



# Muir Elementary News

September 29, 2017

## Principal News from Jeff DeGallier

Welcome again to the 2017/2018 school year. Today we launch our new e-newsletter that will be emailed every other Friday. This will provide information on current happenings and upcoming events in an easy to read format that will help you stay connected as we work together to make this a great year of learning and growing for our students. As always, your input is very important to us so please let us know if you have suggestions for how we can use this new newsletter to better serve you.

Thank you for sending us such wonderful students to share the joy of learning. It is my privilege to serve your children as principal. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. This is going to be a great year!

## September is National Attendance Awareness Month!

Did you know that students who miss just two days a month on average are at greater risk of falling behind? Being on time and at school every day is very important to your child's success.

Regular school attendance is important for all students. Chronic or excessive absenteeism, whether excused or unexcused, has been correlated with lower assessment scores and lower graduation rates. For more information please visit the website: <http://www.attendanceworks.org>.

Our JME coveted Traveling Trophy is awarded monthly to the classroom with the highest monthly percentage of class attendance. Students record their daily class attendance on a chart in the classroom. The winning class gets to keep the trophy in their classroom for the entire month and each student receives an attendance certificate! Our district videographer produced this great

video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7UTnj9ojiY&feature=youtu.be>.

## It's Parents and Pastries Time!

Come join us next Friday, October 6th from 8:00-8:45 am for free books, tasty treats, coffee, and time to read together. As part of our Parents and Pastries events, the library is collecting any used books you would like to donate. We are looking for kids books in particular, but any books will help. They will be used for book swaps and giveaways for these events. Just drop them off in the library at any time!

## **JME Drop Off/Pick Up - Parking Info**

The safety of our students is our highest priority. Always drive slowly and use caution when using the JME drop off/pick up zone and parking lot. There is no parking in the South Lot along the fire lane or the curb. This area is reserved for daycare vans, private transportation and emergency vehicles. If you can't find a parking spot in this lot, please try the following areas:

Main Lot, Church Lot, Kamiakin Lot, or along 140th street. Thanks for helping keep our students safe.

## **Student Health Info**

The cold and flu season has started early at John Muir Elementary! In the past week, we have had many students with fevers, vomiting, and headaches. If your student is sent home with a fever or vomiting, it is the district/school policy that they may not return until they are fever free/vomit free for at least 24 hours. It is important to be fully recovered before returning back to school, in order to keep all students and staff healthy and happy for learning! Thanks so much for your help in making sure students get enough rest and care before returning to school.

## **Parenting Classes**

The Puget Sound Adlerian Society offers informative parenting classes throughout the Puget Sound Area. The fall 2017 issue of the Parenting Calendar is now online at <http://www.pasadler.org/calendar.pdf>

Kathy Dryden, Counselor

## **Calendar**

- Safety Net Curriculum Night-October 5th, 5:30 - 6:15 pm
- Parents and Pastries - October 6th - 8:00 - 8:45 am Library
- PTSA Heritage Night- October 12th 6:00 - 8:00 pm
- Conference Week - October 16, 17, 19 School is out at Noon

More events can be found on the [Muir Tandem Online Calendar](#)

## Quick Links

Muir: <http://muir.lwsd.org>

LWSD: [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org)

PTSA: <http://muirptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

Peachjar: [Community flyers](#)

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