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Wrapping Up a Successful School Year

The end of the school year will be here before we know it. Students' sights are focused on June 13, our last day of school for grades K-5 and the beginning of summer vacation. Behind the scenes, teachers and other staff are already working busily on plans to open the next school year on September 2. Following is information that will update you on plans for the end of this year and the start of the next!

Last day of School: Friday, June 13 is the last day of school for students in grades 1-5 as well as our all-day kindergarten. Meredith Hill students will be dismissed at 11:45 am, and no lunches will be served that day. We will hold an awards assembly June 13 at 9:45, which you are welcome to attend. Preschool classes will end June 11 and our half-day kindergarten classes will end on Thursday, June 12. Reminders for parents prior to the last day include: (1) Make sure students have returned all library and school books, as they will not receive their report card until these are turned in or fines are paid. (2) Check the Lost and Found in the hallway by the gym for any missing clothing items. We send left-behind items to the clothing bank soon after the last day of school. (3) If your child has any medications at school, make sure they are picked up by the last day. We must discard all medications at the end of the year.

Your plans for next year: Thank you to each family who returned information for next year. This helps us make accurate plans for next year's classrooms. If you did not return this form and find that you will be moving from our service area, please give us a call at 253-945-3200 as soon as possible. It is also fine to leave a message at this number over the summer, but we won't receive it until office staff returns in August.

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Next year's school hours: Meredith Hill will again be on the "late start" schedule next year. The school day begins at 9:20 am and ends at 3:50 pm. Half-day kindergarten classes and preschool classes run from 9:20 to 12:05 for the morning session and from 1:05 to 3:50 for the afternoon session.

Next year's class assignments: Class lists will be posted on August 29 at 4:00 pm on the office window.

Farewells: We want to express our congratulations and farewell to our 5th grade classes as they move on to middle school, and especially to those families who have no younger students remaining at Meredith Hill. Please

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remember to come back to visit so that we can keep up with your successes! To the parents and families of 5th grade students, thank you for the dedication and volunteerism you have shared with all students over the years! Even if you don't have a child at Meredith Hill anymore, you are welcome to come back and volunteer and support our school anytime! Best wishes go to the students and families who will be moving to a new school next year. We will miss you!

Summer office hours: Our office will be open through June 25, and will open again by the week of August 18.

Thank you, parents, for working closely alongside us this year. A strong partnership between home and school is a key to students' high achievement and learning success. Be safe and have an enjoyable summer!

Sincerely,
Cindy Kelsey, Principal

From the Nurse: Field Day Reminders

Field Day is Wednesday June 11. Please prepare your child ahead of time for a safe and fun day, taking the following into consideration:

- See that your child wears appropriate shoes for playing outdoors during field day activities.
- If your child has an inhaler at school, please remind him/her to come to the health room to use it before participating in field activities, especially if asthma is a concern.

If the day is expected to be especially warm and sunny:

- Apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school.
- Have your child bring a hat to wear outside.
- Send a water bottle to school and encourage your child to drink plenty of water.

Thanks for helping us keep all students happy, healthy, and safe!

Pre-School Positions Available

Meredith Hill has a few remaining positions available in both the AM and PM Pre-School programs for the 2008-2009 school year.

Registration requires completion of an enrollment contract, a \$25 registration fee, and \$190 prepayment for June 2009 tuition.

Math Game Night

On June 5th from 6:30-7:30, families with students in grades K-3 are invited to bring their child(ren) and learn to play some of the math games your children play in school. These games are focused on learning basic addition facts and being able to recall them rapidly. This is a foundational piece to any math instruction and will help your child be successful in math throughout their grade school experience. My goal is to make learning these facts fun...while they practice, practice, practice. I will give some brief instructions then you will have time to play these games with your child. You will also go home with a complete kit of games that you can play right away. Suggestions will be given on how to keep practice/games interesting and engaging. Look for a flyer on Tuesday June 3rd! Come join us for a night of family fun and learning!

Rebecca McKeown
Math Achievement Facilitator

Summer Library Hours

Our own school library will be open on Wednesdays this summer, available to all of our students.

Hours will be from 9:00-12:00. The first day of service will be June 25, and the last day of service will be July 30.

Please join us for a summer of reading fun!

School Supplies Needed

Every school year, we have families who are in need of help with school supplies. Mrs. EagleCruz is seeking donations of school supplies to help meet this need. She needs help with these specific supplies: backpacks that are more “girl” colors, scissors, dry erase markers, water color paints, solar powered calculators, pencils, colored pencils and color markers. Any donation from the school supply list is appreciated.

If your family needs assistance with school supplies, contact Mrs. EagleCruz the last week of August. Thank you!

June Calendar

- 2-5– PTA Art Walk
- 4– Steel Drum Tour
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- Math Game Night
3:30-5:30
- Pre-School Father’s
Night/Gym 6:30-7:30
- Ice Cream Day
(Instead of Cookies)
- 6– King County Library
Assembly 10:00-10:50
- 10– Pre-School Concert
7:00-8:00
- 11– Field Day
AM: Grades Pre/K/1/2
PM: Grades Pre/3/4/5
- Last Day Pre-School
- 12– Last Day 1/2 Day
Kindergarten
- 5th Gr. Celebration
- 13– Last Day ADK-5
All-School Assembly
9:45
11:45 Dismissal



Counselor News

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration has developed “A Family Guide to Keeping Youth Mentally Healthy and Drug Free” at family.samhsa.gov. This website will help support adults, parents, family members, caregivers, teachers and other youth mentors in their efforts to help children aged 7 to 18 make good decisions, feel safe and protected, and have successful lives. The ultimate goal is to promote youth mental health and discourage youth drug use.

To join the Family Guide Site’s email update online, visit Family.sam.hsa.gov/mail/listserve.aspx.

From the Health Room: End of School Year

We are making plans to close out the school year. This process includes seeing that medication your child may have (left over) at school will get home safely. Please make arrangements for an adult to pick-up the medication at school. Any medication left at school after the last day of school will be destroyed. Please take into consideration that you will want to keep emergency medications such as inhalers, EpiPens, etc. at school until the last day.

All 5th grade students must have a second MMR vaccination prior to entry into sixth grade. Please check your student’s immunization records. Documentation of the vaccine will be required for your child’s middle school registration session.

The Varicella vaccine will be required for children entering preschool, kindergarten and grade 6. Children can meet this requirement if they have had the vaccine, had the disease, or show evidence of immunity through blood testing. The Varicella vaccine is recommended but not required for children in grades 1-5. All 5th grade students must comply with this requirement prior to entry into sixth grade. Documentation will be required for your child’s middle school registration session..

Thank you for your cooperation in protecting our children.