



Mountain View Middle School Squire Crier



NOVEMBER 2009

2400 Perry Avenue
Bremerton, WA 98310

473-0600 - 7th & 8th

473-0700 - 6th

Principal

Michaeleen Gelhaus

Assistant Principal

Mary Tierney

Devin McLane

Dean of Students

Christian Jordan

Attendance

473-0700 (6)

473-0614/0615 (7-8)

Counseling/Registration

473-0630

Lauri Blair—6th Grade
473-0611

Dean Wagner—7th Grade
473-0612

Karla Polillo—8th Grade
473-0610

Child Nutrition

473-0616

Transportation

473-0507

Dear Mountain View Middle School families,

As we enter the 2nd quarter of school, if you can believe that, we appreciate all of the hard work your students have put in to their education.

We hope you enjoyed our student-led fall conferences and got a good idea of what your student has accomplished thus far. Open communication, continual enthusiasm, and parent commitment to your child's education is critical in their success in middle school. Following, please find some additional information in assisting your student with academic success.

How to Be a Success in Middle School

1. Check what you have for homework from the teacher or a reliable friend. Making friends is also good. Make sure you have the assignment and any needed materials to be used in getting the homework done, such as pencils, pens, papers, etc.
2. Try to pay attention. Take notes while listening at the same time. Carefully listening while your teacher is going over information is a bonus and guaranteed to have a nice outcome. Notes should be legible and organized so you can study them later.
3. Learn to learn from all types of teaching. Take the best notes you can, because you will need them for tests. Good notes consist of: readable penmanship, descriptive details, formulas (if you're in a math or science class), and dates and location of where important events happened. Most of the time, if you outline your notes they'll be easier to understand when you go home to study them. Make sure they're neat and legible. Presentation of your notes on the paper should be clean and perfect.
4. Decorate your locker to fit you. It's your little estate that you use as a vacation between classes.
5. Don't be afraid to ask questions when you don't understand a concept or directions. Teachers like kids who do this.
6. Stay after school for tutoring if needed. Take advantage of all the help you can get!

TIPS

- Be honest. If you don't have your homework, immediately tell your teacher. It'll be less embarrassing than telling him/her in front of the whole class.
- Be nice to every kid, and they'll be nice back. Don't go out making trouble for yourself.
- Just be yourself! It'll work out better that way.
- Don't skip class.
- You shouldn't care what other people think (much) so shrug it off.
- If you have trouble finishing your homework or focusing, then reward yourself when you get it all done and put away.
- Your homework is never complete until it is checked and put away ready for tomorrow.
- Every fifteen minutes take a three to five minute break. A human only has a fifteen to twenty minute attention span.

PTA

President, Lynnette DeShaw, 206-999-9397

Vice President, Joyce Cowdery, 360-373-3270

Secretary, Lenora Bradley, 360-377-4974

Treasurer, Lynn Cudlipp, 360-792-2472

**OCTOBER 30TH "TWILIGHT COSTUME BALL".
We are brewing up a fantastic evening of fun!!!**



The Twilight Costume Ball is coming up on Friday, October 30, from 6pm until 8pm. We'll have a DJ with disco lights, and a "silent screening" of the film Twilight! If you'd like to help make this all school dance a great success, we have lots of opportunities for you to pitch in! **For more information or to volunteer, contact Jo Walter at littleproutsps@comcast.net or phone 479-3117.**

Also, don't forget to support your PTA for only \$10.00!

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Word of the Month

innocuous

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adjective:

1. Harmless; producing no ill effect.
2. Not likely to offend or provoke; as, "an innocuous remark."

Furthermore, the public, not knowing how to interpret certain facts and figures, may end up unfairly vilifying a company that uses only **innocuous** traces of a certain toxic chemical.

MVMS Canned Food Drive! "Cram the Van" is a grade competition! With all food going to the food bank or shelters.	2 - 23
Fall Social (2:45 p.m.– 4:00 p.m.) – Turkey Theme!	3
Fundraiser Products Arrive	5
Veteran's Day Assembly	10
Parent/Community Forum with Superintendent Herndon 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	10
Veteran's Day – Holiday – No School	11
PTA Meeting – 6:30 p.m. in the Commons	12
Boy's Basketball Pictures (3:00 p.m.)	13
Thanksgiving Break	26-27
Supplemental Day – No School	30

Sports

Volleyball

Our MVMS Volleyball Team! League Champions!



Football

Our MVMS Football Team! 2nd Place in League!



Associated Student Body

President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	ASB Advisor
Gabrielle Dubos	Michael Davis	Alixandria Arthaud	Ethan Lotz	Suzi Mach

Hey! Don't forget to order your Yearbook! They are only \$20.00 and only \$15.00 if you purchased an ASB card! Don't delay though as the Yearbook prices go up as the year goes on! You don't want to miss out!

ASB cards are available this year for \$25.00. The cards will get you in to ALL Bremerton school events from games, concerts, plays and many more exciting events and you get a \$5.00 discount on your yearbook and discounts on Squire clothing. You can also receive local discounts when you show your ASB card for entrance fees. The \$25.00 goes towards our students learning enrichment activities that are relevant and engaging for our middle school students. Field trips, after school activity buses, programs designed to reward student success, pep assemblies, dances, promotion celebrations, and after school clubs, just to name a few! We will be selling our ASB products each morning and at lunches on Wednesdays in our student store located in the commons. We now have supplies for students to purchase for their academic success!

Yarn Over Club



Tuesdays and Thursdays afterschool!
Knit or Crochet hats, scarves, and participate in the Warm Up America quilt project!
Mrs. Joslin, Advisor, Room C202

Reflections... "Beauty is..."

"Reflections" is a PTA sponsored art program. Entries are due to your first period teacher on Monday November 2nd. If you can help with this program or need entry forms and details please contact Reflections Chair Lynette Bird at: birdlybran76@yahoo.com

Art will be displayed during one of the Friday night Art Walks... enter your little Picasso today!