



Successful Learners Strengthening Our Community

100% of our students will graduate with the knowledge and skills to be successful in post-secondary education, careers, and life.

Dear Mount Baker Families and Students,

Welcome to the 2018-19 school year at Mount Baker Middle School. We are looking forward to an outstanding year, and to providing a great experience for all. As the start gets closer, you likely have questions about classes and schedules, meals, pictures, and many other details. We hope this letter will answer at least some of those questions.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS

6th GRADE ORIENTATION (Students only) Thursday, August 30th – 9:30-11:30AM

We encourage your student to attend, because it will help create a smooth transition from elementary school to middle school and it will provide a chance to meet fellow classmates and make connections with helpful 7th and 8th graders. Unfortunately, we cannot provide bus transportation for this event.

SCHOOL START DATE: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th

- The school day runs from 7:25 a.m. (warning bell) to 2:00 p.m.
- School busses will follow their regular routes beginning on the 5th.
- School bus route information will be mailed to you later in August. The mailing will include details about the AM and PM bus stop locations and times.

OPEN HOUSE

At this time, we are looking into dates and locations for our school Open House. This will be determined at a later date. Please look for information in September.

SCHOOL PICTURES

A professional photographer will take school pictures on **Monday, September 24th**. Forms will be sent home with your student on a later date for picture orders. All students will have their pictures taken for the yearbook (at no cost) on picture day.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

The Boys' and Girls' Club sponsors an after-school Study and Activity club. The program begins **Monday, September 17th** after school. It meets every Monday through Thursday, unless there is no school or an early dismissal. Students are transported by bus to LaVenture at 4:20. Please consider enrolling your child in this free program.

MOUNT BAKER PARENT GROUP MEETINGS

Wednesday, **Sep 26, 2018, 6 – 7pm**

Wednesday, **Nov 28, 2018 6 – 7pm**

Wednesday, **Jan 23, 2019 6 – 7pm**

Wednesday, **May 22, 2019 6 – 7pm**

Students will receive their schedules the first day of school. If you have questions, please contact Ms.Spencer or Ms. Gralow, our counselors, at 428-6127 during the first week of school.

SCHOOL BELL SCHEDULES

6th Grade (first lunch)		7th Grade (second lunch)		8th Grade (third lunch)	
Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25	Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25	Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25
Warning Bell	7:25	Warning Bell	7:25	Warning Bell	7:25
1st/5th	7:30 - 8:55	1st/5th	7:30 - 8:55	1st/5th	7:30 - 8:55
2nd/6th	9:00 - 10:20	2nd/6th	9:00 - 10:20	2nd/6th	9:00 - 10:20
Lunch	10:20 - 10:50	3rd/7th	10:25 - 10:55	3rd/7th	10:25 - 11:25
3rd/7th	10:55 - 12:15	Lunch	10:55 - 11:25	Lunch	11:25 - 11:55
Home Court	12:20 - 12:35	3rd/7th	11:30 - 12:15	3rd/7th	12:00 - 12:15
4th/8th	12:40 - 2:00	Home Court	12:20 - 12:35	Home Court	12:20 - 12:35
		4th/8th	12:40 - 2:00	4th/8th	12:40 - 2:00
Extended Home Court Bell Schedule					
6th Grade (first lunch)		7th Grade (second lunch)		8th Grade (third lunch)	
Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25	Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25	Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25
Warning Bell	7:25	Warning Bell	7:25	Warning Bell	7:25
1st/5th	7:30 - 8:45	1st/5th	7:30 - 8:45	1st/5th	7:30 - 8:45
2nd/6th	8:50 - 10:00	2nd/6th	8:50 - 10:00	2nd/6th	8:50 - 10:00
Lunch	10:05 - 10:35	3rd/7th	10:05 - 10:35	3rd/7th	10:05 - 11:05
3rd/7th	10:40 - 11:50	Lunch	10:35 - 11:05	Lunch	11:05 - 11:35
4th/8th	11:55 - 1:05	3rd/7th	11:10 - 11:50	3rd/7th	11:40- 11:50
Home Court	1:10 - 2:00	4th/8th	11:55 - 1:05	4th/8th	11:55 - 1:05
		Home Court	1:10 - 2:00	Home Court	1:10 - 2:00
Early Release Schedule Bell Schedule					
6th Grade (first lunch)		7th Grade (second lunch)		8th Grade (third lunch)	
Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25	Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25	Breakfast	7:00 - 7:25
Warning Bell	7:25	Warning Bell	7:25	Warning Bell	7:25
1st/5th	7:30 - 8:30	1st/5th	7:30 - 8:30	1st/5th	7:30 - 8:30
2nd/6th	8:35 - 9:30	2nd/6th	8:35 - 9:30	2nd/6th	8:35 - 9:30
3rd/7th	9:35 - 10:30	3rd/7th	9:35 - 10:30	3rd/7th	9:35 - 10:30
Lunch	10:30 - 11:00	4th/8th	10:35- 11:00	4th/8th	10:35 - 11:30
4th/8th	11:05 - 12:00	Lunch	11:00 - 11:30	Lunch	11:30 - 12:00
		4th/8th	11:35 - 12:00		

MEAL PROGRAM

Nutritious breakfasts and lunches are offered to students at the costs listed below. If you believe that your family income might qualify your child to receive free or reduced meals, please complete the *2018-2019 Household Application for Free/Reduced Price Meals* when it is mailed to your home, and return it to the Mount Vernon School District Food Service.

	REDUCED COST	REGULAR COST
BREAKFAST	\$0.30	\$1.75
LUNCH	\$0.40	\$3.00
MILK	N/A	\$0.50

- Students with a negative balance will be provided an emergency meal at no charge.
- Please be advised that food costs may be subject to change without notice. You can also contact Food Services with any questions at 428-6149.
- School-aged children (5-18) can also receive free dinner beginning the first day of school. Dinner is served at the LaVenture school cafeteria from 4:00-5:00 Monday -Thursday on regular school days (not early dismissal). Days and times are subject to change.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

Mount Baker parents are encouraged to volunteer as mentors, tutors, chaperones, classroom or office assistants, and as needed for special projects. Questions regarding the Volunteer Program can be directed to Molly Johnson, Volunteer Coordinator at 428-6127, extension 32020 or mjohnson@mvsd320.org A *Parent Volunteer Sign-Up Form* is included in the packet that will be sent home with your student.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION SHEET AND OTHER FORMS

It is very important that the school office have accurate information in the event of any emergency. Each student is required to have a completed emergency form on file in the school office. Your student will be sent home with a packet with important forms to be completed by guardians. Please make sure to read and sign all relevant forms. *Please return all forms to the school office during the first week of school.*

SAFETY/SECURITY

For the safety of our staff, students, and school community, please use the student drop off/pick up area located on LaVenture Road - west side of the building. Students riding the bus will load/unload in the bus zone located in the north parking lot near Section Street. Additionally, construction of a new fence and gate will begin soon to provide increased security on our campus. Access from the north side will be limited to students entering before and after school. The gate will be locked during school hours. For visitors during school hours, a buzzer system, on the wall next to the main entrance, will be utilized during school hours. All visitors must use the buzzer when visiting campus.

VALUABLES (Cell Phones, etc.)

Inappropriate use of electronic devices disrupts the learning environment and is disrespectful of others who share our community of learners. Please see the student planner for complete guidelines, but briefly:

Personal electronic devices may not be used during school hours (7am-2pm) or they will be collected by an adult and placed in the office until after school. (All rules and consequences are in our handbook that will be in your student's planner given on the first day of school.)

- Parents needing to contact their child during school hours should call the office at 428-6127.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

When doing your back-to-school shopping, please select only clothing that is appropriate for the positive learning environment at Mount Baker. The following clothing is not permitted:

- Clothing and logos that promote alcohol, drugs, tobacco, gangs, profanity, violence, and sexist/racist themes;
- Clothing that is revealing in nature;
- Accessories that could be considered dangerous objects, such as chains or spikes; and
- Hats or head coverings will not be worn inside the building.

*The entire dress code is outlined in the student planner.

The Mount Baker staff welcomes you to the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. We're excited to have you and your student join the Mount Baker family, and we are anxious to get started!

We hope to see your student at 6th grade orientation on Thursday, the 30th!

Sincerely,

Jen Harlan
Principal

LeAnne Plumly
Assistant Principal