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Dear Meredith Hill Families,

It is hard to believe that we are in the final months of this school year and that we are beginning to plan for the 2002-2003 school year. Let me take this opportunity to express my appreciation to this year's PTA and the many volunteers who contribute to providing our students with quality educational experiences they deserve. The leadership of Cindy Heffernan, Lori Santamaria, Colleen Lorenzen, Kathy Brown, Deborah Forsyth, and Pam Fogelberg has been outstanding. Excellent newsletters, superb student programs, appreciated financial support, and hours upon hours of volunteered time have enhanced our school year. The efforts of the PTA contributed to the success of Meredith Hill students this year. All of you who have paid membership dues, volunteered, chaired and/or served on a committee, or served as an officer, make significant differences. We appreciate all of you. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,

Cindy Kelsey, Principal

Class Placement for 2002-2003

Teachers will soon begin creating class lists for next year. As in the past, parents are encouraged

to offer thoughts about your child that will help in this placement. We ask that you share your thoughts but please do not request a specific teacher. We will not be able to accommodate those requests and the form will be returned to you. The Sharing Information forms are available in the Meredith Hill Office. Please return them by May 6.

Mark Your Calendar

APRIL

- 26 – SLT Meeting, 7:30 a.m.
- 26 – PTA Red, White and Blue Dance
6:30-8:00 p.m., Pizza Dinner 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- 27 – Qualifying Track Meet, Division I, 9 & Up
2:00 p.m.
- 27 – Free Immunization Clinic, 9:00-3:00 p.m.
Department of Public Health

MAY

- 1 – 6th Grade Celebration Parent Mtg.
- 2 – Cookie Day
- 2 – 1st/2nd Gr. Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 – Elementary Track & Field Championship Meet
9 & Up, 10:00 a.m.
- 6-10 – Teacher Appreciation Week
- 7 – Elementary Classic Track Meet, 9 & Up
Division I & II, 5:30 p.m.
- 9 – 5th/6th Grade Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 – Champions Parents' Night Out
6:30-10:30 p.m.
- 13 – Kilo 6th Grade Orientation, 7:00 p.m. at Kilo
- 15 – Kindergarten Round-Up, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

- 16 – PTA General Mtg., 7:00 p.m.
- 16 – PTA Assembly – Bochinche
4-6, 10:20-11:10 a.m.
K-3, 1:00-1:50 p.m.
- 21 – Band/Orchestra Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 23 – Cookie Day
- 23 – Kindergarten Music Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 – NO SCHOOL, Snow Make-up Day
- 27 – NO SCHOOL, Memorial Day
- 28 – 2nd Gr. Field Trip to Museum of Flight
- 28 – Safety Patrol to Wild Waves
- 30 – Honor Choir/Steel Drum Concert, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 – Steel Drum Tour

High School Graduation Requirements Meetings

The Board of Education of Federal Way Public Schools is scheduling public meetings to gather input on proposed changes to the high school graduation requirements policy.

Please join us at one of the following meetings:
Monday, May 13, Thomas Jefferson High School Library, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, May 15, Federal Way High School Library, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 16, Decatur High School Library, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Parents and community members will have an opportunity to review the changes and offer comments and suggestions for the Board to consider. It is anticipated that the Board will make a decision on the policy in September.

For further information, please contact the Curriculum & Instruction Department, 253-945-2006.

!!Sixth Grade Parents!!

“Sixth Grade Celebration” is right around the corner! This year we are celebrating at The Center at Norpoint, on Wednesday, June 12. We would like to get together with sixth grade parents on Wednesday, May 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the Meredith Hill Library to discuss the various activities and

ideas. If you have any questions, comments, or are not able to attend and would like further information, please contact Kathy Thomas at 253-839-8283. Thanks, hope to see you there!

Kathy Thomas, Meredith Hill PTA
Sixth Grade Celebration Chairman

Thank You Volunteers

We are grateful to our Meredith Hill volunteers for the time they spend helping our students and staff. They gave 477 hours of service in March. Thank you!

Parent Volunteers Needed

The upper parking is becoming very busy! We would like to have parents help direct cars to the loading and unloading zones in the far end of the upper parking lot. If you are interested in helping out before and/or after school, please let the office know by May 1 and we will then be able to “be in force” by the 6th of May.

Great Body Shop

May brings information on keeping healthy.

These are the grade level themes:

- Kindergarten: “Keeping Clean & Healthy”
- First: “How I Breathe”
- Second: “You & Your Skin”
- Third: “When Bodies Have Problems”
- Fourth: “Your Hearing Machine”
- Fifth: “All the Right Stuff”
- Sixth: “A Healthy Environment”

Students will learn about the different parts of the body and what they do. Students will learn about skin and how it protects the body. They will learn the parts of the ear and how to prevent injury and infections. They will learn about breathing and the effects of pollution. They will discuss their environment and how they can help keep it clean.

We hope the newsletters are still coming home so that you can also spend time with your child discussing the information they have learned.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten Registration for the 2002-2003 school year will be May 6-17. To register a kindergartner, you will need a certified copy of your child's birth certificate to verify the age requirement (children must be 5 on or before August 31, 2002), and a record of immunizations, and proof of residency. Non-resident students wanting to attend Meredith Hill on Choice enrollment still need to register at their home school.