

# Fidalgo Family Flyer



## Fidalgo Elementary School Vision

Caring, inspired, productive  
lifelong learners

## Fidalgo Elementary School Mission

We educate students  
to realize their individual potentials  
and contribute to their community

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### Thank You, PTA

Thank you, PTA, for replacing two of our decades old basketball backboards with *adjustable* glass backboards. These new backboards can be lowered to the appropriate height for younger students, which helps them to develop skills and experience success!

This is just one of the many ways that our PTA fundraisers benefit students.

#### Before...



#### After!



### What Fidalgo Families Need to Know for the

**Week of March 14, 2016**

#### Classified Appreciation Week!

##### Monday, March 14

- 2:45-3:45 - Young Authors Workshop

##### Tuesday, March 15

##### Wednesday, March 16

- 8:55 - Late start Wednesday
- KidWind Challenge – Fidalgo Gym - see related article

##### Thursday, March 17

- Turn in *I Love to Read* Reading Logs

##### Friday, March 18

- Fridays are Spirit Days – Wear your Fidalgo colors/t-shirts
- *I Love to Read* Reado Game

##### Saturday, March 19

- Districtwide KidWind Challenge – Island View – see related article

### ASD Art Show at the Depot Gallery Hours

If you weren't able to make opening night, the art show is open at the following times:

March 15 – 10-5	March 18 – 10-1
March 16 – 10-1	March 19 – 10-2
March 17 – 10-1	March 22 – 10-1

## Thank You, Classified School Employees

March 14 is Classified School Employees Appreciation Week in Washington State. Classified employees includes the many non-classroom teaching support roles, such as classroom and library para-educators, recess supervisors, office support, and more. Our classified staff are an integral part of our Fidalgo team, and of our students' achievement. Thank you, classified employees!



## 6th Grade KidWind Challenge

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade KidWind Challenge is almost here! In science class, 6<sup>th</sup> graders have been working in teams to design, build and test a wind turbine that transfers wind energy into electrical energy. This project, which is aligned to the Next Generation Science and Engineering Standards, will culminate in a schoolwide challenge on March 16. The top 10 teams from Fidalgo will be invited to attend the district-wide competition with Island View and Mount Erie on Saturday, March 19 at Island View.

During the competitions, teams will be judged according to their knowledge of wind energy, turbine design, and the energy produced by their wind turbine in our 4ft. x 4 ft. wind tunnel (pictured). This project is based on the National KidWind Competition. You can find more information about this national competition at: [challenge.kidwind.org](http://challenge.kidwind.org).

Thank you to the Anacortes STEM Foundation who sponsors this project and provides funding for all of the materials. We are also grateful to our ASD elementary science specialists, Kristen Downs (Fidalgo), Jody Dylan (Mount Erie), and Scott Butterworth (Island View), for bringing this engaging and relevant engineering experience to our students.

Sixth graders should make sure their presentations and turbines are ready to go at school on Wednesday, March 16 - Turbine Testing/Judging Day. Parents may come and watch, just stop by the office to sign in before coming to the gym.

### Wednesday, March 16 – Fidalgo Turbine Challenge

9:00 to 9:30:	Students set up their turbines in the gym
9:30 to 11:30:	Judging – teams will sign up for a time
11:30 to 12:00:	Lunch break
12:00 to 1:00:	Judging
1:00 – 2:30:	Classes can come down to the gym to view the projects
2:30	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Awards ceremony (6 <sup>th</sup> grade students and parents only)
6:00 to 7:00:	Community and parents are invited to view projects and demonstrations

## Have a Ball with Reading! March is *I Love to Read* Month

-Vickie Ellis, *I Love to Read* Coordinator

March is I Love to Read Month at Fidalgo Elementary; this year's theme is *Have a Ball with Reading!* It is a PTA sponsored event where all teachers, staff and parents work together to emphasize the FUN and importance of reading. For details about I Love to Read Month, please see the "Worth Repeating" section of this newsletter.

Here are some upcoming dates related to "I Love to Read" month:

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR SPECIAL I LOVE TO READ DAYS:

Tuesday, March 15 is Read Under Your Desk Day

Tuesday, March 22 is Mismatch Clothing Day

Tuesday, March 29 is Crazy Hat and Hair Day

All Thursdays in March are Reading Log Due Days and Weekly Raffles



### **Meet Our Fidalgo AmeriCorps Members! Veronica Crommett (left) and Laura Spehar (right)**

March 5 through 12 is AmeriCorps Week across the country. AmeriCorps Week is a time to salute AmeriCorps members and alums for their service, thank AmeriCorps community partners, and communicate AmeriCorps' impact on the individuals and communities they serve. AmeriCorps members Veronica Crommett and Laura Spehar have positions at Fidalgo provided through a literacy grant with the Washington Reading Corps. The mission of the Washington Reading Corps (WRC) is to improve reading abilities of K-6 students across Washington State. This is achieved through research-based tutoring of struggling readers and effective collaborations among schools, families, community members, National Service, businesses and state partners.

Veronica and Laura work daily in the Fidalgo Reading Lab with students using the LLI Reading Program. They also provide reading support within classrooms as needed. Veronica is a recent AHS graduate and was at one time a Fidalgo student herself. Laura is a veteran educator who just recently moved back to the Anacortes area after living a few years in Seattle.

### **Just Do One Thing Energy Tip: Air Dry Your Laundry**

The Anacortes School District is participating in the "Just Do One Thing" Anacortes Energy Challenge (for more information <http://www.anacortescommunityenergy.org/>)

Here is this week's tip for your family to save energy and money:

#### **Air Dry Your Laundry**

Doing your laundry is a major use of energy in your house. In fact, two dryer loads of laundry use more electricity than many homes use in a day. With a typical family of four doing 7-8 loads of laundry a week, the utility bills mount up quickly. Hanging your laundry to air dry is an enjoyable way to save money on your electricity bill. Our family of four can now save up to \$240.00 a year – a significant savings. And, even better, air-drying your clothes will make them last longer!

#### **Did you know:**

Two dryer loads uses more electricity than many homes use in a day.

A family of four can save up to \$240/year (using an electric dryer).

Your clothes will last longer if you air dry them.

Overloading your dryer will reduce the efficiency and take longer.

#### **What to do:**

- Minimize your use of the dryer.
- Use a clothesline to dry your clothes
- There many styles of clotheslines to meet your space requirements
- Running your clothes in the dryer for 5-10 minutes first, then hang them to dry- it will remove the stiffness in clothes that are air dried.
- Make sure you clean the lint trap before each load. Dirty lint traps will drain 5-10% more energy.
- Make sure your dryer vent hose and vent covers are not clogged with lint.

## Worth Repeating

### **Science Opportunities for Students through Shannon Point Marine Center**

#### Shannon Point Marine Center Spring Break Camp: So You Want to be A Marine Scientist - April 4-8 – Shannon Point Marine Center

We live in a community with a very unique resource. The Shannon Point Marine Center (SPMC) situated between the San Juan Ferry terminal and Washington Park in Anacortes is a world leader in ocean science research. This spring break SPMC will open its doors to school children to work with graduate students to gain unique firsthand experience in the marine sciences. Students will work in teams to develop project questions, hypotheses and experimental design, conduct real time experiments, and analyze and interpret data. At the conclusion of the program students will present their findings to a SPMC scientist.

A morning session from 8:30 -12:30 will be offered for grades 4-6 and an afternoon session will run from 1:00-5:00 for students in grades 7-9. Each session costs \$189. To register: [http://www.wwu.edu/ee/youth/odyssey/anacortes\\_4-6-spring.shtml](http://www.wwu.edu/ee/youth/odyssey/anacortes_4-6-spring.shtml)

#### WWU /Shannon Point Marine Center – Ocean STEM After School – Ocean Tech – ROVs – Grades 5-8 - Tuesdays, April 26 – May 24, from 3:45 to 5:15 pm at the Anacortes Middle School.

Build and operate an underwater Remotely Operated Vehicle – ROV! Become familiar with ocean exploration technology and create a kid-designed ROV that can complete a mission underwater. Students will work in teams to design, assemble and test a company ROV. Completed ROVs will be tested at Fidalgo Pool on the last day of class. Instructors: WWU Engineering Major, ROV President, Quae Atwood and WWU Marine Science Scholar, Jayshen Blows. To register: <http://www.wwu.edu/ee/youth/ocean-stem/anacortes-spring.shtml>

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*-Vickie Ellis, I Love to Read Coordinator*

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#### GRADE READING GOALS

K-3rd Grade Goal: 10 hours (30 boxes) 4th-6th Grade Goal: 15 hours (45 boxes)

School Goal: 100% participation. Ultimately our goal is to help our students become stronger readers, as well as develop a life-long love of reading!

#### PARENT ROLE

Your role as parent/guardian consists of three parts:

1. Encourage your students to put down their electronic devices, pick up a good book, and sit down and read each night throughout the week. If you have a younger reader, READ TO THEM!
2. Initial 1 box for every 20 minutes your child reads. Please do not mark half boxes. All boxes must be initialed by an adult.
3. Remind your student to turn in their reading log each THURSDAY.

#### LUNCH & DOGS RAFFLE

5 names will be drawn to win *Lunch with the Principal*. Students will earn 1 lunch raffle ticket if they reach their Grade Reading Goals. An extra raffle ticket may be earned for every 5 hours above the goal the student reads. They can also win a chance to read with dogs in the library! Again, the more they read, the better their chance of winning! The raffle will be held at the end of the month once all minutes are tallied.

#### GIFT CERTIFICATES

We will continue our tradition of giving a *Toy Stories* gift certificate to the top 3 readers in each class!

#### BIKE RAFFLE

There will be 2 bicycles up for raffle again this year. Students will earn 1 bike raffle ticket if they reach their Grade Reading Goals. An additional raffle ticket may be earned for every 5 hours above the goal the student reads. That means, the more they read, the better their chance of winning! The raffle will be held at the end of the month once all minutes are tallied. (Thank you to #77 Masonic Lodge and Skagit Cycle for the bicycle donations)

#### PIZZA PARTY

There will be 2 pizza parties this year. One for the top K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade class and one for the top 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

#### WEEKLY RAFFLE

Students can earn a weekly raffle ticket if they Get Caught Reading, or if they guess the answers correctly to weekly games. Games include Mystery Reader, READO (like BINGO), and Guess That Book. All weekly game guesses must be entered in the raffle box by the library. The raffle will be held each Thursday in March.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

## **SABA'S ANNUAL SPORTS PHYSICALS**

For current 6th-11th grade student-athletes

**Tuesday, May 17**

6:00-8:00 p.m. at Anacortes Middle School

This is sponsored by the **Seahawk Athletic Booster Association** - a parent-run organization supporting every AHS athletic program. In one night, finish two school sports requirements: getting your child a qualified sports physical good for the coming school year, and submitting required sports paperwork.

**Note: This is for sports physicals only.** Also, students with a current or past history of orthopedic or heart problems, diabetes, asthma or other serious medical problems cannot be examined at this event.

### **Food to Go Seeking Donations of Pre-bagged Apples and Healthy Granola Bars**

*-Carrie Worra*

*Food to Go* is a community weekend backpack food program that provides take home food packages on Fridays for Anacortes school kids who may not have enough to eat over the weekend. We can use your help: please bring pre-bagged apples and/or healthy granola bars to any of the elementary schools starting February 8. Baskets will be labeled at the entrance of the school for easy drop off during conference week. If bringing apples, please buy the pre-bagged Fuji, Pink Ladies, or Granny Smith varieties.

Food to Go serves the neediest 3% of our school population (part of the 30 % of children receiving free and reduced breakfast and lunch). It costs \$190 per year to provide one child with food for the weekend. We rely 100% on donations. If you would like to learn more or sponsor a child for a year, please contact Carrie Worra at 320-7679 or check us out on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/foodtogoanacortes/>.

### **Keep Clipping Those Box Tops**

#### **When You Shop Online, Use AmazonSmile to Raise Funds for Fidalgo**

AmazonSmile is just like shopping on Amazon, only you earn money for Fidalgo with each purchase. AmazonSmile offers a .5% donation of all qualifying purchases to the Fidalgo PTA. Simply go to AmazonSmile.com and select Fidalgo Elementary PTA as your charity. (Don't be confused, it will show up as a Tacoma location because that is where the Washington State PTA is located.) AmazonSmile is the same Amazon you know: same products, same prices, same service. You continue to receive all the same benefits as with your current Amazon account.

#### **Fidalgo PTA News**

#### **Join the Fidalgo PTA Today**

By joining the Fidalgo PTA you are joining a wonderful partnership between parents/guardians, teachers and staff that encourages student achievement, enriches the learning environment and promotes quality education. Your membership and support will help the PTA to continue to supplement important programs like the Act Theater, Missoula Children's Theater, Young Authors, I Love to Read, RIF, Running Club, playground improvements, STEM, Family Fun Nights, teacher/staff special projects and so much more! The annual membership dues are \$20 for family or \$12 for a single membership. Should you have any questions or need further information, please contact Vickie Ellis, Fidalgo PTA President at [vlellis8@gmail.com](mailto:vlellis8@gmail.com) or Kim Titus, Membership at [kltitus20@gmail.com](mailto:kltitus20@gmail.com). A membership form can be picked up at the school office. Thank you for your consideration! For more information about Fidalgo PTA, please contact Vickie Ellis, Fidalgo PTA President at [vlellis8@gmail.com](mailto:vlellis8@gmail.com), or Kim Titus, PTA Membership at [kltitus20@gmail.com](mailto:kltitus20@gmail.com)

**Educational Series for Parents Continues**

Please join us in the Board Room at Anacortes Middle School/District Office for an evening of resources and information on several topics.

Mark your calendars for upcoming "**First Wednesday**" presentations at 6:00 p.m. for parents and educators: **April 13\*** **Janice Veal - "The Arts: Creativity in Schools and at Home"**

Please note that RSVP is not required to attend these presentations. Sponsored by the Anacortes School District Special Services Department.

### **Rachel's Closet at Fidalgo** -Mary Kiser, School Counselor

We have established our own Rachel's Closet at Fidalgo for students who are in need of clothing. The community service clubs and many individuals have provided funding for this resource. The items are new or barely used and if there is an item needed that we do not have, we are able to purchase it with donated funds.

Please contact school counselors Mary Kiser ([mkiser@asd103.org](mailto:mkiser@asd103.org)) or Stacy Estensen ([sestensen@asd103.org](mailto:sestensen@asd103.org)) if you would like to obtain clothing from Rachel's Closet for your child.

**Respect self and others**  
**Improve through effort**  
**Show responsibility**  
**Express kindness**

**Fidalgo students RISE!**

### **If Your Child is Absent...**

please call or email Karen Mantell the morning of the absence.

[kmantell@asd103.org](mailto:kmantell@asd103.org)

(360)293-9545

### **Community Bulletin Board: Your Source for Opportunities in the Community for Your Family**

Each week the Anacortes School District shares information from our community partners on our website:

[http://www.edline.net/pages/Anacortes\\_School\\_District](http://www.edline.net/pages/Anacortes_School_District) (tab Family Resources, then select Community Bulletin Board). You can also go directly to the Community Bulletin Board:

[http://www.edline.net/pages/Anacortes\\_School\\_District/Parents\\_Student\\_Resources/Community\\_Flyers\\_Bulletin\\_Boar/Community\\_Flyers](http://www.edline.net/pages/Anacortes_School_District/Parents_Student_Resources/Community_Flyers_Bulletin_Boar/Community_Flyers)

This is the place to find non-school related community events and information that benefits students and families. All notices are submitted by outside organizations to keep your family informed. The Anacortes School District does not endorse or sponsor these activities. We encourage you to visit the *Community Bulletin Board* frequently to see new postings.

### **Quick Tip**

Quick Tip is a system that allows students, parents, staff, and community members to submit information to school administrators anonymously. While the district already has many programs to help students deal with challenges such as bullying behaviors, stress, peer pressure, and family problems, Quick Tip helps break the code of silence often experienced by students and others because it allows them to report concerns to administrators anonymously.

The Quick Tip system is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <https://asp.schoolmessenger.com/anacortes/quicktip/>. Submitters may log on to Quick Tip from any computer with internet access or mobile app and have the ability, on or off campus, to create positive connections with administrators by addressing topics of concern. School administrators will respond to messages during the regular school day (7:00 AM-3 PM). Messages sent during non-school hours will be responded to, in most cases, the next school day.

It's helpful to share specific information such as a detailed description of the concern or incident, names and grade levels of those involved, location of concern, names of any potential witnesses, and any supporting evidence.

It's important that reporters submit thorough and accurate information; false reporting is subject to disciplinary action. Quick Tip is available to the Anacortes School District students, parents, staff, and community members. ***Parents and other adults wishing to express a concern or share information are still encouraged to continue doing so by calling our schools directly and speaking with the appropriate personnel.*** It is our hope that Quick Tip will provide a form of support that will result in us hosting the best possible learning environment for our students.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: This is not a crisis line. In cases of emergency, the site will direct students to call 911!**

### **Safe Schools - Tip Hotline by Telephone**

If you do not have Internet/ computer access, you can also report unsafe or threatening activities related to any of the schools in the Anacortes School District by calling the following anonymous, toll-free telephone number at any time day or night: 1-866-live-tip ext. 175

## **Website Address for Skagit County's Sexual Offender Notification**

Monitoring the Skagit County's Sexual Offender Notification website regularly provides you with information about sexual offenders that may live in your area. The website address is: [http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Sheriff/sex\\_offenders.htm](http://www.skagitcounty.net/Departments/Sheriff/sex_offenders.htm)

## **Link to OSPI – Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Go to <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us> to find MSP results and other information from OSPI.

*“This School and/or School District does not sponsor, endorse, or recommend any of the organizations, services or activities described in this information. This information is provided solely for the convenience of our students and parents to assist in their review of the safety and suitability of such organizations, services and activities. All School Districts shall be held harmless from any cause of action, claim or petition filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials including attorney’s fees and judgments or awards.”*

### ***Nondiscrimination Statement***

*Anacortes School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:*

#### **Title IX Coordinator/ Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator**

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