



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW!

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WHERE'S MY PINEAPPLE EXPRESS?

Did you hear? The National Weather Service says there's a "good shot" of a "pineapple express" this winter. That's a system of heavy rain coming from the direction of Hawaii that can hit the Northwest like a fire hose.

Don't you think that some times, our whole day can feel like a fire hose? So many things to do and so many people to take care of, it leaves very little time for one to think about all the great things in our lives; like our family, our community and even our school.

We are so fortunate to live in Olympia and have access to so many natural wonders that many others in our country do not. Then there is our community

that has a vast array of opportunities to give and receive support whether it is through our local non-profits, our religious communities or schools like McLane.

As Oprah Winfrey says, "Be thankful for what you have; you'll end up having more. If you concentrate on what you don't have, you will never, ever have enough."

This time of the year can encourage us to only look at the bleakness of winter, the constant demands on our time and resources, and the endless needs of others. We'd like to encourage you to remember that the sun will shine again and life will once again become more relaxed. Until then, consider giving back to those who have even less than

you do or spend more time doing what is important to you rather than what you 'should' do.

The members of Your PTSO are as always so grateful for the connections we have made and the fun we have the privilege of experiencing in service to our school and its families.

Some days it seems like just one more thing we struggle to fit into our busy lives. But in the words of John Wannamaker, "Gratitude takes three forms: a feeling in the heart, an expression in words, and a giving in return."

We give gladly - and always invite you to join us! The rewards are remarkable.

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FALL DATES TO REMEMBER

- MON, Nov. 5 - Turn in Final Reading Log & Funds Raised
- 6pm - Your PTSO Meeting - McLane School Library.
- WED, Nov. 7 - Late Start
- FRI, Nov. 9 - Veteran's Day GRIN Assembly - Wear Red, White, & Blue! EARLY RELEASE
- MON, Nov. 12 - Veteran's Day - No School.
- FRI, Nov. 16 - Rec-A-Thon Awards Assembly
- 6pm Family Movie Night! "BRAVE"
- THU & FRI, Nov. 22 & 23 - Thanksgiving - No School
- WED, Nov. 28 - Passport Club



FAMILY DINNER & A MOVIE —BRAVE!



This animated family movie is set in the olden days of Scotland Merida is a skilled archer and impetuous daughter of King Fergus (Billy Connolly) and Queen Elinor (Emma Thompson).

Determined to carve her own path in life, Merida defies an age-old custom sacred to the uproarious lords of the land: massive Lord MacGuffin (Kevin McKidd), surly Lord Macintosh (Craig Ferguson) and cantankerous Lord Dingwall (Robbie Col-

trane). Merida's actions inadvertently unleash chaos and fury in the kingdom, and when she turns to an eccentric old Witch (Julie Walters) for help, she is granted an ill-fated wish. The ensuing peril forces Merida to discover the meaning of true bravery in order to undo a

beastly curse before it's too late.

Food will be on sale but you can also bring your own.

- Hotdog+Chips = \$1.50
- Water = FREE
- Popcorn = FREE
- "Redvines" = FREE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 6-8pm. Food is available at 5:30pm Bring your sleeping bag & get comfy if you like!

100 MILES



We like to Move It, Move It!

Everyone at McLane Elementary is challenged to walk 100 miles this year. It's easier than you think! Fitness is one of the best ways to fuel your body, mind, and spirit. Research has proven the effects of physical activity can increase your energy and lower the risk of heart disease, diabetes, and cancer, not to mention assist in weight control.

This is for everyone - students, staff, teachers, and families! Come join us!



GIVING TREE

Each year, McLane Elementary families support others in our community by giving them a holiday to remember.



Believe it or not, there are many families in our own McLane family who might need an extra hand this time of year.

Please consider setting aside a small amount of your holiday gift-giving budget to support those in need. More info coming in December!

OP4G

Do you like to share your opinion? How about do it and benefit McLane Elementary at the same time?

Op4G.com provides a way for you or others to donate your time and money to a McLane Elementary by being paid to participate in confidential consumer surveys. You then select a percent to go back to McLane! So EASY!



www.facebook.com/McLanePTSO

POD RACERS!

In November, your McLane PTSO is sponsoring a Pod Vs. Pod Collection Box Tops Challenge. (bet you were thinking Star Wars! 😊)

October 22 through Friday, December 7 we are asking families to submit as many Box Tops 4. Education as they can (*expired Box Tops do not count). We are also collecting Labels for Educa-

tion but MUST HAVE THE BARCODE for the label to count. The Pod that has the most Box Tops and Labels submitted will earn a "reward" that they will share Friday December 14! With parent permission, children are welcome to ask family members like grandparents, aunts and uncles, or family friends to help them collect

Box Tops and Labels. Any support is greatly appreciated!

We are also collecting empty Capri-Sun pouches - don't put those in the garbage - send them to school and we get \$\$!

We use the money raised to pay for enrichment programs that benefit McLane students.



WHO'S HOO?



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Third Grade Teacher

