



Mount Baker Middle School
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Mount Baker Newsletter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL~MRS. JENNIFER HARLAN

Hello Grizzly Families,

Happy Spring! The end of school is fast approaching and I can't believe it is almost June! Please note, this will be the last newsletter for the year.

Currently at Mount Baker Middle School, students are completing the state mandated **Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)**. Testing will conclude the last week of May. Students are working hard and we have had minimal hiccups. Phew!

For incoming 6th grade students and new students with boundary changes, both middle schools will have a **New Student Open House** on May 21st, from 6PM—7PM. This will be an informal event to ask questions of office staff and tour the school. We want all of our students to feel at ease and comfortable in their school environment.

In addition, for incoming 6th grade students, we will schedule a **6th Grade August Orientation** to help them transition into the 2019-2020 school year. More information will come at a later date.

Waiver applications are now being accepted at Mount Baker and LaVenture. Please read waiver instructions on *page 2* of this newsletter. Please remember that all waivers are accepted based on space, attendance, behavior, and academic progress.

Finally, we have concerts and field trips planned for the end-of-the-year. Please review the **school and district calendar for all important dates**. May early release is 17th and 31st.

Any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the front office for help.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Harlan
Principal MBMS

Mount Baker Events May—June

MAY

- 5/16 Home Track Meet—Prelims
- 5/17 2 hour Early Release
- 5/17 Science Trip Sucia Island
- 5/21 Mount Baker Open House for NEW STUDENTS (incoming 6th grade and new 7th and 8th grade students)
- 5/22 Away Track Meet—FINALS
- 5/22 6PM PTO Meeting
- 5/23 Get America Singing Choir Trip
- 5/27 No School Memorial Weekend
- 5/28 All City Band Concert
- 5/30 AVID Family Night
- 5/31 2 hour Early Release

JUNE

- 6/4 Final Orchestra Concert
- 6/5—6 Science Fair
- 6/6 Final Band Concert
- 6/11 Final Choir Concert
- 6/14 8th Grade Moving Up
- 6/14 8th Grade Dance at MVHS
- 6/17 Last day of school

Early Release
Fridays
May 17, 31

NONDISCRIMINATION

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NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

We are planning for the 2019/2020 school year!

If your student has a health condition that requires medication at school, a life threatening condition, or other health concern, we are planning NOW!

Please contact the school nurse for next steps and more information.

Thank you for your help!

Angela MacPherson, RN BSN
School Nurse, Mount Baker Middle School
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2019-2020 WAIVER INFORMATION

Waivers for 2019-20 School Year - In the MVSD, all students are assigned to a “home” school based on their address. If parents want their child to attend a different school within the district, they must submit a “School Change Within the MVSD” form (or a “waiver form”) and submit it **to the school they are requesting to attend** (If a student is assigned to LaVenture but wishes to attend Mount Baker, the waiver form goes to Mount Baker, and vice-versa). Both middle schools require that any student wishing to waiver into a school other than their home school submit a waiver request form in order to be considered for a change in schools.

You can get a “School Change Within the MVSD” form online at the MVSD website under the tab “forms”. For more information on our waiver protocol, you can go to the LaVenture or Mount Baker website, contact the school directly, or forms may be picked up at either school.

Students currently waived into either middle school must complete a waiver request yearly. Students are not automatically enrolled into their current school.

Students currently enrolled as **6th and 7th graders** at either MBMS or LVMS, in the 2018-19 school year who wish to change schools for the 2019-20 school year must submit waiver requests **no later than June 17, 2019** to the school into which they desire to transfer. These requests will receive consideration, dependent upon the student’s behavioral, attendance and academic standing at their previous school, as well as space available. Schools will respond to all waiver requests by June 28, 2019.

Students currently enrolled as **6th and 7th graders** at either middle school who have been reassigned to a new school for 2019-20, must complete a waiver request if they wish to remain in their present school. The request is due **no later than June 17, 2019** to the school they desire to attend. Schools will respond to all waiver requests by June 28, 2019.

Students currently enrolled as 5th graders at any elementary school in the MVSD must submit waiver requests **no later than June 17, 2019**. These requests will receive consideration, dependent upon the student’s behavioral, attendance and academic standing at their previous school, as well as space available. Schools will respond to all waiver requests by June 28, 2019.

COUNSELING CORNER

End of year wrap up from the counseling office:

If your family has not already signed the College Bound Scholarship form and your 8th grade student is eligible, they will be receiving a form through homecourt. This scholarship is an opportunity for students to access financial support for colleges and technical programs throughout Washington. Please check which boxes apply, and make sure students return the form to their homecourt teacher or the Mount Baker front office. Students need to fill out the College Bound Scholarship form by the end of their 8th grade year. You can also fill out the form online at <https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/college/College-Bound-Sign-Up>

Our Communities in Schools coordinator, Theo Mills, is partnering with resources in our area for students and families this summer. Ms. Mills will be facilitating several clubs next year, such as Lego club, Book club, Artistic Self club, Community Speakers club, and others. If your student is interested in participating, Ms. Mills will have sign up sheets available. Stop by and learn about our communities’ resources!

Have a wonderful rest of your school year and enjoy your summer!

-Ms. Gralow (students last names M-Z) & Ms. Spencer (students last names A-L)

For more information about our school counseling program visit our website:

<https://sites.google.com/mvsd320.org/mbmsschoolcounseling/>