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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AmeriCorps Reading Tutoring Opportunities

This year we have two Washington Reading Corps/AmeriCorps members at our school, Laura Spehar and Gary Griggs. Laura is a third year WRC Member at Fidalgo and Gary is a Fidalgo parent who has volunteered for many years within our district. In addition to their reading support during the school day, Laura and Gary will be providing reading support/tutoring for students in K through 6th grade after school in the Fidalgo Library on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

To ensure that as many Fidalgo students as possible get served, reading support/tutoring sessions for each child will be kept to 30 minute sessions, one day a week. Parents are responsible for picking students up from tutoring at 3:15.

If you are interested in signing your child up for FREE reading support/tutoring, or if you have further questions about this opportunity, please email Laura at lspehar@asd103.org.

Check Out the New Fidalgo PTA Website: http://fidalgopta.com

This is a terrific source for all things Fidalgo PTA! Thank you to Fidalgo Parent Heather Hernandez for setting this up!

What Fidalgo Families Need to Know for the Week of October 3, 2016

Monday, October 3
- ASAP Arts classes begin this week
- 5:30 – Mountain School Parent Information Meeting for parents of 5th graders
- 6:30 p.m. – PTA Meeting – all are invited!

Tuesday, October 4
- Registration due for Conference Week Art Camp (limited spaces)
- Running Club starts this week and meets every Tuesday and Thursday during lunch recess for interested students.
- 5:30-6:30 p.m. – HIV/AIDS Info Night for ASD 5th grade parents/guardians – ASD
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. – HIV/AIDS Info Night for 6th grade parents/guardians - ASD

Wednesday, October 5
- 8:55 – Late Start Wednesday
- 2:50-3:40 – Choir Rehearsal – Music Room
- 4:30 – Veterans Memorial Dedication – AHS – see related article
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. – First Wednesday Conversations at ASD – see related article

Thursday, October 6
- 2:50-3:15 – K-Kids Meeting – Please pick up your child promptly after the meeting.

Friday, October 7
- Fridays are School Spirit Days! Students are invited to sport their school colors/ shirts.

Looking Ahead:
- Oct. 11-14 – 11:10 early release due to conferences

The *Circus Stupendous!* Coming to Fidalgo - Class ACT Theatre

-Jen Turpin, Parent Chairperson for Circus Stupendous!

The Anacortes Community Theatre Class ACT Program is partnering with Fidalgo PTA to put on a school play, *Circus Stupendous!* The Class ACT program is the Anacortes Community Theatre's school for the performing arts. We are excited to bring their program to Fidalgo Elementary School in November. Auditions will take place after school on November 1, and rehearsals will be November 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, and 17 from 2:45 to 3:45 for K -2nd, and 2:45 to 4:45 for 3rd – 6th. At the end of two weeks of rehearsals, students will perform the original play, *Circus Stupendous!*, on stage in the Fidalgo cafeteria. Performances will be Friday, November 18 and Saturday, November 19.

Who Can Be in the *Circus Stupendous!* Play?

Receiving a spot in the production will not be based on auditions. Instead, students will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis, based on the return of the permission form and payment. Up to forty K-2nd grade students, and up to forty 3rd – 6th grade students will be accepted. When the limit is reached, a waiting list will be formed. The PTA is asking that each participant pay $20 to help offset the cost of the program. Checks only please (scholarships are available). Keep your eyes out for the permission slip and informational flyer that will be sent home with your child this week!

Join Us for the Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony
Wednesday, October 5 – 4:30 p.m.

The community is invited to join the Anacortes School District at the Veterans Memorial Dedication Ceremony on Wednesday, October 5 at 4:30, at the new Veterans Memorial Plaza at Anacortes High School. This event will honor the veterans in our community and dedicate the new Veterans Memorial at Anacortes High School's Seahawk Stadium.

Parking will be limited, so we encourage you to walk, bike, or carpool. A shuttle and parking is available from Anacortes Middle School, starting at 3:30. Parking for elderly, disabled, and veterans needing close parking is reserved at the high school. Gates will open at 4:00 p.m.

Rain or shine! Questions, please contact the Superintendent's Office - 360-293-1211 or tramsay@asd103.org.

Washington Reading Corps/ AmeriCorps at Fidalgo are Looking for Volunteers!

Do you want to help students at Fidalgo fall in love with reading and writing?

If so, we currently need volunteers on a weekly, on-going basis. Some of the weekly volunteer needs include: leading small groups of K-6 students during recess book clubs, helping with reading/writing related interactive bulletin boards, and creating reading/writing related games and crafts in preparation for "I Love to READ Month," which takes place in March.

We welcome YOUR ideas to help students fall in love with reading and writing at Fidalgo! We also welcome middle school and high school students to volunteer!

If you cannot commit to a weekly volunteer time, we also have a need for one-time monthly "episodic" volunteers for programs such as the Fidalgo Family Literacy Nights or Dr. Seuss Birthday/*Read Across America Day*.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laura Spehar at lspear@asd103.org, or Gary Griggs at ggriggs@asd103.org, or join us for a WRC/Volunteer Meet and Greet to learn more on Monday, October 10 from 1:00-2:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Parents of Choir Students:
Choir Rehearsals and Performances

Wednesday, September 28	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, October 5	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, October 12	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
Wednesday, October 19	Rehearsal – 2:50-3:40
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 Halloween Carnival
Friday, October 28, 2016
6:00-8:00 p.m.

The annual Fidalgo PTA Halloween Carnival is approaching! Look for volunteer requests going out to help set up and decorate the booths, or contact Sara Mathis at smathis@asd103.org

Worth Repeating

Parent Conferences - October 12-14

Goal setting conferences will be held October 12 through 14. During these conferences, teachers will share information about your child's current skills, and will discuss goals for next steps. In mid-February we will again have Parent Teacher Conferences to discuss progress made, and to refine goals for second semester. We use a different format for primary and intermediate conferences, so please read the information below:

Parents of Students in K-3:
Important Information About Signing Up for Parent Conferences Online Using SignUpGenius
Use this Link: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e084ba5a822abff2-october

Last week, parents of students in grades K-3 were emailed a link to schedule their own Parent/Teacher Conferences using an online system called SignUpGenius. After clicking on the link, you simply *scroll down to the name of your child's teacher*, click on an available time slot that works for you, and complete the information requested. A few reminders:

1. Please just sign up for one timeslot per child.
2. If you have several children, your best chance of getting back-to-back conferences is to sign up as soon as you receive the link while more slots are available.
3. Parents do not have to create a SignUpGenius account. While visitors will be given an option of creating a free account with SignUpGenius, parents are not required to create an account on the site in order to sign up for conferences.

4. SignUpGenius does not sell or distribute emails or contact information. You will also not receive emails from SignUpGenius, with the exception of possible reminder emails about your scheduled conference.
5. If you do not have access to a computer, or if you have difficulty signing up for a conference online, please contact Tara Dowd at tdowd@asd103.org or (360)293-4078and I will assist you.
6. Thank you for understanding that the early release days only provide enough time for one conference per child, making it difficult to accommodate requests for separate conferences in divorce situations.
7. Please arrive for your conference a few minute early.

Parent Conferences for Grades 4, 5, and 6

Due to departmentalization at the intermediate grades, we will have "arena" style goal-setting conferences at the 4, 5, and 6th grades so that parents are able to meet with all of their child's teachers. Arena conferences are not individually scheduled. Some of you who have children at the middle or high school levels may be familiar with this format:

- The 4th grade conferences will be held in the library.
- The 5th grade conferences will be held in Ms Meaders' classroom
- The 6th grade conferences will be held in the cafeteria.
- Parents are encouraged to bring their child to participate in the conference.
- Parents wait in line to see a teacher, then proceed to see the next teacher. We ask that you limit your conversations to 7-10 minutes per teacher as depending on the grade each teacher has 55 - 75 students to conference about. If you find you need more time with any teacher, ask if you can schedule a follow-up conference at a later date.

To prevent any one session from being too crowded, in general we ask that parents attend at the following times (however, if the suggested day does not work for your schedule, please feel free to come on one of the alternative days):

- If your child's last name starts in A-G - attend on Wed., Oct. 12, noon to 3:00 pm
- If your child's last name starts in H-O - attend on Thurs., Oct. 13, noon to 3:00 pm
- If your child's last name starts in P-Z - attend on Fri., October 14, noon to 3:00 pm
- Because our evening conference session is limited to one evening, we ask that this time be reserved only for one-parent working families who cannot attend during the day, or for those families where it is not possible for either one or the other parent to attend during the day. Our evening conference session is Thursday, October 13 from 5:00-7:30 p.m.

First Wednesday Conversations Parent Support Series
Wednesday, October 5
7:00-8:30 p.m. in School Board Meeting Room
Anacortes Middle School

-Claudia Mason, ASD Mental Health Therapist

The first meeting in our 2016-17 series is:

Social Responsibility

Speakers: Chief Bonnie Bowers and Mayor Laurie Gere

Please join us this evening in an informative and supportive conversation focused on the urgency of parents prioritizing social responsibility as a family value. Facts and strategies for communicating with children and youth will guide this talk. Childcare provided. Contact: Claudia Mason cmason@asd103.org/360-503-1505

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

Rachel's Closet at Fidalgo

Fidalgo has a "Rachel's Closet" 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 counselor Courtney Miner cminer@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

Please See the Following for Enrichment Opportunities

ANACORTES SCHOOL DISTRICT
PARENT CONFERENCE WEEK

October Art Camp

October 11th – 14th

12:00-4:00 p.m.

Grades 1-6

Island View Elementary

Instructors: Janice Veal & Sue Roberts

Cost: $130

This fun-filled art camp is filled with a variety of art activities for the young artist! Projects include Calder inspired paper-mache figures that will be painted and embellished with assorted materials. They will design and make clay relief tiles which will be glazed and fired. Watercolor techniques will be used to create colorful fall cards. Join us for 4 days of fun!

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Anacortes School District After School Arts Program REGISTRATION FORM
Mail registration & payment to Anacortes School District: 2200 M Avenue, Anacortes, WA 98221

Registrations & payments must be received by **Tuesday, October 4th.** ***(Only 20 slots available)***

Student_______________________________________Email___________________________
School Attending________________________________Grade________________________________

Payment form (cash/check) __________Check #__________Amount Paid_______________
Address____

Parent/Guardian________________________Phone________________________________ Cell Phone
______________________________Emergency Contact_______________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian____
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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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