in Career Development Events. Subjects range from meats and livestock judging to food science and public speaking. Meats and livestock judging team members; Brett Moriarty, Ben Brown, Kayla Tisdall, Anna Snyder, Ashley Holznagel, Jordan Lynch, Zac Seals, and Sammi Williams traveled to Davenport, Spokane, Moses Lake, Puyallup, and Asotin for competitions.

In addition, students attended a windbreak fieldtrip west of Reardan. They were involved in replanting rocky mountain junipers as well as receiving instruction on the proper method of installing a windbreak along Hwy 2.



The livestock team posted 1st place at all events. Top ten individual honors were earned by Anna Snyder, Brett Moriarty, Ben Brown, and Kayla Tisdall.

The Horticulture class managed 1,000 geraniums and 100 "supertunia" hanging baskets since late fall and early spring.



School Breakfast and Lunch Information

Medical Lake School District Nutrition Services takes pride in providing breakfast and lunches that are both nutritious and appealing to students. We will again be serving 1% white milk and nonfat chocolate milk. The dressings and dips are made with a reduced calorie mayonnaise to lower the calories and fat. Our nutritional goal is to balance the weekly menu in terms of fat content and nutrient levels.

Any amount of money may be deposited to your child's account. Advance payment is very helpful. You may write one check per family; please identify each child's name on the check. If you are sending cash, please put it in a sealed envelope with your child's name on it. You can receive an e-mail when your child has \$4.00 left in their account. You can sign up on Family Access on our website at www.mlzd.org.

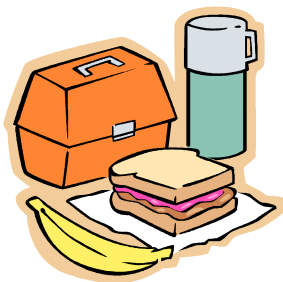
Lunch deposits at the Elementary level are given to the teachers. Middle School deposits are given to the school office. High School deposits are due in the school kitchen by 11:00 a.m.

Free and Reduced Applications

Applications for free or reduced meals are sent home with all students at the beginning of the school year. If your household earns a modest income, you may qualify for this program. A new application is required each year. Students who were eligible for free or reduced meals last year can continue their eligibility only until the end of **September**. If you have not received a letter within 10 days of your application for benefits, or have any questions, please call 509-565-3427. Additional application forms will also be available at each school.

Elementary School Meal Prices

Breakfast	\$1.10	Reduced - Free	
Lunch	\$1.95	Reduced .40 (4th -6th Grade)	(Kind.-3rd Grade)-Free



Middle and High School Meal Prices

Breakfast	\$1.35	Reduced - Free
Lunch	\$2.25	Reduced - .40
Extra milk	.60	

Adult Prices

Adult Breakfast	\$1.60	Adult Lunch	\$3.25
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First Week of School Menu

September 2

Pizza

September 3

Chicken Nuggets

September 4

Beef Dippers & Rice

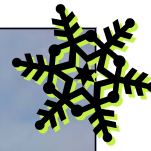
September 5

Hamburgers

NEED A LITTLE EXTRA SPENDING MONEY?

The Nutrition Services department is looking for substitute employees. You would only work a couple hours a day while your children are at school. No previous experience is necessary. You would need a great team spirit and a love of children. Please call 565-3427 for more information.

Charlotte Cook , Nutrition Services Supervisor



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WAY TO GO, HAILEY,

Hailey Cheevers, 6th grader at Michael Anderson Elementary, was nominated and selected to the Washington AAA, 2008 School Safety Patrol Hall of Fame. Her adviser, Barbara Ewing, nominated Hailey for this award because of her responsible, dedicated attitude to our Safety Patrol. Hailey is a hard worker, a great leader and an integral part of our patrol. Hailey and her family were honored at a Mariners game with a before game presentation, luxury suite seats, dinner, certificates and a \$50 gift check from AAA. We are very proud of our Safety Patrol at Michael Anderson and are honored that she represented us for the state.



DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS NEWS

by Janeen Van Slyke

The annual Dollars for Scholars Garage Sale was held at Denny’s Food parking lot with proceeds going to fund scholarships for graduating seniors. It was the last fund raiser of the year. At the High School Awards Ceremony on June 2, seventy five scholarships were awarded to fifty-four students for the amount of \$38,500. Congratulations to all the students that received scholarships. Many thanks to the community and parents for all the support in the last school year.



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NEWASA HONORS HOWARD JORGENSEN AND GARY ERICKSON

by Pam Veltri

The Baseball/Softball Boosters exemplify community support. This group of dedicated individuals has supported the Medical Lake School District in many endeavors. Two leaders in this group - Howard Jorgenson and Gary Erickson, were recently honored at a luncheon by the Northeast Washington Association of School Administrators for their Community Leadership. Howard and Gary were both instrumental in the start-up of the Baseball/Softball Booster Club.

Howard dedicates enormous amounts of time and financial resources to the youth in our community. He ensures that funds are donated for students with hardships. He ensures that students receive numerous scholarships through the Dollars for Scholars Program. He volunteers to serve on the Senior Boards for evaluation of students' senior projects. Howard has been instrumental in raising thousands of dollars for the youth of our community. He works diligently to raise funds through silent auctions, concessions during Founder's Day, advertising and any other idea that comes to the group.



Gary Erickson donated his time and personal equipment to build a press box, score tables, storage and shelving, batting cages and practice mounds. Gary has spent many hours helping maintain the fields, and has also worked as a volunteer coach. He is always available when called upon and continually volunteers to take on any task that will help the youth in our community.