

WEEKLY WOLF WATCH

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

	Feb	Pennies for Peace Month		
Fri	Feb 11	Parents' Night Out	6-10 pm	Gym
Fri	Feb 18	Popcorn Friday		
Fri	Feb 18	Kindergarten Registration Deadline		
Mon	Feb 21	Legislative Focus Day		
Mon	Feb 21	Presidents' Day – NO SCHOOL		
Tue	Feb 22	Mid-Winter Break – NO SCHOOL		
Fri	Mar 4	Principal's Coffee Cancelled		
Mon	Mar 7	Parent Education – Michael Thompson		
Mon	Mar 7	Science Fair	4:30-6:45 pm	Peak
Thu	Mar 10	SCHOOL IN SESSION – MAKEUP SNOW DAY		
Fri	Mar 11	NOON DISMISSAL		
Fri	Mar 11	Principal's Coffee	9:30 am	

P T A A N N O U N C E M E N T S

REMINDER: PARENTS' NIGHT OUT: TONIGHT, February 11th, 6-10 PM, WEST MERCER GYM. Includes pizza and fruit, games, movie, and treats for \$35 individual/\$50 family (kindergartners through 5th grade only). If you have not already sent your RSVP, please contact Kathi at ktoot30@yahoo.com – we can accommodate a limited number of short notice participants! Fill out and bring registration form to event with payment. We would appreciate your support of this fundraiser for the 5th graders' **Islandwood** trip! Have a great night out!

SCIENCE FAIR REGISTRATION EXTENDED TO FRIDAY.

1. SIGN-UP: We've extended the registration deadline for the Science Fair to Friday, February 11th. The Science Fair is being held Monday, March 7th. But even though this is a month away, you must register your student's project NOW. It's easy and doesn't take long. Visit: <https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=dGo1TEIYTFRsX2wxVzgwVm9tbFICRWc6MQ>.
2. PROJECT BOARDS: Each science fair participant needs to make a project board to summarize their project and results. We are going to be selling blank boards at the start of Parent's Night out on Feb. 11th. Look for Sarah **Lesko** or contact her at drlesko@gmail.com.
3. MORE INFO: All the details of the Science Fair can be found either on the WM Science Fair website (http://www.misd.k12.wa.us/schools/wm/wm_science_fair.html) or on the attached **flyer**.

PENNIES FOR PEACE. Pennies for Peace launched off to an amazing start last week. WM students brought in a whopping \$822.00 to help kids in Pakistan and Afghanistan in need of schools and teachers. Way to go WM community! Remember, pennies can be brought in any

day this month of February. Student Council is collecting donations each Friday and updating classes on progress made and offering encouragement to think beyond the world here - to consider others not so fortunate to have a school like West Mercer or the teachers found here. To learn more go to www.penniesforpeace.org.

5TH GRADE PARENTS!!! We need PHOTOS OF YOUR CHILD for the 5th Grade YEARBOOK. The sooner we receive your photos, the better. All photos MUST BE RECEIVED in FEBRUARY to ensure that we can include them in the yearbook. Please submit ONE BABY PHOTO and ONE KINDERGARTEN PHOTO. We want every child represented, and this can only happen with your help. Please also submit CANDID/GROUP photos of your students throughout their K-5 years at WM (Halloween, Valentine, End-of-Year Parties, Hoe Down, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Field Trips, etc) for the slide show and yearbook. If you would like to submit photos digitally, please save photos in HIGHEST QUALITY JPEG format, and email to maricel@reflectionsloft.com with each photo title including "name/event/date". If you prefer to submit a digital disk and/or original photos to be scanned and returned to you, please deliver them to the front office in an envelop marked "yearbook photos" with your student's name, teacher, and event/activity clearly printed on the backside of each photo or disk with permanent ink. The yearbook team hopes to have the majority of your photos received during the coming week. To assist you, we are sending a "YEARBOOK PACKET" home with your child during the first week of February. Look for this manila envelop, enclose your photos, and review the checklist before returning it to school (either with your child or directly to the school office) ASAP. THANK YOU! Questions? Please call or email Carrie Scull, c.scull@comcast.net or 588-1230, Andrea Dickstein at apdickstein@yahoo.com, or Catherine Romero at catharome@yahoo.com.

POPCORN FRIDAY. The next Popcorn Friday is February 18th. Don't forget to bring 25¢!

YOUR CHILD GOES PUBLIC! Your child will be celebrating music, art, and drama during the evenings of Tuesday, March 29 and Wednesday March 30th at Mercer Island High School. It's all part of the district's annual Fine Arts Showcase. The event features the artwork of every elementary student and arts students in middle and high schools. Bands, orchestras, vocalists and actors will entertain you both evenings. The Third Grade Choir, which includes every third grader in the district, will perform on Wednesday night. We'll even sell you some hot dogs on Wednesday to give the family cook a break. The event is the district's only fine arts fundraiser for the year, with every dollar going directly to the district's arts programs. All MISD students are invited to attend for free. Questions? Contact faac@mifineartsed.org.

PLEASE SEND IN YOUR AWARD NOMINATIONS. DEADLINE IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH.

PTA GOLDEN ACORN AWARDS. The WM PTA would like to honor individuals among our West Mercer PTA membership who continually go above and beyond for our children and our community. Please help us give those individuals the recognition they deserve by submitting nominations for a PTA Golden Acorn Award. Your email nominations should include the following information: Nominee's PTA Service, Volunteer Service to the school and community at large, and a description of the qualities that make this nominee outstanding. Email your nominations to Rachel Allen at rachelallensea@hotmail.com or Michelle Galvin at miegalvin@mac.com.

PTA OUTSTANDING EDUCATOR AWARD. The WM PTA would like to honor individuals who go beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun,

beneficial, and challenging. Please email nominations for outstanding educator to Rachel Allen at rachelallensea@hotmail.com or Michelle Galvin at micgalvin@mac.com.

PTA OUTSTANDING ADVOCATE AWARD. The WM PTA would like to honor individuals for continued and dedicated service to ALL children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies related to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth. Please email nominations for outstanding advocate to Rachel Allen at rachelallensea@hotmail.com or Michelle Galvin at micgalvin@mac.com.

W M A N D **M I S D** A N N O U N C E M E N T S

REMINDER FROM THE OFFICE. We have a had a big increase in parents coming in to drop things off for the kids. Please do not go to the classroom to deliver the item. Come to the office and we will get it to the student. It seems like you are just in the class a minute but it is amazing how fast kids can get off task with a short interruption. It would be a big help if you would make sure and get all their stuff together the night before or get up a few minutes early to make sure they have everything they need. We do realize that every morning is not perfect and things get forgotten if you drop them off and they know you are dropping off lunch, homework etc.. Tell them to come up to the office during recess and pick it up that way we do not have to call down to the classroom. Thank you!

PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE. March 4th - PRINCIPALS COFFEE CANCELLED. March 11th - Principals Coffee rescheduled 9:30 am.

P A R E N T E D U C A T I O N A N N O U N C E M E N T S

SAVE THE DATE: Monday March 7th, 2011 MIHS

Mercer Island Parent Education is thrilled to present Michael G. Thompson, psychologist, school consultant, and co-author of eight books, including the New York Times bestseller Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys, The Pressured Child: Freeing Our Kids from Performance Overdrive and Helping Them Find Success in School and in Life, and Best Friends, Worst Enemies: Understanding the Social Lives of Children. Dr. Thompson has worked with over 500 schools across the United States and abroad. His work has been profiled in national publications such as Time and Newsweek and he has appeared on numerous radio and television shows, including 60 Minutes, The Oprah Winfrey Show and The Today Show.

<http://www.michaelthompson-phd.com/>. For times and locations, please review the attached flyer.

The Weekly Wolf Watch sends home timely announcements every Friday from the PTA, WM staff, and **MISD** with important dates and relevant information on key events. To send announcements, email brief text to Cindy Goetzmann at wolfwatcheditor@gmail.com before 3:30 pm, Tuesdays for inclusion in the Friday issue. Include name and phone number. Find the Weekly Wolf Watch and other PTA and West Mercer news and information at <http://misd.k12.wa.us/schools/wm/default.html>. We reserve the right to edit for length or content. Submit thank you notes, letters, and articles to good TIMES PTA Newsletter at goodtimeseditor@hotmail.com.