

Sacajawea Middle School

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August 2009

253-945-4900

1101 South Dash Point Road – Federal Way, WA 98003

Dear Sacajawea Family,

Welcome and welcome back to the Home of the Warriors. I hope that you are enjoying your final weeks of summer vacation. We are busy making preparations for your return and are excited to begin the 2009-2010 school year.

As the new principal, I look forward to working with each parent and student to ensure academic success and high school readiness. I am excited to return to my roots, and return to middle school and use the experience I gained in the last three years at Todd Beamer High School to help better prepare our students for the next stage of their academic life.

The first day of school this year will be an orientation day for incoming 6th grade students. This 6th grade orientation day will begin with a welcoming assembly in the school gymnasium for students beginning at 8:00 AM. Parents are also welcome to attend this assembly. The goal for of this 6th grade orientation day is to provide a smoother transition into a new school and the new school year.

The following orientation information will be covered:

- ◆ Bell schedules, school routines, and introduction of key school staff members.
- ◆ Preparing for a successful academic year, homework practices, grades, on-line grades, report cards etc.
- ◆ Maintaining positive attitudes, behavior expectations, discipline consequences, attendance, classroom expectations, and conduct within the school including the lunchroom, hallways, recess, assemblies, school events, etc.
- ◆ How students can become involved in school beyond the classroom in activities such as ASB, leadership opportunities, clubs, intramurals, etc.

Though the specific orientation activities described above will be geared to 6th grade students, all students are welcome to attend school on September 3rd. School buses will operate on regular routes and schedules. Lunch will be served.

Please access our website at <http://www.fwps.org/sac> for updated school information and for ideas on how to become involved. Working together we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to experience success in the upcoming school year. I look forward to getting to know you and serve you and the entire Sacajawea community.

Proud to be a Warrior!

Sincerely,

David Brower, Principal

"The Federal Way School District's Family Partnership Office would like to hear ideas from parents and staff about simple ways parents can support their student's learning at home.

The department would like to gather the best ideas and tips to share with parents who want to support their children's academic success, but whose work schedules do not allow them to participate in school meetings, committees or activities.

To share your ideas you can call 253-945-2273, or send an e-mail to tmoore@fwps.org or schedule an in person appointment at a location and time most convenient for you.

SCHEDULE PICK-UP DAYS:

- 7th & 8th Grade Monday, Aug 24 7-11AM & 1-3PM
- 6th Grade Tuesday, Aug 25 7-11AM

ENCLOSURES TO BE RETURNED

- Yellow Student Emergency Card– **required** when picking up schedule
- Health History
- User Agreement

Getting Started ...

Schedule Pick Up

◆ **7th and 8th grade**

Monday, August 24 7—11AM & 1-3PM

◆ **6th grade**

Tuesday, August 25 7—11AM

If you have more than one student attending Sacajawea you are welcome to bring them at the same time either day. Please let us know if your child will not continue at Sacajawea next year. If you will not pick up your schedule until the first day of school, notify the office so we can hold your schedule for you. **Please call 253-945-4950.**

Student schedules will not be available before the pick-up dates.

Sports Physicals

If your child is planning to participate in any sport this year they must have a current Sports Physical on file at the time practice begins. (Sports Physicals are now good for 2 years.) Forms are available in the main office and at many of the clinics in the area.

Detailed sports information will be available at the Athletic table during schedule pick-up on August 24 and 25.

Moving?

If you have or will be moving before school starts, please contact the office with your new address. If your student will not be returning to Sacajawea we would also like to hear from you. We will prepare the paperwork for transfer to your new school.

If you have any questions, please call Mrs. Brooks, Registrar, at 253-945-4902.

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6th Grade Orientation

Thursday, September 3

School hours 8AM—2:45PM

Bus Schedule

Bus transportation will begin Thursday, September 3. Bus schedules will be available in the Federal Way News (mid-August), at schedule pick-up, and will be posted on the office window.

Mark your calendars:

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday
September 17, 2009

School Pictures



Picture day is

Monday, September 14

Student pictures will be taken in uniform. ALL students will have their picture taken for the yearbook. To order picture packages, send picture envelopes with your student the morning of pictures. Ordering envelopes will be available during schedule pick-up on August 24 & 25.

Suggested Supply list

All students should have the following:

- ◆ 1" 3-ring binder (science)
 - ◆ Pencil Pouch
 - ◆ Pens (blue, black & red)
 - ◆ Pencils (#2)
 - ◆ Colored Pencils (8 colors)
 - ◆ Ruler
 - ◆ Spiral notebooks (5)
 - ◆ College rule paper
 - ◆ Pink erasers
 - ◆ Pencil sharpener
 - ◆ Box of tissues
 - ◆ Sturdy backpacks
- Students should have their name on the inside of the bag. NO inappropriate markings on the outside, please!

In addition to the above, the following grade levels should also have these supplies:

8th Grade

- " (3) 2" 3 ring binder with dividers
- " Highlighters (green, blue, yellow, pink)

7th Grade

- " (2) 2" 3 ring binder with dividers
- " Highlighters (green, blue, yellow, pink)
- " Graph paper
- " Markers
- " Glue stick
- " School scissors
- " Pocket dictionary and Thesauras

6th Grade

- " (3) 1-1/2" 3 ring binders with dividers
- " Highlighters (green, blue, yellow, pink) - Optional
- " Pocket Dictionary & Thesauras—Optional

This is a general list for all students. Individual teachers may request other items. Any donations for our supply closets are greatly appreciated.

Fee Schedule 2009-2010

All grades

Technology Fee (Computer usage; paper & printer supplies)	\$ 5.00
PE Uniform (\$5.50 for each piece, last years uniform ok)	\$11.00
Planner	\$ 5.00
Composition Books (2 @ \$2 each) (all students will use one composition book for Math and one for Science)	\$ 4.00
6th Grade Expo Fee (6th Grade Only)	\$10.00

Elective fees (per semester)

Art class	\$ 7.50
Computer class	\$ 5.00
Musical Instrument Rental * (or \$100.00 per year)	\$60.00
Percussion Rental * (or \$55.00 per year)	\$35.00

* Pay after class begins

Optional Fees:

Annual	\$25.00
ASB (Required for athletics and clubs)	\$15.00

Athletic Participation Fee

\$70.00 (up to \$210.00 maximum) (\$30.00 each sport w/ approved Free and Reduced Lunch app)
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School Lunch

Lunch will be served on the first day of school. Lunch prices for the 2009-2010 school year are as follows:

Breakfast	\$1.50
Lunch	\$2.75
Milk	\$.50

If you prefer buying lunches in advance:

1/4 ticket (5 meals)	\$13.75
1/2 ticket (10 meals)	\$27.50
3/4 ticket (15 meals)	\$41.25
Full ticket (20 meals)	\$55.00

Payment can be made to the cafeteria directly (please make check or money order out to Nutrition Services and put in a sealed envelope) or on-line with a credit card—www.lunchmoney@fwps.org.

Free and Reduced lunch forms are being sent directly to the students on the program last year. Although they send one per child, please return only 1 form, listing all students enrolled in the district. You may either throw away the extra forms or return to school or nutrition services. All new applications must be returned by the end of September in order for students to continue receiving these services.