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Parents Invited to Preview Aids Prevention Curriculum

Parents of students in grades 5-12 are invited to preview the district's Aids Prevention Curriculum on Thursday, Sept. 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Board Room, located at 31405 18th Ave. South in Federal Way. Curriculum used at each grade level will be presented at this meeting, and again on the evening of Thursday, January 20.

The district has adopted "The Great Body Shop" and "KNOW" for this area of study. These curricula focus on the transmission and prevention of the disease, and they both emphasize abstinence.

This presentation is intended for parents only. For further information, please call Vicki Osten at (253) 945-2126.

Student Drop-off and Pick-up

At Meredith Hill, the student drop-off and pick-up locations vary depending on the age of the child. The safety of the children is most important to all of us. Please drive slowly and defensively anytime you are on the school campus. Here are the guidelines for those days you transport your children.

Kindergarten and Preschool Students

The circle in the front of the school has been designated for the preschool and kindergarten

student drop-off and pick-up. Please park your car in the front lot and walk your child to and from their classroom. The circle drive is marked as a loading zone for busses. The busses have difficulty maneuvering through the circle when cars are parked in the loading zone.

First Through Fifth Grade Students

Children in grades one through five will be dropped off and picked up in the upper lot behind the school. Please park your car in the parking spaces and wait for your child or meet them on the sidewalk. Or if you park on the street, meet your child on the sidewalk in front of the school, rather than in the foyer. At times the waiting line can be long, so it is a good idea to give yourself extra time if you know that you will be transporting your children in your own car.

SEPTEMBER

- 14 – PTA Board Meeting 6:30
- 15– First Day Preschool
- 16– Cookie Day
- 28– PTA General Meeting 6:30
- 30– Cookie Day
HIV/STD Parent Preview
ESC 6:30

OCTOBER

- 7– NO SCHOOL
Waiver Day
- 8– NO SCHOOL
State Inservice

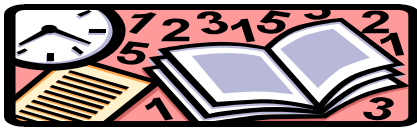
Voter registration forms are available
in the school office.

Safe Schools Tip-Line (253) 945 – SAFE

The Federal Way Public Schools Security Department announces a new tip line to report weapons or any unsafe activities at your school. You don't have to give your name, just the information when you call. The tip line answers 24 hours a day.

Non-Student Day on October 7

Throughout the year, several days have been designated as non-student days, Waiver Days, so that our Meredith Hill teachers can continue working. These planning and work days for the teachers are extremely valuable in helping staff be able to work toward making sure that all students are successful learners and to be able to support our families.



Welcome New Staff

We are very pleased to welcome new Meredith Hill staff:

Miss Jennifer Brown, Preschool
Ms. Rachel Richardson, Kindergarten and
LAP
Mrs. Ellen Bear, Lunchroom, Recess and
Resource Room
Ms. Monica Johnson, Preschool Paraeducator
Mrs. Katy Mills, Paraeducator in all-day
Kindergarten
Ms. Mary Moser, Americorps Volunteer

Mrs. Dawn Lee, Music
Mrs. Lynda Marvel, Health Room.

Health and Safety Reminders

All visitors and volunteers must sign in at the main office. For the safety of all children at Meredith Hill, *always* stop at the school office prior to entering any classroom.

Washington state law requires that any person volunteering within a public school district must have completed a Washington State Patrol Background Check. This form is available in the school office. It takes very little time to complete, and is valid for two years. We appreciate your cooperation on behalf of the safety of all our children.

We are unable to give medication to a student without written permission from a doctor or dentist. This applies not only to prescription medicines, but also to ALL over-the-counter medications such as cough drops, aspirin, decongestants, vitamins, etc. All medication must be brought to school by a parent or a designated adult. Medication must be in its original container. Medication brought by a student will not be dispensed. Necessary forms are available in the school office.

Low cost student accident insurance is available to parents through "Student Insurance." Participation is voluntary. If you have no other medical insurance, this program offers critical coverage with benefits up to the policy limits. We encourage you to consider this program.

Safety is key for walkers and bicyclist. The following are reminders as you review safety rules with your child. Plan the route to school with your child, utilizing sidewalks and marked bicycle lanes. Pay attention to the location of crosswalks. A walking partner and

a review of “no talking to strangers” ensures more confidence that your child will make the right choices for a safe trip to and from home and school.

Substitutes Wanted

The District is looking for substitute teachers, classroom assistants, bus drivers, Central Kitchen workers, and interpreters. Please contact Human Resources at 253-945-2026.



Write Your Child's Name on Everything

As you send your child to school with personal supplies, lunch boxes, sweaters and coats, remember this golden rule: Write his/her name on everything! We don't want your favorite jacket, thermos or Tupperware container to end up in the lost and found or the local clothing bank. Items with children's names are easily returned. Please help out by identifying all of your child's belongings with ink or permanent marker.

Latino Night School at Thomas Jefferson High School

Escuela Nocturna para Latinos En la Escuela Secundaria Thomas Jefferson

La Escuela Nocturna para Latinos se creó para apoyar a los estudiantes latinos de Federal Way y a sus padres. Las Escuelas Públicas de Federal Way, el Instituto Comunitario Highline y el Centro Multiservicio se han unido para ofrecer a los estudiantes latinos y a sus familias una forma práctica de conectarse con las escuelas y los recursos comunitarios.

El objetivo de la Escuela Nocturna para Latinos es proporcionar a nuestros estudiantes latinos las oportunidades y recursos necesarios para alcanzar un mayor nivel educativo, como un diploma de educación secundaria o un Diploma de Educación General (conocido en inglés por la sigla GED) del estado. El programa también facilita la matrícula en programas de estudios superiores universitarios o en escuelas de comercio.

Los familiares de nuestros estudiantes también son bienvenidos en la Escuela Nocturna para Latinos, donde podrán obtener valiosa información sobre nuestras escuelas, la comunidad, y aprender habilidades para guiar a sus hijos.

La Escuela Nocturna para Latinos ofrecerá clases durante todo el año escolar en la Escuela Secundaria Thomas Jefferson, 4248 South 288th Street, Auburn, Washington 98001. Las clases son gratuitas. El cuidado e instrucción de menores también son gratuitos.

Fechas:

11 de octubre de 2004 al 26 de mayo de 2005
Martes y jueves en la tarde de 7 a 9 p.m.

¿Cómo puedo inscribirme?

Acuda el primer día de clases a la Escuela Secundaria Thomas Jefferson el 28 de septiembre de 2004 a las 6:30 p.m. Habrá un representante hispanohablante para responder

a sus preguntas. Si no puede asistir la primera noche, llame a la línea de correo de voz en español del distrito al 253-945-2473. Por favor indique que llama para informarse sobre la Escuela Nocturna para Latinos. Los mensajes de esta línea se revisan varias veces al día y haremos todo lo posible por comunicarnos con usted el mismo día que llame.