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Greetings, Mill Creek Families!

Thank you for all your expressions of appreciation, on behalf of our teachers and entire staff, in honor of Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week. Your thoughtfulness and gratitude helped spread a lot of sunshine around our campus this week, even in the rain!

New Principal Announced: Welcome to Cindy Foster

It's official! A new principal has been hired as a result of Brenda Fuglevand's retirement. Cindy Foster will transition to Mill Creek at the end of this school year, from her role as principal at Lowell Elementary for the last eleven years. Cindy Foster is an instructional leader who establishes relationships, builds capacity, and leads with students as the focus. She has experience as an elementary principal cultivating a school culture that promotes academic achievement, community and safety, by establishing professional and caring relationships with students, parents, staff and stakeholders. Cindy has a bachelor of arts in psychology from the University of Washington, her teaching certification from Seattle Pacific University and a master's degree in curriculum, assessment and instruction from Walden University. She received her administrative certification from Western Washington University. Staff had the pleasure of meeting her in person recently, and we can't wait for you to meet her as well.

Please plan to join us at the May 16th Zoom PTA meeting, for a chance to be introduced and get to know her a bit better! A link will be sent next week.

Science Day is Next Wednesday, May 11: Volunteers Still Needed

Our PTA is gearing up to bring us Science Day next week: a full school day devoted to science learning and experimentation! Science Day provides access to education and enrichment programs that range widely in subject, are outside of typical daily science classes, and expose students to a variety of scientific concepts and ideas and allow them to perform experiments and see the results for themselves. Each student will participate in an exciting assembly and four in-class science-based workshops led by volunteers or members of local scientific programs, museums, zoos, aquariums, farms, and other learning centers!



Classroom volunteers are essential for Science Day! Classroom volunteers are asked to join their students and prepare materials or assist students with presenter-led experiments as needed. Please volunteer to help your student's class for part or all of the day! To volunteer, sign up here: [Event Sign-Up – MCE PTA!](#)



Food Drive a Success

Thanks to our entire community for helping to make this week's food drive a big success! We received lots of donations, and greatly appreciate the hard work of our 5th grade leaders, pictured here, to collect and sort the food each day. Thank you, PTA, Mrs. Vaillant, 5th grade leaders and all our families who donated the requested food items, for helping our school to support Backpacks of Hope, right here in our community.

Our Salmon Have Been Released

Today our 5th grade students traveled to Lively Property in Mill Creek, just off Seattle Hill Road and released our Coho Salmon into Nickel Creek. Nickel Creek flows from Mill Creek to North Creek and eventually to the Sammamish River. From there our salmon will be able to travel to Lake Washington and eventually out to the Puget Sound.

We have been raising the salmon in our salmon tank at MCE since January and will be getting a new batch of salmon eggs this fall around November/December. These salmon are part of the conservation efforts of the Washington Department of Natural Resources to restore our native salmon populations to sustainable levels.



State Testing to Start Next Week

Next Thursday, our 5th Graders will take the WCAS, our state's science exam. It's the first of the state tests that will be administered to our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders over the next 3 weeks. We wish all our students well and encourage families to support students in being their best on testing days. As a reminder, the following are scheduled test dates: May 12, 17, 19, 24 & 26. **During our testing window, all 3rd-5th grade students will be asked to keep their chromebooks at school, so they can be charged each night and ready for testing each day.**

Have a wonderful week!

Warmly,

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