

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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5th Grade Art available for bid at the
Fidalgo Dinner Auction

Fidalgo PTA Dinner Auction

This Saturday!

Saturday, March 12, 2016

At the Port

tickets are available online

at fidalgopta.com

and in front of the school at dismissal.

What Fidalgo Families Need to Know for the

Week of March 7, 2016

Monday, March 7

- 2:45-3:45 - Young Authors Workshop
- 6:30 p.m. – PTA Meeting

Tuesday, March 8

- *I Love to Read* Dress in Sports Gear Day
- 2:30 – AMS Informational Meeting for parents of current 6th graders (also available tomorrow night at 6:00 p.m.)

Wednesday, March 9

- 8:55 - Late start Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. – AMS Informational Meeting for parents of current 6th graders

Thursday, March 10

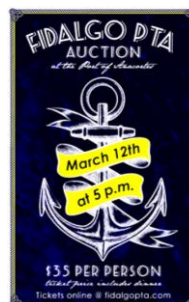
- Turn in *I Love to Read* Reading Logs

Friday, March 11

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

Saturday, March 12

- Fidalgo Dinner Auction!



Information about Anacortes Middle School for Parents of 6th Grade Students

Mark your calendars for the AMS Parent Information Meetings for current parents of 6th graders. For your convenience, two dates/times are offered (the content will be the same): Tuesday, March 8 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and Wednesday, March 9 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. If you haven't done so already, be sure to complete and return your child's registration form that was distributed at conferences.

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:

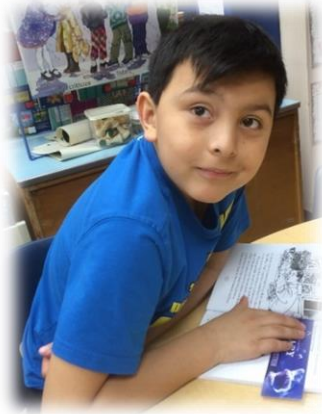
Tuesday, March 8 is Dress Up in Sports Gear Day

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



I Love to Read Pajama Day Read-In in the Library

Opening Night ASD Art Show at the Depot Gallery Hours

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

March 5 – 10-2

March 16 – 10-1

March 8 – 10-5

March 17 – 10-1

March 9 – 10-1

March 18 – 10-1

March 10 – 10-1

March 19 – 10-2

March 11 – 10-5

March 22 – 10-1

March 15 – 10-5



THANK YOU FOR THE SOCK DONATIONS!

The recent ASD AmeriCorps Sock Drive was a huge success. Over 393 pairs of socks were donated and distributed between the Salvation Army and the ASD Rachel's Closet program. Your donations are truly appreciated!

School Bus Drivers Needed

Anacortes School District is looking for individuals who love kids to join our team of professional "Precious Cargo Carriers." Training is provided, a portion of which is paid. Must have an excellent driving record. Apply online at asd103.org or call (360)293-1223 for more information.

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

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>

Just Do One Thing Energy Tip: Conserve Your Use of Hot Water

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:

Conserve Your Use of Hot Water

Hot water usage is the second largest user of electricity in the home. Conserving hot water is easy and has the potential to save you hundreds of dollars on your energy bills each year. Reducing the amount of hot water you use is easy with the many products available to make it convenient and quick to do. In many cases you won’t even notice the difference after the change, except your utility bills will be lower.

Did you know:

- The typical 1994 shower head uses up to 7 gallons of water per minute.
- If you take a 10 minute shower, it will take 70 gallons of water for that shower.
- New low flow shower heads use around 1.5 gallons of water per minute or about 15 gallons of water for that same 10 minute shower.
- You’ve just saved 55 gallons of water per shower with that one change.
- The best way to save water is to reduce the time the water is running.

What to do:

- Replace your shower heads with low flow models.
- A wide variety of low flow shower heads are available.
- Insert flow restrictors on all faucets.
- Restrictors are available at hardware stores or may be available for free or cost by your water supplier.
- Reduce your shower times to 5 minutes. That is more than enough time to get clean!

Worth Repeating

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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-2nd grade class and one for the top 3rd-6th 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 or Kim Titus, Membership at 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, or Kim Titus, PTA Membership at 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) or Stacy Estensen (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 Claire Ingstad the morning of the absence.

cingstad@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 (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

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

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:

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