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Principal's Corner

Dear Endeavour Families,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 School Year!

The beginning of a new school year is such an exciting time for everyone! It is energizing to see the school come alive with so many activities involving students, staff, and parents.

The staff and I are delighted to be working with you and your students this year. With your support, we have a great school year planned. We know that focusing on student success is a joint effort and it takes the partnership of students, families, and school working together with a shared vision, to ensure children reach their potential.

Please join us in welcoming new staff members to Endeavour this year:

- Jenny Waterman** – 1st Grade Teacher
- Tatum Phillips** – 2nd grade Teacher
- Nathan Bogopolsky** – Music Overload
- Beth Knudtson** – PE Overload
- Steve Douglass** – Custodian
- Tory Gilbertson** – Physical Therapist
- Holly Silewski** – OT

I'd like to extend a **BIG THANKS to our incredible PTSA!** Their assistance provided a smooth start to the school year and was truly appreciated. From compiling first day packets, facilitating Taking Care of Business Day, helping students on and off the bus during the first few days, and providing a warm welcome to students and staff. You set the stage for a wonderful school year!

Endeavour is truly fortunate to have a high level of parent involvement, matched with an outstanding teaching staff, to support students in their learning. I am thrilled to be a part of this extraordinary learning community and am confident the 2009-2010 will be a fantastic year for your student.

Sincerely,
Kathy Connally

President's Letter

Dear Endeavour Families,

Welcome back to the 2009-2010 school year. PTSA is so excited about the year ahead and we are looking forward to sharing it with our Staff and Families. We have already had a record-breaking start to the year. At Business Day on September 1st, we **broke an Endeavour record and exceeded our goal of 100% membership by actually achieving 104% membership by the end of the day.**

This means that every student at Endeavour has an adult voice speaking on their behalf for advocacy issues. This is an

important start to the year as it means that we have a community that cares for our kids and trusts PTSA with bringing programs to your kids that enhance their academic and social experiences here at Endeavour.

We have fun things happening over the next few months. First and foremost is our **Welcome Back BBQ/Walkathon to be held Thurs., October 8th.** This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it is shaping up to be an event like none other held at Endeavour. Help us "Aim High for Endeavour". Look for information to come home Friday, September 11th. Curriculum Nights, Reflections Kick-off, 5th Grade cookie dough sale, and a Coat and Blanket drive are just a few highlights. Our PTSA calendar is posted on the PTSA bulletin board in the entry way. Check it out at stay informed.

Please take a minute a look through this entire newsletter. It is filled with important information, dates of events, volunteer opportunities and information from the school. This information can also be found at the PTSA website, www.endeavourpta.org. Thank you for helping get this year off to a great start. This year we will be **"Soaring to New Heights Together"**.

Sincerely,
Becky Lawrence, PTSA President

Calendar of Events

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| 9/23 | Curriculum Night grades 1&2 and specialists |
| 9/24 | Curriculum Night grades 3-5, Sage, and specialists |
| 9/28 | Reflections Kick-Off |
| 9/30 | PTSA General Meeting, 10am |
| 10/8 | Fall Back-To-School BBQ/Walkathon |
| 10/9 | Vision and Hearing Testing |
| Mark Your Calendars... | |
| 10/20 | School Picture Day |
| 10/28 | Skate King |
| 11/3-4 | Parent/Teacher Conferences |

NEWS from the PTSA

Endeavour PTSA 2.6.20



PTSA Membership

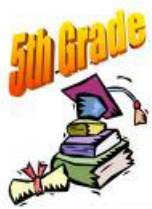
A big thank you for everyone who has already joined Endeavour's PTSA as a member! **I am thrilled to announce that we have already reached our goal of 100% membership** – for every student at Endeavour, there is an adult who is lending their voice to advocate for our children.

And if you have not yet joined, there is still good reason to: a high membership level by the families sends a powerful message to the school and the community. It shows we are a community committed to our children and their education. It benefits PTSA's advocacy efforts, as well as secures funding we need from Washington State to support the programs that PTSA provides for our school. And by joining PTSA, you are not obligated to perform in any way a service or give of your time; we know how busy everyone is! Membership forms are available at the front desk, or email me and I will send a form to you.

Again, thank you for helping us **“Soar to New Heights... Together!”**

Jennifer Brewer, Membership Chairperson
jennifer.brewer@comcast.net

Looking For Some 5th Graders!



Hey 5th Graders – Do you look forward to the Walk-a-thon every year? Do you enjoy all of the great programs the Walk-a-thon helps pay for like Kate Poaster, Science Fair, the Art programs and the great assemblies? We need you! **Here is your chance to make this year's Aim High for Endeavour, the best Walk-a-thon ever!**

If you are interested in being on the 5th grade Walk-a-thon committee, please let me know on Monday, September 14th during your lunch recess. This is a voluntary committee and we will meet one or two Wednesday afternoons before the actual Walk-a-thon to help prepare for the event.

Together we can make your last Walk-a-thon at Endeavour the best one yet! Contact me if you have any questions: Lisa Lo lisa.lo@comcast.net (425)391-8880

5th Grade Curriculum Night

5th Grade Curriculum Night followed by a Parent's Meeting
Thursday, September 24th 5:30pm-6:45pm.

After meeting with your child's 5th grade teacher at Curriculum Night please plan on attending a parent meeting from 6:15pm until 6:45pm in the Multi-purpose room to hear about the activities planned for the 5th graders this year!

Banking Days Are Back

Student Banking Returns to Endeavour !

First Mutual/Washington Federal Bank has stepped up to the plate by launching a new student banking program (Chase Bank is not continuing the school savings program that WAMU established decades ago). I am working with the branch in Sammamish, located at 336 228th Ave NE, Suite 100. Each family should have received one flyer in a First Day Packet.

When you open a Student savings account with \$5.00, they will match it! What a great way to start learning the benefits of saving money!

I am also looking for parent volunteers to assist with banking days once or twice a month from 10:30- 12:20. Banking days will be the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month, same as last year.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Teresa Czaja, Banking Day Chairperson, 425-961-0140 teresaskate@comcast.net

New Jaguar Spirit Wear

Don't forget to order your new Jaguar Spirit Wear! We have a variety of T-shirts, sweatshirts and even basketball shorts to order. If your classroom teacher allows water bottles, we have a great BPA free water bottle also on the order form.

Market totes are available for purchase as well for \$3.00. They are tan with a royal blue Jaguar on them. These market totes are not included on your order form but if you would like to order some, please write it in on the last line.

Find pictures and an order form on the PTSA website at <http://www.seanet.com/~endeavourptsa/>. Please make checks payable to ENDEAVOUR PTSA and send in your form to your classroom teacher. **The deadline to order is Sept. 16, 2009.**

Orders will be delivered to your child's classroom before the Back to School BBQ on Oct. 8th. If you have any questions, please feel free to call Shandell Baker at 425-677-5694 or e-mail her at shandellbaker@comcast.net.



Save The Date
Thursday, October 8th
3:00 - 6:00

JOIN US FOR THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON!

Endeavour's 1st-ever Back to School BBQ & Walk-a-thon!

Our theme is “**Aim High for Endeavour!**” Plan to bring the whole family for an afternoon of great food, live music and a back-yard full of fun!

It takes over 100 volunteers to make this event great! Please contact Stacy O’Daffer at stacyodaffer@yahoo.com to sign up to help!

Donations to our raffle (sports tickets, games, gift cards, etc), can be made by contacting Barbara Wood at barbara@5woods.com.

Any other questions, please contact the Back to School BBQ & Walk-a-thon Chair, Julie Spieker at julie.spieker@comcast.net.

FOOD – MUSIC – FUN

Your To Do List!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8TH FROM 3:00 – 6:00 P.M.!

- o Check your child’s backpack for their Donation/Permission envelope and Spirit Template.
- o Return completed Spirit Templates to your child’s teacher on or before Monday, September 21st.
- o Return completed envelopes to your child’s teacher on or before Wednesday, September 23rd.
- o Watch the Jaguar Print each Friday for updates on food pricing, spirit week, parking/shuttle information and more.
- o Feel great about helping us “Aim High for Endeavour!”

UNDERSTANDING SCHOOL FUNDING & THE CRITICALITY OF FUNDRAISING

Washington State Schools rank 42nd nationally in state funding received. Within the state, the Issaquah School District (ISD) ranks 272nd out of 295 in per pupil spending. ISD students receive about \$900 per pupil per year *less than* Bellevue students. Despite these odds, the ISD ranks as the 3rd highest performing district in the state (Bellevue is ranked 2nd).

Backfilling the funding gap through donations to the Issaquah Schools Foundation and especially Endeavour’s PTSA, along with significant parent involvement in our school, has allowed us to succeed despite the odds.

We can’t do this without your help! In past years we’ve had several large fundraisers throughout the year. In response to survey feedback from you, our members, this year **we’ve made our Back to School BBQ and Walk-a-thon the PTSA’s primary fundraiser of the year.**

Are you aware that this year the PTSA will: (1) provide over \$10,000 in educational grants to the Endeavour teaching staff to help improve their students’ learning experiences, (2) spend \$15,000 to improve the science and art curriculum and provide engaging learning through key topic assemblies, and (3) allocate more than \$10,000 to increasing our children’s skills in reading and math? All in all, the Endeavour PTSA is slated to spend over \$90,000 to bring fun and exciting, high quality educational programs and opportunities to our school, thereby helping to keep Endeavour a top performing school in the State.

Look for your pledge envelope to arrive home with your child on Friday, September 11th. A suggested donation of \$150 per family would help us reach our goal, but any amount is appreciated. Help us “Aim High for Endeavour” so that we can continue to offer our children the best possible educational opportunities.

Taking Care Of Business Day

Taking Care of Business Day was a great way to jump-start our school year! It was fun seeing old friends and meeting our new teachers. We received over 400 responses to the requests for various volunteer positions across our different programs for the 2009 – 2010 school year!

The day wouldn't have been nearly as successful without the help of MANY volunteers. We'd like to thank the following individuals for graciously donating their time and energy to helping us: *Chris Leznek, Sally Morgan, Peggy DiSalle, Deb Smith, Becky Lawrence, Sarah Fulford, Michele Geiger, Natalie Mackevicius, Diane Steinman, Jennifer Brewer, Kasie Pranghofer, Kerry Hemphill, Kellea Taylor, Heather Stambaugh, Elaine Denslow, Angela Hochman, Leslie Brown, Shandell Baker, Melissa Riesen, Teresa Czaja, Miranda Cantine, Cynthia Seidel, Joan Colleran, Lisa Lo, Theresa Larsen, and Stacy O'Daffer!*

ISF Needs You...to Contribute to *Calling for Kids*



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Calling for Kids— the Foundation's campaign to raise funds to help the District provide students with a comprehensive 21st Century education—is in full swing.

Parents were mailed informational postcards over the summer and will receive personalized appeals by mid-September. **This year's campaign goal is 100% participation.** If every District family contributes, the Foundation can easily raise over 1.4 million for our schools. ISF is asking families to **join the campaign with a \$50 donation** or to **renew and, if possible, increase their previous *Calling for Kids* support.** High school students will call all families on October 20th and 21st. To avoid a call, log onto www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org to make a secure online donation or download a *Calling for Kids* flier. For more information, please check the ISF [website](#) or contact the ISF office, 425.416.2045.

Make ISF Your Facebook Friend!

ISF is becoming social media savvy! Thanks to the volunteer efforts of Krista Mui, ISF has a Facebook page. Take a moment to join our family. You'll be privy to pictures, fun tidbits, and behind-the-scenes information. Find us at www.facebook.com.

Nourish Every Mind

It's not gone...we've just moved it to the Spring. Keep reading your PTSA newsletter and watch the ISF website for the date and location.

SCHOOL NEWS

Emergency Information Forms Wanted

For your child's safety, please turn in the first day packet information forms as soon as possible.

Bus Passes

Bus passes will not be issued for students to ride home on the bus with friends during the first two weeks of school. **Beginning September 16, passes can be issued by sending a note to school with your student on the day he/she needs to ride the bus with a friend.** Please visit the Endeavour website www.endeavour.issaquah.wednet.edu for a printable bus pass request. Requests should be brought to the office at the beginning of the school day and students may pick up their passes during their lunch recess.

Attendance

Please call 425-837-7353 to report absences or email Deborah Donohoe at donohoed@issaquah.wednet.edu. If no call is received, an automated calling service will inform parents that the school did not get a notice of absence and remind families to call.

Money Needed In Your Child's Lunch Account.

Personal checks with your child's name in the memo line are needed for families with zero to low balances in their child's lunch account. The Issaquah School District has been using MyLunchMoney.com as an option to prepay for your child's school lunch, and ala carte food items using your credit or debit card. Enrolling and funding an account is simple and completed online. You will need your student's ID# which can be obtained by calling the school office. Once your account is established, you can fund your students' account, check balances, and view student purchases. Your personal information and your debit or credit card information is protected by the most advanced internet security. To enroll, please visit www.MyLunchMoney.com. There is a fee for each transaction.