



# THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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## HELLO AND GOODBYE

### Welcome Back McLane Families!

**Our PTSO Mission:** To expand and extend learning experiences for all students.

**Our PTSO Vision:** We strive to enhance student learning experiences as we promote *communication*, provide *enriching opportunities* and strengthen the *relationships* between community and school.

Big news for McLane Elementary this year - Mr. Bremgarnter, our much-loved principal has been lured away by the school district to direct the Human Resources Department. Although we are all very sad to see him go, we

wish him the best of luck and know that he'll now do an amazing job for our entire district.

We'd like to welcome our **interim Principal, Monica West**. She will help us hold down the fort for the next year while the district finds the perfect match for McLane. Please see page two for more information on Ms. West.

We were sad to see Mr. Rhodes and Ms. Mora depart McLane this summer but are please to welcome new teachers **Daniel Oas** to lead one of our third grade classes and **Janet Cramer** in fourth They both will be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

Other new faces you may see are **Rebecca Witt & William Laprelle** (special

needs), **Tara Heying** (Pre-K), and **Tom Parnell** working with Cathy Gudgel in the counselors office.

YOUR PTSO has a lot of great events and activities planned for this year. They all are aimed at bringing us closer together as a community and supporting our kiddos to achieve their best. We encourage you to spend some time taking a look at all the fun things you will be involved in at school this year and plan which one you want to get involved in. every year. **The PTSO website and notice board** at the school has a listing of many great events that you and your family can be involved in as participants or even helping to plan. Talk to one of the PTSO ..continued on page two



## FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✍ **TUE, Sept 4-Back to school night** 4-6pm Curriculum Night & Ice Cream Social
- ✍ **WED, Sept 5— 1st day of school**
- ⇒ **8:45-9:30Aam- Java and Jitters** (right after you drop kids off. Held in the Library)
- ✍ **MON, Sept 17, 6pm- PTSO Meeting** in school library
- ✍ **FRI, Sept 21—Read-A-Thon Kick-off Assembly**



## ICE CREAM SOCIAL + JAVA & JITTERS!

Kick the school off right with a two fun activities sponsored by YOUR PTSO.

**TUE, Sept. 04 - 4-6pm,** drop off your kiddo's school supplies, meet your new teachers, then join other McLane families in the cafeteria. You be treated to ice

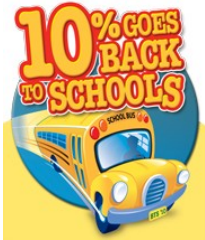
cream floats and an opportunity to catch up with families you've missed over the summer or meet and greet the new families we have joining our community. Plan to chat to your new teacher about this year's curriculum too! Then, **WED, Sept. 05,**

after you've tearfully (or maybe gleefully?) dropped your kiddos off for their first day of the new year, Java & Jitters is the place to be to get back into the school year groove! Remember those of you with Kinders & 1st

graders, worries are normal for everyone-including parents - and so are a few tears!  
**Sept. 5, 8:45-9:30am—Coffee & Snacks in the library. Younger siblings welcome!**



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## E-SCRIP

e-Scrip at Safeway offers simple, year-round fundraising. It streamlines one fundraising process and puts everyone: the organization, the kids, their parents, and the community -- in the winner's circle. Safeway will make contributions to McLane Elementary based on purchases made by you!

Go to [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com) now and click 1-Sign Up and follow the instructions.

McLane's Group ID:  
500004819

## BE A PARTNER THINK MCLANE

Parents and caregivers need to be partners with their child's teachers. There are several easy and important things you could do:

- ⇒ Get to know your child's teachers.
- ⇒ Communicate any concerns you have.
- ⇒ Make sure your child does their homework daily.
- ⇒ Read all school communication.
- ⇒ Attend parent conferences and ask what you can do to help your child.

Do you or someone you know work for an organization or business that would like to SUPPORT McLane Elementary AND be RECOGNIZED for it? We have several activities happening this year which could use some donations of goods. Contact Lesley at [vp@mclaneptso.org](mailto:vp@mclaneptso.org) for more information.



[www.facebook.com/McLanePTSO](http://www.facebook.com/McLanePTSO)



Coming Soon!!

## HELLO & GOODBYE *CON'T*

members at the 9/4 Curriculum & Ice Cream Social and find out what makes participation worth your time.

[www.McLanePTSO.org](http://www.McLanePTSO.org) or contact us for more information on how to get involved!

Its also time to replace lunchboxes and we want you to keep McLane Elementary

in mind when you shop for a new lunchbox for your kiddos or yourself this year.

You can support the fundraising activities of the PTSO and a sustainable environment by purchasing your lunchbox through our Laptop Lunches fundraiser. [LaptopLunches.com](http://LaptopLunches.com) sells American-style bento boxes designed to help pack nutritious, eco-friendly meals

for every-where. They will donate 20% of all purchases by McLane supporters back to the PTSO.

**Just click the banner on our fundraising page at [McLanePTSO.org](http://McLanePTSO.org) and the PTSO will receive a 10% commission on all orders we receive using this link.**

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## WHO'S HOO?



Our Interim Principal  
Monica West

Ms. Monica West is joining the McLane community after spending the last four years as the Assistant Principal at Jefferson Middle school. She has been working in education for 24 years, 18 of which have been with the Olympia School District.

Ms. West is an excellent math, science and technology teacher having taught or coached in those areas for

several years.

Her favorite thing to do is work with students. She loves to build relationships and watch students grow and mature. She hopes to help McLane students continue to be successful in whatever way they desire.

Ms. West is married and has two children, one at Capital H.S. and one at Jefferson

M.S. She also has two dogs and two cats!

Her favorite lunch is Pad Thai (not too spicy!) and white cheddar popcorn for a snack.

How lucky are we to have the opportunity to have such a wonderful interim principal. We know she'll keep us on the right track and help McLane Owls continue to reach for the sky!