

11 November 2009 FWPA ENewsletter

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• **November 11**

• **18** - 2 p.m. - ACT Explore, 8th Grade

• **16-20** - Spirit Week

• **20** - Health Screening, 7th Grade

• **20** - 6:30 - 9 p.m., Dance

• **26, 27** - Thanksgiving Holiday

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• *****ACT EXPLORE TEST FOR 8TH GRADERS - NOVEMBER 18***** Eighth graders have the opportunity to take the ACT Explore Test on Wednesday, November 18. This test will give them exposure to a standardized test and a chance to see how they compare to other college-bound students. There is also a career survey, which gives insight to students' interests. There is no cost for this test, and it is only open to 8th graders. The test will begin during 6th period, and will end at 4 p.m. Please contact the office to sign your student up for the test.

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• *****SPIRIT WEEK - NOVEMBER 16 - 20***** Students are encouraged to participate in the fun of Spirit Week. Themes for the week are:

Monday - Mix & Match Day

Tuesday - Hat Day

Wednesday - Nerd Day

Thursday - Neon Rainbow Day

Friday - Tropical Day

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• *****DISMISSAL TIME - NOVEMBER 25***** On Wednesday, November 25 (the day before Thanksgiving) classes will end at 12:30 p.m. We will be serving lunch at 12:30 p.m. for any student who wants to have lunch at school. Students may be picked up after their last class at 12:30 p.m. Students staying for lunch need to be picked up by 1 p.m., as all students need to be off campus by that time.

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• *****HEALTH SCREENING - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, PLEASE!!***** The state mandated health screening for our school will be Friday, November 20. Only 7th graders will be screened for vision and hearing. Scoliosis screening has been canceled by legislators. Screening will start 8:30 a.m., and be completed by approximately 10 a.m. If you are able to help with the screening process, please contact Dawn Dale at 253-945-3272 or ddale@fwps.org.

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• *****COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY***** Each year, Federal Way Public Academy PTSA offers a \$500 Yang-Ja Lee Lindgren Scholarship for furthering education. The scholarship will be awarded to the student whose community service project shows the most student initiative, inspiration, and impact on the community. Community Service Forms and essays are due May 28, 2010. The student's required essay should contain what motivated or inspired the student's project, the amount of time devoted to the project, and the impact their efforts had on them and the community served. All students of Federal Way Public Academy are eligible to compete for this scholarship, however, late forms cannot be considered. Questions? Please contact Kurt Lauer at kulauer@fwps.org or 253-945-3274.

• *****SPEAK UP SURVEY***** Again this year, Federal Way Public Schools has opted to participate in the national Speak Up survey. The information provided to this survey helps identify the perceptions, needs and strengths of technology in Federal Way Public Schools for students, parents, teachers, administrators and the community as a whole. To participate in the survey, please go to the website <http://www.speakup4schools.org/speakup2009/> and use the secret word: **fwps** to gain access.

• *****FREE HEALTH INSURANCE***** Information on free or low-cost health insurance for children is available at 206-296-2944 (South King County) or 206-296-4841 (North & East King County).

(Sponsored by Children's Health Initiative, Washington Apple Health for Kids, and Seattle & King County Public Health.)

*****PUBLIC INVITED TO COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSIONS***** Superintendent Thomas R. Murphy's announcement that he intends to retire at the end of the 2009–2010 school year has triggered a search for a new superintendent to take the helm of Federal Way Public Schools next fall. The Board is creating a transparent, inclusive, and efficient process for hiring a new superintendent. This process begins with listening sessions in November for community members, staff and students. These sessions are designed to give our Board members the opportunity to hear from our stakeholders as the Board moves through this very important process.

Dates and locations for the community to offer input to school board members are:

- Nov. 9, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Thomas Jefferson High School, 4248 S. 288th Street, Auburn, WA 98001
- Nov. 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Todd Beamer High School, 35999 16th Avenue South, Federal Way, WA 98003

• ****Report Absences -- (253) 945-3275**

- Mr. Kurt Lauer, Principal, kulauer@fwps.org, (253) 945-3274
- Mrs. Diane Holtz, Computer Technology teacher, dholtz@fwps.org, (253) 945-3284
- Mr. Barry Linn, English and History teacher, blinn@fwps.org, (253) 945-3289
- Mr. Mark Klumpenhower, Geography and English teacher, mklumpen@fwps.org, (253) 945-3297
- Mr. Dave McNeil, Science teacher, dmcneil@fwps.org, (253) 945-3285
- Mrs. Chris Tarling, Math and Science teacher, ctarling@fwps.org, (253) 945-3295
- Ms. Kathy Whisenhunt, History, Language Arts and Art teacher, kwhisenh@fwps.org, (253) 945-3296
- Ms. Diane Lasch, Geometry, Algebra and Advanced Algebra teacher, dlasch@fwps.org, (253) 945-3287
- Mr. Renan Serrano, Spanish teacher, rserrano@fwps.org, (253) 945-3291
- Mr. Alexis Beard, Science teacher, abeard@fwps.org, (253) 945-3286
- Mr. Andrew Young, History teacher, ayoun@fwps.org, (253) 945-3290
- Ms. Brenda Patterson, English teacher, bpatters@fwps.org, (253) 945-3288
- Mr. Curtis Genzlinger, Math and Psychology teacher, cgenzlin@fwps.org, (253) 945-3294
- Mr. Michael Tarling, PreAlgebra and Writing teacher, mtarling@fwps.org, (253) 945-3293
- Mrs. Marta Shoemaker, Nurse, mshoemak@fwps.org, (253) 945-3279
- Mrs. Marlene Harker, Speech & Language Pathologist, mharker@fwps.org, (253) 945-3429
- Ms. Elvira Drayer, Kitchen Manager, edrayer@fwps.org, (253) 945-3298
- Ms. Maureen Hathaway, Lunchroom Supervision, mhathawa@fwps.org, (253) 945-3273
- Mr. Garret Smith, Head Custodian, garsmith@fwps.org, (253) 945-3281
- Ms. Tatyana Petrova, Night Custodian, tpetrova@fwps.org, (253) 945-3281
- Mrs. Dawn Dale, Secretary, ddale@fwps.org, (253) 945-3272
- Mrs. Cathy Parisi, Manager of Office Operations, cparisi@fwps.org, (253) 945-3271
- Mrs. Karen Tadena, Music Teacher, bachbaby101@yahoo.com
- Ms. Lesley Remmem, Lunch Server, LRemmem@fwps.org, (253) 945-3298