

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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Art from Mrs. Boyce's 2nd Grade

Spring Break Approaches No School

Friday, April 1 - Friday, April 8

Please note that our Spring Break is a little longer than usual; given our mild winter, an unused snow day (April 1) will be added to it, so no school from Friday, April 1 through Friday April 8. Enjoy the time with your families.

Thank you, Vickie Ellis, We Had a Ball with Reading

Thank you to Vickie Ellis, *I Love to Read* coordinator, and the many volunteers who promoted the habit of daily reading with our students this month. Remember, the last day to submit reading logs is this Thursday, March 31.

What Fidalgo Families Need to Know for the Week of March 28, 2016

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29

- *I Love to Read* Crazy Hat and Hair Day

Wednesday, March 30

- 8:55 - Late start Wednesday

Thursday, March 31

- Turn in *I Love to Read* Reading Logs

Friday, April 1

- No School – Unused Snow Day

**Monday, April 4-8
No School – Spring Break**

Monday, April 11

- 6:30 p.m. - PTA Meeting

Tuesday, April 12

Wednesday, April 13

- 8:55 - Late start Wednesday
- 6:00 p.m. – Education Series for parents:
Janice Veal - *The Arts: Creativity in Schools
and at Home* – ASD Board Room

Thursday, April 14

- 2:50-3:15 – K-Kids Meeting

Friday, April 15

- Fridays are Spirit Days – Wear your Fidalgo colors/t-shirts



Pete the Cat Book Club members.

Just one of the many ways our AmeriCorps Members (Veronica Crommett and Laura Spehar) promote reading at Fidalgo!

Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) Information

Dear Parents/Guardians of students in grades 3 through 6,

The Smarter Balanced testing window in our district begins in April. Your child will be taking tests in math and English language arts. Students in grade 5 will also take the Measurements of Student Progress (MSP) in science.

This is the second year our state will administer the Smarter Balanced tests. Students will take the test online. As the testing approaches, your child's teacher will notify you about the specific testing dates for their class. Students will take the tests sometime between mid-April and the end of May.

These tests demonstrate a student's progress throughout the year. It is important for your student to be in school to take the test because results show just how hard students and teachers have been working all year long.

There is no special preparation for this test, but like every other school day, please be sure your student gets a good night's sleep and has a healthy breakfast the day of the test.

Please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions about the state testing. For more information about the tests or to try a practice test, visit www.k12.wa.us/smarter.

Thank you for working with us to ensure your child's success.

Sincerely,

Tara Dowd, Principal

tdowd@asd103.org

Save the Dates - School Spring Concerts

- K - Wed., April 27 (6:30 p.m. in the school gym)
- 1 - Thurs., April 28 (6:30 p.m. in the school gym)
- 2 – The Selfish Giant:
 - Mrs. Ward - Tues., April 19 (6:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria)
 - Mrs. Boyce - Tues., April 19 (7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria)
 - Mrs Peth - Wed., April 20 (6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria)
- 3 - Ms Anderson's Class - Tues., June 7 (6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria)
- 3 - Ms Higgins Class – To be determined
- 3 - Ms Marinkov's Class – To be determined
- 4 - Mon., May 23 (6:30 p.m. in the school gym)
- 5 - Tues., May 24 (6:30 p.m. in the school gym)
- 6 - Wed., May 25 (6:30 p.m. in the school gym)

AHS Swap Meet Fundraiser

-Vicki Stowe, AHS PTSA

Swap Meet! Saturday, April 16, 2016 from 8 am to 1 pm* at the Cap Sante Marina parking lot. This is your chance to clear out closets, boxes and garages of outgrown, yet usable, sports equipment, books, CDs, games, clothes, whatever! Reserve a space for just \$35 that goes to the AHS PTSA general fund. Then, bring your vehicle down to the parking lot, set up shop and SELL! Our proceeds help support scholarships, teacher grants, special speakers and more. Your proceeds go in your pocket! Sign up now and start collecting your stuff. A Goodwill truck may be on site if you just want to make a donation (still coordinating with them...) *Set up starts at 6 am—be cleaned and gone by 2 pm. NOTE: AHS clubs and teams may have a space for no charge for fundraising ... must have an adult present and a sign. Reservation forms are available on the AHS website at: asd103.org. Sponsored by the AHS PTSA.

Worth Repeating

We Need School Garden Helpers

We are looking for parent volunteers to help with our school garden. If you, or one of your family members, have time to help each week with the school's garden, please contact Mrs. Spehar at lspehar@asd103.org, or see the sign-up sheet in the office. We have a list of various tasks that need to be accomplished in order for the classrooms to begin planting for the season. If you want to help Fidalgo use our gardens as a real-world application for learning, please consider volunteering.

Any help is appreciated!

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>

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**"

May 4 Paws for Kids: **Animal Assisted Programs for Youth**

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

* This presentation is on the second Wednesday of the month

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 Karen Mantell the morning of the absence.

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 (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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