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WELCOME TO TIGER BYTES 2007-2008

Here you'll find some useful information and reminders. For the most current and comprehensive information, always go to:

www.MedinaPTA.org

Medina Back to School Brunches

Please come as these are a great way to meet other parents at Medina!

First Grade Brunch

Friday, September 14, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Hosted by Ingrid Angier, Tina Pappas, Kea Rensch, Laura Weingaertner

Kea's House: 1631 86th Ave. NE 462-0044

Second Grade Brunch

Thursday, September 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Hosted by Judy Bigelow and Gail Pratt

Gail's House: 2232 78th Ave. NE 454-4161

Third Grade Brunch

Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Hosted by JoAnne Buxton, Annette Jacobs, Heija Nunn and Ally Svenson

Steve House: 8641 NE 17th Place 456-0099

Fourth Grade Brunch

Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 9:30 a.m.

Hosted by Margaret Sciabica and Beth Swanson

Margaret's House: 114 96th Ave. NE 467-8011

Fifth Grade Brunch

Friday, September 14, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

Hosted by Susan Herrmann, Anu Jain and Jane Meitl

Anu's house: 8315 Overlake Drive West 990-8400

Each brunch costs \$30, with proceeds going to Medina PTA. Please drop in the office envelope or bring to the brunch.



A Message From the Medina PJA Co-Presidents...

Parents,

We hope you had a great 1st week of school and survived the new early wakeup routine, the after school meltdown, and all the after school activities you blissfully signed up for last spring.

Tobey and I had many firsts as well. Our first PTA Meeting, which had a record turnout. Thank you all for participating. Our first envelope stuff had a record number of helpers as well. Thank you to everyone who was able to stay after the meeting and get those envelopes stuffed so the kids could bring home that treasure trove of paper. Please return those emergency forms and directory forms as soon as possible. You can email your directory information to Teri Pool directly at teri@xmlfund.com.

If you would like a copy of the technology framework that Benay spoke about. Check out <http://www.bsd405.org/medina/homepage/>. Look under the technology tab for the framework.

If you would like to send an email to the Medina City Council about the value of having a regular police liaison for the schools in the city, click on the city council link at <http://www.medina-wa.gov/>. You can also sign up for E-lerts, the alert notification system from the City of Medina at this site as well. A link is available right on the front page.

We would like to thank all the people who made our first week a big success, especially:

Dave Simpson, Sam Santi, Kristi Eldrenkamp, Carolyn Clark and Andrea Jones for stepping up to chair our open committee chair positions.

Debbie Scott and Chris Metzger for getting us refreshments and coffee for our first meeting. We drained those coffee pots clean!

Shelly Carlson for getting all the PACE packets rolled out and all the kids prizes ready to be handed out.

Kate Ahrens who took delivery of the last piece of furniture for the PTA room, while attending the PTA meeting.

All the hostesses and hosts of the parties and Back to School Brunches.

All the people who read all the paperwork sent home and noted the Curriculum Night is WEDNESDAY, September 19.

Please let us know if you have any additional thoughts, ideas, questions. We have loved hearing from you. Enjoy the first issue of Tiger Bytes.

Betsy Johnson and Tobey Bryant, betsygpj@hotmail.com and tobeybryant@comcast.net



A Message From Principal Rose...

Welcome back to school!

Thanks to everyone for helping get us off to a terrific start! I visited nearly every classroom on the first day of school and saw kids excited and learning in every single one. We had a great first day assembly, as part of our school goal of continuing to build a welcoming, productive, and positive learning environment. The joy and enthusiasm for learning that are part of human nature are never clearer than on that first day and are such a gift to be around!

We are a team, as a school and as a community, and we all have the same goal – a terrific year of growth and learning for our children to help them reach their utmost potential and have a great time doing it. As we start the year, I want to echo the PTA's theme for the year – be in the know! If you have questions about the school or the classroom, please talk to your child's teacher or to me and we can help each other do the hard and joyful work and make this be another terrific year for the kids. Curriculum Night will be September 19th this year and I look forward to seeing you there.

I want to say thank you to everyone who helped make the first week run smoothly. We had lots of parents helping on the playground, getting information out to everyone in packets, and in the PTA meeting. We had record numbers of kids taking the bus the first day and lots of people walking, despite the rain. For drop-off and pick-up, we all really appreciated the consideration and flexibility everyone showed in following the rules and procedures – it made the parking lot a much safer place to be than the beginning of last year. What a difference a year makes! Teachers were out on the playground and in the hallway and made their classrooms welcoming places of learning, right off the bat. And the students came in, ready to learn! Who could ask for more?

Jen Rose



From the Editor..

Welcome to Tiger Bytes '07-'08! Hope you all enjoyed a fun-filled summer!

I'm Linda Bracken, and I'm very pleased to be the new editor of Tiger Bytes. My goal is to help Medina PTA leadership realize their goal of streamlining Tiger Bytes while maintaining it as a useful and important communication tool. To that end, throughout the year, please do not hesitate to send to me your requested content, as well as any and all suggestions for improvement. I can best be reached at:

lindakbracken@msn.com

And contact Rani Sandoy-Brown at medina.webmaster@gmail.com if you would like to post information to the Medina PTA Website.

Thank you ! And have a great year! - Linda

Coming Soon!

Fall session of Wacky Wednesday after school Program.

For those new to school, there are (2) eight week sessions; one in the fall and one in the spring (after the ski bus program). This program is separate from the Chess Club. We are currently finalizing the line up and will have some great classes for the kids. Please watch for the flyer packets in your child's backpack within the next couple of weeks and for announcements on the Medina PTA website and weekly emails. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Major at major_jm@hotmail.com or Debbie Scott at d_bscott@hotmail.com

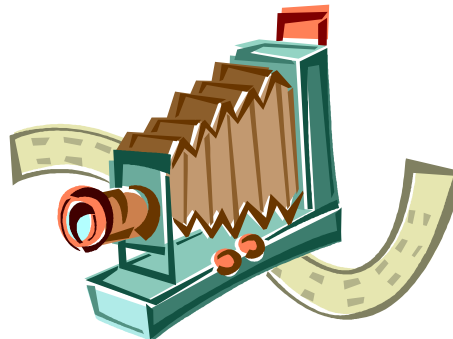
Dates to Remember...

September 19	Curriculum Night
October 10	Walkathon
November 7	General PTA Assembly (7:30pm)
January 16	General PTA Assembly (7:30pm)
March 8	Auction Night

PICTURES

Class and individual picture day is Friday September, 21.

Re-take day is Friday November, 2.



AUCTION

Save the date: March 8, 2008.



Welcome to the Virtues Corner!

Virtue of the month:

Unity: When you practice Unity, you feel connected to everyone and everything. Unity brings harmony and it comes when we value each person. As students and parents at Medina, let's do our best to practice the virtue of Unity; in the classroom, in the lunchroom, and especially on the play-

Bellevue Schools Foundation

DON'T FORGET to take a look at your **lime green** Bellevue Schools Foundation Phonathon donation sheet and give **TODAY!!** Let's **ALL** participate and help make a big difference for the children in our schools. The funds raised during the phonathon benefit *all* students in *all* Bellevue schools. This year, BSF is raising \$1.6 million for world-class, district wide academic programs and support services for teachers and students in Bellevue's schools. When you donate by Oct. 10th our phonathon callers will take you off their call lists and you won't be called on phonathon night. A super easy way to donate is online at www.bsfdn.org/donate Thanks for your support!

Your BSF Reps-Corinne Beardsley, Lynne Witham and Anu Jain

BACK TO SCHOOL SHOPPING ON AMAZON.COM

Simply go to the BSF website home page (www.bsfdn.org), click on the Amazon.com link, and BSF will receive over 7% of each sale. Please note **you must go through the BSF site** (www.bsfdn.org) for BSF to get credit for the order. Unfortunately, bookmarking the link or going directly to Amazon.com won't identify the purchase as a BSF order.

Thanks for shopping on Amazon.com via the BSF website - we've raised over \$2,100 for our kids this year!



As Tiger Wear Chair, I want to introduce you to our school spirit wear and on-line store. To get to the on-line store, go to www.medinapta.org and click on the Tiger Wear link.

Go Tigers!— Molly Piper, Tiger Wear Chair



Directory Changes

New cell phone

New email address

New address

Don't want your information posted in the directory

Please contact Teri Pool at

teri@xmlfund.com



Dear Medina Elementary Parents:

Thank you in advance for your continued support of our school. This year we've selected a new easy fundraiser called PACE, that rewards you and our school for what you are doing every day, shopping! PACE – Parents and Community Businesses for Education is an exciting new program that can raise significant dollars for our PTA budget. We can easily raise thousands of dollars for our school with little effort.

It's As Easy As 1-2-3

1. Register today at www.4pace.com – Safe, Secure and Simple

Register any VISA or MasterCard for \$25 of which \$10 goes directly to Medina.

(PACE co-exists with all other rewards programs including airline frequent flyer miles).

2. Shop & Save

Save **20%** on your first purchase at **every** local PACE business. No coupons or discount cards required! Simply use your PACE registered credit card to pay for your purchase, and your savings and school contributions are automatic.

3. Businesses Donate 5% to Our School With Every Purchase!

Your everyday spending really adds up. Every time you shop at any of the over 200 PACE participating businesses, they will contribute **5%** of the purchase to Medina Elementary. Some of the businesses include such local favorites as Tap House Grill, The Melting Pot, Papa John's, Urban Dogs, Trader Vic's, Mora Iced Creamery and more.

Prize Program

Sign up one credit card for PACE and all student(s) in your family will win a NASA Glow-in-the-Dark Earthball! Make sure to tell your friends and family about PACE, because, when you get a total of three or more people to register, your student(s) wins a grand prize in addition to the Earthball! The school will raise even more and your child can choose from 5 educational grand prizes!

If you have any questions about the program please contact Shelley Carlson, our PACE Chair, at shelleylc@hotmail.com or 425.454.8146.

That's all there is to it! **Join Now at www.4pace.com.**

Medina PTA



"GO FOR THE GOLD" - WALKATHON 2007 IS HERE!

Kick-off Assembly

Our Kick-off Assembly is **Monday, September 27th at 1:45pm**. A cowgirl will be on hand to perform a roping and whip cracking routine and will talk about the importance of determination and motivation in achieving one's goals. Betsy Johnson joins the roundup as the MC inspiring the kids to saddle up and get those pledges!

Pledge Collection Process

On Thursday, September 27th, your child will bring home their Walkathon handbook and pledge envelope. They can start collecting pledges as early as that afternoon! Sponsors can donate in two ways: fixed amount donations or per-lap pledges. Fixed amount donations are collected at the time they are made and should be brought back to school in the pledge envelopes on **Tuesdays, 10/2, and 10/9** with whatever donations were collected that week. Per-lap pledge money will be collected after the Walkathon by **Tuesday, 10/16**. All donations are tax deductible. Poster displays at school will track class pledge totals.

Bake Sale Goodies Needed

We will need small baked goodies (cookies, cupcakes, brownies, snack bars, fruit etc.,) that can be sold at the Bake Sale during the Walkathon. Stay tuned for more details.

Volunteer Sign-up

*To make our Walkathon a success, EVERYONE needs to pitch in! So, please sign up for a volunteer spot. The form will come home with your child in the kickoff packet or you may also find it on the website at www.medinapta.org under Walkathon. Please email **Jennifer Ramos** rjennifer@comcast.net and let her know how you would like to help!*

THANK YOU PARENTS, STUDENTS AND STAFF FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Laura Weingaertner & Anne Strecker – Co-Chairs



Medina Chess Club

Fall 2007 Registration Form



Please complete this form & deliver with a \$225 tuition check (or \$290 for the advanced team), payable to the Medina PTA, to the school office by **September 15th**. This payment is for the entire year of chess club - a minimum of 28 weeks. **Placement will be done on a first-come, first-served basis.** Please place this sheet (with your check attached) in the Chess Club folder located on the PTA Wall in the School Office. Tuition will cover the entire year of Chess Club which will start on **September 26th** and end the first week of May. Our annual Chess Night will take place on **Thursday, September 27th from 6:30-8:30pm.**

*** Refunds for unused chess tuition will be issued until October 10th only. There will be NO Chess Club on October 10th, due to the Walkathon.

Student Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Email Address _____

Daytime Phone #s to reach you (work or cell?) _____

(In case of emergency)

Level of Play* (circle one) Beginning Kindergartener

(We will once again have two sections of Kindergarteners!)

Beginner (other than Kindergarteners)

Beg. Intermediate

Adv. Intermediate

All-girls Teams (Grades 1-5, we hope to have two sections again)

Advanced Competition Team (1.5 hrs, \$290 tuition)

** If your child played on the team last year, the Coaches will place him/her at the appropriate level. If you would like to discuss placement, please contact Marianne Mowat.*

Are you interested in participating in local tournaments? _____

*** We will be hosting our 2nd annual city-wide Medina Chess Tournament in mid-January. Stay tuned for details. We will hope for a high level of participation in this tournament!

At this time, do you plan on signing up for 2007 ski program? _____



Family Chess Night

Your entire family is welcome to join us for an evening of fun!

(No need to currently be in the Medina Chess Club)

Thursday, September 27th, 2007

6:30-8:30pm

Medina Elementary Gym

- Play chess with your family, friends and coaches
- Learn more about chess in your child's life, chess tournaments and much, much more

Go to **MEDINAPTA.ORG** for the online version of **Tiger Bytes**.