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Dear Meredith Hill Families,

As the year of 2001 comes to a close. I celebrate the great school year we've had so far. Our children and staff are reading outside of school more than ever evidenced by the Read and Lead minutes that continue to multiply each month! Keep reading!

We are beginning the second trimester and looking forward to continued growth of each and every child! One of the most important things you can do to support your child's learning is to read with your child everyday. This Winter break, have lots of books on hand for your child to read with you and other family members. You can also have paper, crayons, and pencils available for the writing of stories or for retelling (through words and/or pictures) the beginning, middle, and end of the stories. A nice holiday gift for children is to arrange for each child to have his or her own library card. Trips to the local library can be fun and exciting daytime outings for the family. Also, engage children in holiday activities such as cooking, reading recipe directions – even preparing half the recipe, or doubling it for a bigger challenge! Get the kids involved in reading directions for putting together toys and gifts that the family receives for the holidays. Reading and

interpreting road maps and road signs as you travel to and from family events are important reading skills that you can help your child develop.

The Meredith Hill staff wishes all of you a joyful Winter break. Our first day back is Thursday, January 3! We look forward to the new year, 2001!

Sincerely,

Cindy Kelsey, Principal

## Mark Your Calendar

### JANUARY

- 3 – First day back from Winter Break
- 10 – Cookie Day
- 10 – P.T.A. Board Mtg., 6:30 p.m.
- 18 – S.L.T. Mtg., 7:30 a.m.
- 21 – NO SCHOOL – M.L. King Day
- 23 – Band/Orchestra/Steel Drums/Honor  
Choir Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 – Cookie Day

25 – Burgi/Rea-Smith Field Trip to Wolf

Haven

30 – P.T.A. General Mtg., 7:00 p.m.

## Many Thanks

Our warmest thanks to the many volunteers who put in 568 hours in November to help the students and teachers at Meredith Hill. Your presence here makes Meredith Hill even a better place to be.

### Working together to ensure Student safety

The safety of Meredith Hill students is a top priority. To ensure that every student gets to school and arrives home safely, we want to communicate to you the policy and procedures used by Meredith Hill staff. Students can be removed from school during school hours only by a child's parent or guardian having legal custody of the child or those persons listed on the child's emergency card. In the event you want your child to be released to someone other than you, the parent or guardian, a written note from you authorizing the release for each instance must be on file in the Meredith Hill office. If there is some doubt about the authenticity of the written note, the Meredith Hill staff will confirm the requested release with the parent or guardian.

Students must be encouraged to follow the established plans for coming to school and for going home from school. Last minute changes in plans compromise the safety of students and can not be honored. Please understand that we can not waiver from these procedures unless we have written permission

from the parent or guardian. Teachers have discussed this with students, and we would appreciate you reviewing with your children the importance of following the established plans for their safe passage to and from school.

Finally, all adults inside the school building are expected to wear identification distributed by the Meredith Hill office. When at school, please step inside the Meredith Hill office to get an identification badge or sticker – it only takes a second, and it does so much to ensure children's safety.

Thank you for your support of these safety procedures.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

Federal Way's Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration will be held from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., January 21, 2002 at Decatur High School. The event will celebrate the city's diverse ethnic and cultural community with music, singing, art, and inspirational speaking. Winners of the Martin Luther King, Jr. essay contest will read their entries during the event. The Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration is held every January to honor Dr. King's memory and leadership, and to acknowledge his contributions to humanity. For more information, call Jason Suzaka at (253)661-4162.

## Traffic Safety

Rick LaBoyne, Head of Safety in the Federal Way School District reminds us that it is illegal to park within 20 feet of a cross walk and you could be ticketed by the police department.

