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NEWS from the PTSA

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Looking For Some 5th Graders and 5th Grade Parents to help with Walk-a-thon!

Hey 5th Graders – Do you look forward to the Walk-a-thon every year. 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 e-mail me for a permission form.** 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 by making posters, signs, decorations, lap tags and much more.

Hey 5th Grade Parents – We would love your help in the 5th grade concession stand – Consider volunteering for a 30 minute shift at the best smelling concession stand at Walk-a-thon selling apple pies and popcorn!

Together we can make your 5th grader's last Walk-a-thon at Endeavour the best one yet! Contact me if you would like to help 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!

Reserved Parking Spots

Avoid the parking problems at Endeavour! Starting at Curriculum Night the Silent Auction begins for the two reserved parking spots in front of the school.

The auction bid sheets will be posted in the hallway outside the library beginning on **Curriculum Night – Wednesday, September 23rd, and will end on October 8th after the Back to School BBQ and Walkathon!**

Proceeds will go to the Endeavour ASB General fund to benefit students.

Calendar of Events

- Sept. 23 Curriculum Night grades 1&2 and specialists
- Sept. 24 Curriculum Night grades 3-5, Sage, and specialists
- Sept. 28 Reflections Kick-Off
- Oct. 8 Fall Back-To-School BBQ/Walkathon
- Oct. 9 Vision and Hearing Testing

Mark Your Calendars...

- Oct. 20 School Picture Day
- Oct. 28 Skate King
- Nov. 3-4 Parent/Teacher Conferences

Math Olympiad

Endeavour's **Math Olympiad** team is open for registration until **September 28th**. The session will begin in October with a cost of only \$10 per child. Only 4th and 5th grade students are eligible for participating.

There will be five monthly math contests from November to March. It should take no more than one hour per month to participate in the contests. Parents will work with their kids at home for contest preparation.

One hour per week after school coaching sessions may be provided if there are parent volunteers for the coaching role. We will also need ten more volunteers to help make this program successful. Math expertise is not a requirement for our volunteers.

We cannot move forward if we do not have enough assistance from you! *Space is limited to the first 35 students who register.* Please email Barbara Wood at barbara@5woods.com if you are interested in registering your child and/or volunteering your time.

Banking Days Are Back

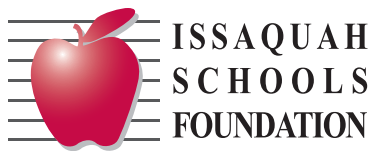
Student Banking Returns to Endeavour !

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 Sammamish branch, 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

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



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.



Join us for the Social Event of the Season!

Endeavour's 1st-ever Back to School BBQ & Walk-a-thon!
Thursday, October 8th, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Volunteer Now!

It takes over 100 volunteers to make this event great! Help us with set up from 1:00 – 3:00, clean up from 6:00 – 6:30, or during the event: 1st shift: 3:00 – 4:30 or 4:30 – 6:00. Opportunities to help with lap tables, concessions, class escorts, course monitors and more. Please contact Stacy O'Daffer at stacycodaffer@yahoo.com to sign up to help! (If you e-mailed Stacy last week and did not hear back, please try again – we published the incorrect e-mail. Sorry!)

Eat Well!

The grills will be fired up! Plan to bring the whole family for an afternoon of great food, live music and a back yard full of fun!

Meals include choice of chips or potato salad and choice of water, juice box or soda.

Grilled Hot Dog Meal	\$4
Grilled Hamburger Meal	\$5
Grilled Gardenburger Meal	\$5
BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwich Meal	\$6
Warm McDonald's Apple Pie	\$1
Jamba Juice	\$2
Candy, drink & snack concessions	\$1
Popcorn	25¢

Your To Do's!

- o 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!"
- o Questions, please contact the Back to School BBQ & Walk-a-thon Chair, Julie Spieker at julie.spieker@comcast.net.

Double Your Walk-A-Thon Donation!

Your employer may have a Matching Gifts program allowing you to double your donation. **Please contact your Human Resources department for their Matching Gift procedure.** Thank you! Questions? Contact: endeavourmatchingfunds@hotmail.com

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.

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.

SCHOOL NEWS

What is Curriculum Night for grades 1-5?

Curriculum night is a chance to meet your child's teacher and visit the classroom, learn about the curriculum, class procedures and homework and sign up to volunteer.

Parents only, please. No child care will be available.

This will not be a time for individual parent conferences due to the time allotted and confidentiality of discussing personal information in the presence of others.

Curriculum Night schedules:

- Sept. 23 Curriculum Night
Grades 1 & 2 6:15 - 7:00
Specialists 7:00-7:15
- Sept. 24 Curriculum Night – Grades 3, 4, and 5
5th Grade 5:30 - 6:15
5th grade meeting 6:15-6:45
3rd and 4th grades 7:00 - 7:45
(4th Grade Merlin 6:00-6:45)
Specialists 6:45-7:00
SAGE 7:45-8:30

Spring 2009 WASL Results

WASL results from spring 2009 testing will be available in Family Access for students who tested in grades 3-12, beginning the afternoon of Friday, September 11. Families without internet access may request paper copies from their child's school. Forgotten log-in or password information for Family Access may be obtained from individual schools.

Vision & Hearing Screening

Volunteers are needed to help with student vision and hearing screening on **Friday, October 9th from 8:30 am to 12:00.** CONTACT Maureen Vincent AT: maureen.vincent@comcast.net or 425-557-9629 if you can help. (PM shift may be added)

Health Room Request

Throughout the year, the health room may need some extra supplies. Right now, the staff is requesting gently used, size 6,7,8, or 10 girls pants. Can you help?

Ride The Bus To Protect Classroom Dollars!

We need all regular bus riders to make sure to ride the bus from Monday, Oct. 5, through Friday, Oct. 9. That's when drivers will count each student who rides the bus in the morning and each student who rides the kindergarten bus at midday. These rider numbers determine the amount of funding our Transportation Department receives from the State of Washington.

Already, we use local levy dollars (about \$3 million last year) to backfill the gap in transportation funding because the state's formula does not cover actual costs. The levy dollars also directly fund classroom expenses, such as curriculum and salaries. So by ensuring all regular bus riders are on the bus during the "count" week, our District can recoup the maximum amount of transportation funding to which we are entitled—and preserve more dollars for the classroom.

Bus Passes

Bus passes can now be issued for students to ride home on the bus with friends. **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.

Skyline Football

Yes, Joe Montana's son is coming; yes, Will Smith's son is coming; yes, Wayne Gretzky's son is coming; yes, it's being hyped up in the media from here to Timbuktu; **but NO —there are absolutely NO TICKETS LEFT for tonight's match-up between Skyline High School and Oaks Christian.** If you do not have a ticket, please avoid the crowd and watch the game at home via ESPN2 or ESPNU.