

Fidalgo Family Flyer



Fidalgo Elementary School Vision

Caring, inspired, productive
lifelong learners

Fidalgo Elementary School Mission

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

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What Fidalgo Families Need to Know for the Weeks of October 24 and 31, 2016

Monday, October 24

- 6:30-8:00 p.m. - Exceptional Book Club - For parents of children with special needs. Meets the last Monday of the month (except December) from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. - AMS Library. Questions contact: Connie Martin, cmartin@asd103.org.
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. - Technology Information Night for 4th, 5th, 6th Grade Families - Information on the district's second phase of our technology rollout to grades 4-6. We will provide activities for elementary-aged children. Questions contact: Mary Elizabeth Pearson mpearson@asd103.org. - Island View Elementary

Tuesday, October 25

- 5:30 p.m. - AHS Neighborhood Construction Update - Join us for a Q&A with the construction team, specifically targeted to address neighbor's concerns and questions. Questions contact: the Superintendent's Office: 360-293-1211 – AHS Cafeteria

Wednesday, October 26

- 8:55 – Late Start Wednesday
- 2:50 – 3:40 - choir rehearsal

Thursday, October 27

Friday, October 28

- Fridays are School Spirit Days! Students are invited to sport their school colors/ shirts
- Please submit Box Tops by today for the first collection period. See related article.
- Please return Veterans Day Assembly participation forms by today if you have a family member who will be participating.
- Last day to submit canned goods for the K-Kids Canned Food Drive
- **6:00-8:00 p.m. – Fidalgo PTA Halloween Carnival!**

Monday, October 31

- No School for Students – Teacher Professional Development Day

Tuesday, November 1

- 2:45 – Auditions to cast roles for the Class Act at Fidalgo Production of *Circus Stupendous* if your child is preregistered. See flyer in this newsletter for more details. Questions contact: Jen Turpin at jenturpin@comcast.net

- 7:00-8:00 p.m. - Parent Education Wellness Series: Dealing with Grief and Loss with speaker Diane Hare from NW Hospice. Questions contact: Claudia Mason cmason@asd103.org - ASD Board Room

Wednesday, November 2

- 8:55 – Late Start Wednesday
- 5th graders leave for Mountain School – See information sent by teachers regarding departure time/details.
- 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and repeat session at 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. - AMS 6-8 Transition Info Meeting for Parents - Join us for a Q&A session as we transition to a 6-8 middle school. Questions contact: Patrick Harrington pharrington@asd103.org - AMS Cafeteria
- 2:50 – 3:40 - choir rehearsal

Thursday, November 3

- 2:45-3:15 – K-Kids Meeting

Friday, November 4

- Fridays are School Spirit Days! Students are invited to sport their school colors/ shirts
- 5th graders return from Mountain School – See information sent by teachers regarding arrival time/details.

Join Us in Thanking Our Bus Drivers During October!



Upcoming 3-Day Weekend for Students

Please note that Monday, October 31 is a no school day for students so that teachers can participate in professional development.

Fidalgo is Looking for Book Donations!

- *Laura Spehar, AmeriCorps*

Please bring any new or gently used books to the Halloween Carnival. There will be a book drop off box by the stage in the cafeteria.

Exceptional Book Club

- **Connie Martin, Executive Director of Student Support Services**

Connie Martin and Darranie Waham are starting a book club for parents of students with special needs: "Exceptional Book Club" *Parents sharing Information and Inspiration*. We hope you will join us. Please contact Connie at cmartin@asd103.org and/or Darannie at dgwaham@gmail.com to RSVP. Books will be provided by the school district the first night which is October 24 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the AMS Library. We will continue to meet the last Monday of each month. Our first book is *Elephant in the Playroom*: *Ordinary parents write intimately and honestly about the extraordinary highs and heartbreaking lows of raising kids with special needs*. Hope to see you there!

Parents and Guardians of 4th, 5th and 6th Graders: Technology Parent Information Night

- *Mary Elizabeth Pearson, ASD Instructional Technology*

We are excited that, starting this school year, students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grades are joining the second phase of our district's technology rollout. We have deployed devices to these classrooms and worked with teachers on specific technology uses.

Now, we'd like to invite you to a parent meeting to join your principal, teachers, and the instructional technology facilitators for an evening orientation in the Island View Elementary auditorium on Monday, Oct. 24 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. You will learn about the technology initiative, safety precautions, and how we plan to integrate technology into classroom learning. We will provide activities for elementary-aged children during the meeting. We hope to see you there. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Elizabeth Pearson at mpearson@asd103.org.



CIRCUS STUPENDOUS!



Welcome to Circus Stupendous!

We are excited to have you as a part of our production of Circus Stupendous! this November. Please read through the following information carefully. If you decide that your student will be unable to participate, please let Jen Turpin know as soon as possible: Jen Turpin at 206-484-8440 or jenturpin@comcast.net.

What have we committed to?

You've committed to a great time! Our goal is to have fun and work with students to create a character which they can confidently perform for an audience. We have devised a schedule that will allow our team time to really work with your student. However, we also need your student to practice at home! All students will need help memorizing their lines and working on their character.

We have organized our schedule in a way that is designed to be respectful of everyone's time. If your student misses a rehearsal it is not fair to them or to the other actors in their story. Please add these dates to your calendar and plan on having your student attend every rehearsal and performance. If your student misses rehearsal due to illness, we will work with each situation individually, based on their role and how many rehearsals they have missed.

Tuesday 11/1:	2:45 - 3:45 pm	Auditions	Everyone
	3:45 - 4:45	Auditions	3rd - 6th only
Monday 11/7- Thursday 11/10	2:45 - 3:45 pm	Rehearsal	K - 2nd
	2:45 - 4:45 pm	Rehearsal	3rd - 6th
Monday 11/14- Tuesday 11/15	2:45 - 3:45 pm	Rehearsal	K - 2nd
	2:45 - 4:45 pm	Rehearsal	3rd - 6th
Wednesday 11/16	2:45 - 4:45 pm	Dress Rehearsal	Everyone
Thursday 11/17	2:45 - 4:45 pm	Dress Rehearsal	Everyone
Friday 11/18	1:15 pm	School Performance	Everyone
	7 pm	Public Performance	Everyone
Saturday 11/19	2 pm	Public Performance	Everyone

*Attendance at rehearsals will vary depending on your actor's assigned role. Kindergarten-2nd grade actors will be cast in one of four groups, which will sing songs in character. Third-sixth grade actors will be cast in individual roles, in one of four stories.



CIRCUS STUPENDOUS!



CLASSact
SCHOOL FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

Auditions

Auditions are fun! We will be having students introduce themselves, play some games and say some lines. The 3rd - 6th graders will also be reading scenes from the play. No preparation is necessary. We just want to see each student's personality. After auditions, we will email every parent the cast list and a more detailed rehearsal schedule. These will also be posted in the school office.

Snacks

We will not be providing snacks for students. However, we will give students a little time at the beginning of each rehearsal to eat a healthy snack they've brought from home. We highly recommend this, as it often helps students keep their focus until the end of rehearsal.

Student Pick Up

Please be sure to pick your student up promptly at 3:45 pm for K - 2nd and 4:45 pm for 3rd - 6th. Parents should enter through the exterior entrance to the gym instead of the front door of the school. Students will need to be signed out before they can exit the building. If someone other than the parent/ guardian will be signing a student out, a written note must be sent with the student.

Performances

Performances will be Friday November 18th at 1:15 pm and 7 pm and Saturday November 19th at 2 pm. The 3rd - 6th grade actors should arrive an hour and a half prior to performance for costumes and makeup, and the K - 2nd grade actors should arrive a half hour prior to performance for costumes and makeup.

How can I help?

Volunteers are needed to help at rehearsals to check students in and out and lend a hand. We will also need volunteers to help get students into their costumes and makeup on dress rehearsals and performances. There will also be other areas where the PTA can use volunteers for this production.

If you would like to help, or if you have any other questions or concerns please contact Jen Turpin at 206-484-8440 or jenturpin@comcast.net.

Worth Repeating

Collect Box Tops for Fidalgo Kids

- *Beth Rittel*

It's Box Top submission time! Our school will be sending in the Box Tops we've collected by November 1 so please submit them by Friday, October 28 to be counted toward this collection date. They do expire, so turn them in as often as possible. Last school year we made almost \$1,000, which was a little less than the previous year, and I know we can beat that. Our goal this school year is to earn over \$1,500 and with everyone's help we can do it. You can help us reach that goal and make our December earnings check big by sending in your Box Tops this month, and of course keep on clipping. A winning class from K-2nd, and one from 3rd- 6th will win an ice cream party for the whole class!

If you have Box Tops you still need to get to me, please drop them off in the Box Tops bin located across the hall from the library. Here are some optional tips that will make the submission process easier:

- * Put your teacher's name on the bag so your child's class gets credit for the ice cream party
- * Bundle your Box Tops in groups of 10 or 50 using a sealable bag or envelope
- * Tape or glue Box Tops on a collection sheet, available at BTFE.com

Once we send in all our Box Tops, our school will receive a check from Box Tops for Education in December and we can use this cash to buy the things we need for our school. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me, Beth Rittel, at ethansrit@comcast.net . Thanks for your help!

SAVE the DATE!

Fidalgo PTA Auction & Dinner

February 25, 2017

Want to volunteer? Email Heather Hernandez at heather.m.hernandez@gmail.com

Fidalgo Veterans Day Assembly – Veteran Participation Form

We are planning a special Veterans Day school program on Thurs., Nov. 10 at 8:30 a.m. The program should conclude at approximately 9:15 a.m. We invite parents or grandparents who are in or who have served in the military to attend with their families. If possible, please wear your uniform. We will have a designated seating area for you and will acknowledge you during the program by name, military branch, and title/rank. If you are able to participate, please report to the Fidalgo Cafeteria on Thursday, November 10, at 8:15 a.m. If you would like to participate, please complete the form below and return it to your child's classroom teacher by Friday, October 28. If you have questions, please contact Tara Dowd, at tdowd@asd103.org, or 293-9545, extension 1596.

Please return the following information to your child's teacher by Friday, October 28.

Name of family member who is a Veteran

Branch of Military Service

Title/Rank

Or, our family member is currently serving in _____ and will be unable to attend. (We would like to include his/her name in our presentation.) Name and relationship to children attending Fidalgo:

_____ Student's Name Grade
 _____ Student's Name Grade
 _____ Student's Name Grade
 _____ Student's Name Grade

Veteran's relationship to the student/s: _____ parent/guardian _____ grandparent
 _____ other _____

**K-Kids Canned Food Drive – Kids Helping Kids
 October 17-28, ending the night of the Fidalgo Halloween Carnival**

Bring canned/packaged goods within their expiration date to school during the last two weeks of October, and/or bring them to the Fidalgo Halloween Carnival on the evening of October 28 where donation boxes will be awaiting! Thank you for supporting our K-Kids efforts of kids helping kids.

Slow Down on Gibraltar, and at All School Zones

You may have noticed that our “school zone flashing beacon” on Gibraltar, notifying drivers to reduce speeds to 20 mph at drop-off and pick-up, has not been operating this fall. We have been notified by Skagit County Public Works that countywide the flashing beacon system is undergoing a necessary upgrade. We are awaiting hardware and installation before the system can be programmed and activated. In the meantime, please remember to slow down to 20 mph whenever you approach Fidalgo Elementary, or any school.

We appreciate the efforts of Skagit County Public Works who put the school flashing zone system in place a few years ago, and are working hard to make the necessary improvements as quickly as possible.

**Parents of Choir Students:
 Choir Rehearsals and Performances**

Wednesday, October 26	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, November 2	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, November 9	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, November 16	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, November 23	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, November 30	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Saturday, December 3	Lion's Club Parade – 11:00 a.m.
Saturday, December 10	Parks & Rec Winter Wonderland - Washington Park – Time TBD

**Fidalgo PTA Website: <http://fidalgopta.com>
 This is a terrific source for all things Fidalgo PTA**

Volunteer as a School Buddy!

- *Michael Abrams, K-6 Ready for Success Coordinator*

School Buddies is a one-on-one tutoring and mentoring program where you are paired up with one child for the school year. You have regular meetings of one hour, once per week on school grounds, during school hours, and at a time that is convenient for the student and the volunteer. These children may be struggling academically, socially, emotionally, or some combination of the three. They are referred to the program by their teacher, and have permission forms filled out by their parents to participate in the program. This is a great way to build a positive, supporting, and consistent connection

with a child in need! If you are interested this program, please contact: Michael Abrams, K-6 Ready for Success Coordinator - Email: mabrams@asd103.org - Phone: 615-556-4170

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

Rachel's Closet Fund at Fidalgo

Fidalgo has a "Rachel's Closet Fund" for students who are in need of clothing, other items, and extra-curricular scholarships. 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 counselor Courtney Miner (cminer@asd103.org) if you would like to obtain clothing from Rachel's Closet for your child.

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. 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:

Title IX Coordinator/ Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator

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Section 504/ADA Coordinator

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