



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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THE SCHOOL IS ALIVE...WITH THE SOUND OF MUSIC?



But before we get to music...**BIG NEWS**—Ms. Monica West, who has been our interim Principal since September, is officially OFFICIAL! Congratulations on your new appointment at the Jan. 28, Olympia School Board meeting at McLane. YOUR PTSO is so pleased to have such a talented and enthusiastic leader in our school.

Did you know that we have teachers who provide vocal instruction to all students once a week. In addition, orchestra is offered to our 4th grade students for two sessions per week, and our 5th grade students for three sessions per week. Band is also offered to our 5th grade students for three sessions per week. This is a wonderful opportunity for

our students to be introduced to basic music theory and begin to learn the skills needed to play an instrument.

According to childrensmusicworkshop.com "Perhaps the basic reason that every child must have an education in music is that music is a part of the fabric of our society. The intrinsic value of music for each individual is widely recognized in the many cultures that make up American life; indeed, every human culture uses music to carry forward its ideas and ideals.

Another opportunity to learn about and enjoy music at McLane is through the PTSO sponsored theater program. We highly encourage your kiddos to consider participating in February and March. It

costs nothing but does require a commitment of time from both student and family. It is well worth it though - research shows that whether your child is the next Beyonce or more likely to sing her solos in the shower, she is bound to benefit from some form of music education. Research shows that learning the do-re-mis can help children excel in ways beyond the basic ABCs!

One last reminder that we hope you don't miss - the **McLane Spring Carnival & Auction** is coming up quickly in May. If you think you might be able to find us a donated item for the auction or help out in planning or at the event, please contact lesliez-mith@gmail.com

Rob & Denise Sawatsky

WINTER DATES TO REMEMBER

- ✍ MON. Feb. 04 - 6pm - Your PTSO Meeting - McLane School Library
- ✍ FRI. Feb. 08 - 6pm - Family Movie Night! *Wreck-It Ralph*
- ✍ TUE. Feb. 12 - 5:30pm - **Cinderella** informational meeting
- ✍ FRI. Feb. 15 - NO SCHOOL - Mid-Winter Break
- ✍ MON. Feb 18 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- ✍ FRI. Feb. 22 - 3:30-5:30pm - AUDITIONS - **Cinderella**
- ✍ SUN. Feb. 24 - 2:30 - 4:30pm, Family Swim at Discover Aquatics
- ✍ WED. Feb. 27 - Passport Club

THEATER PROGRAM—INFORMATIONAL MEETING

February 12, 2013

Is your kiddo interested in musical theater? Would they enjoy a real theater acting experience? Then plan to attend our informational meeting for our annual **McLane Theater Experience** program. 5:30pm, 2.12.13. Parents of children in Kinder-
garten through Grade 2

MUST attend if they want their kiddo to be eligible to participate. This meeting will explain all the particulars that you will need to know to make this a GREAT experience. Parents of kids in Grades 3-5 are also welcome. There will also be an op-

portunity to meet the Director of the Tacoma Musical Playhouse, Chris Serface, and ask your questions. Our Theater Program chair, Audrey Fung, will be there looking for family members to assist during rehearsals, decorating the school, putting together raffle baskets,



and at the performances. If you are interested in supporting this program, please contact Audrey TODAY or more information:

volunteer@mcclaneptso.org

Get Ready for

Cinderella At McLane

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT



FRI. Feb. 8 - 6-8pm
We are trying something different for this time around. **PIZZA!** \$1.50 gets you two slices of pepperoni or cheese pizza, and one serving of popcorn & Redvines. **DEAL!** We will also provide lots of fresh, cold water! As always, you are welcome to bring your own food too! Food will be served starting at 5:30pm with the movie starting at 6pm. The movie runs 108 minutes.

Please Note: this is in-

tended as a family event. Childcare services are not available. More about the movie: *A video game villain wants to be a hero and sets out to fulfill his dream, but his quest brings havoc to the whole arcade where he lives.* Please, also feel free to bring a camp chair, a blanket, or any other item that makes you comfortable. It can be a bit crowded but the kiddos don't mind and we all have a really good time!
president@mclaneptso.org

FAMILY SWIM

SUN. Feb. 24 2:30-4:30pm
Join McLane Families at Discover Aquatics for some splashy-splashy fun. \$5 per swimmer gets you two hours of "McLane Only" time in the 89 degree saline pool. Great exercise, great fun, and because it isn't chlorinated, it won't wreak damage on your hair or skin! Get back into the exercise groove with your family in 2013. You don't have to swim, but please plan to stay at the pool to supervise your kiddos.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT & LANDSCAPING NEEDED!



Last month, we shared our hope of reinvigorating our Garden Club. This month, we have more exciting activities happening outside at McLane. Did you know that Mrs. C - one of our amazing Kindergarten teachers - did her Master's Degree thesis on Outdoor Classrooms? She has a fully developed plan on how to turn the kinder/preschool

outdoor play area into a naturally shaded environmental learning and play area. We even have a family willing to provide matching funds so that we can get this project started! YOUR PTSO is going to take the matching funds and try to leverage them to receive grants to make this \$15,000 dollar project happen over the next 12 months. What

we need now is a Project Manager! Ideally, a well-organized person who understands landscaping and building outdoor gardens. Could that be YOU or someone you know? Please contact secretary@mclaneptso.org if you or someone you know might be willing to lead this project.

WHO'S HOO?

Did you know that YOU could nominate your own favorite teacher to appear in this section?

How?

Ask them the following questions and then send them to secretary@mclaneptso.org and we take care of the rest!

We'll get the picture and write the report—you just send us the information!

Questions:

- Where did you work prior to McLane
- How long have you worked in education? In what roles?
- What is your favorite thing about McLane
- What is your vision/dream for McLane

- Do you have a family? Pets?
- What is your favorite thing to do outside school?
- What is your favorite thing to have for lunch? Snack?

Send your answers to:

secretary@mclaneptso.org



Your Teacher
 Could Be HERE!