

## E-News September 4, 2009

### Important Dates:

September 7<sup>th</sup>, Labor Day (No school)

September 8<sup>th</sup>, Curriculum night 6:30 PM \*

September 10<sup>th</sup>, New Music Student meeting 6:30 PM

September 14<sup>th</sup>, Walkabout Training 6:30 PM, Library \*

September 15<sup>th</sup>, Magazine Drive kickoff \*

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, PTSA meeting, Library 7 PM

September 29<sup>th</sup>, Picture Make-Up Day (pictures will be taken during lunches)

**Item 1: WELCOME BACK STUDENTS!** The past three days have been just great. We are happy to have the students back in the building! The students came to school ready to learn and our staff is excited to teach them. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all new students and their families to our Maywood family.

**Item 2: Curriculum Night** is next Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM (the day after Labor Day). You will find the Curriculum Night flyer in your student's backpack today. Please have your student put their schedule AND classroom numbers on the GOLD SHEET. A Maywood map is on the back of the page. Parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders will initially meet in the gym, Parents of 7<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the cafeteria, and parents of 8<sup>th</sup> graders will meet in the commons. Classroom visits will start at 6:50, ending at 8:15 PM. This will not be a time for individual parent conferences due to the limited time allotted. No childcare will be provided. Due to limited parking at Maywood, a shuttle bus will be provided between Liberty and Maywood starting at 6:15 PM. This is a valuable meeting time to meet your child's teachers and hear the plans our teachers have for their classes this year.

**Item 3: Sports:** Sports Season 1 began yesterday and we were surprised by the number of students who did not have the necessary paperwork. To practice, a student must have an ASB card, valid physical, concussion awareness and inherent risk form on file in the office. To compete, the sports fee of \$30 must be paid prior to the first competition. In addition, a yellow emergency card is due prior to the first away game. Please refer to the district website for complete information:  
<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/sports/MSsports/Default.aspx>

**Item 4: Bus Information:** The district is not authorizing bus passes for buses other than the one assigned for your primary address at this time as the routes need to settle. No changes will be allowed until after September 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Item 5: Planners and Code of Conduct form:** Student planners were handed out on the first day of school. The planner includes the student handbook. Teachers covered information from the student handbook in SDR classes this week and students brought home an "Acknowledgement of Receipt" of the Code of Conduct. Please review, sign, and have the student return this to their SDR teacher.

**Item 6: 2009-2010 Walkabout training** is scheduled for September 14 6:30 PM with guest speaker Ken Wong. Parents are invited to join the training to qualify as additional adult supervision support before the start of school, lunches, and at the bus lanes in the afternoons.

**Item 7: Magazine Drive:** The Maywood Magazine Drive begins on September 15<sup>th</sup> with a kick-off assembly at school. This is Maywood's one and only fund raiser! The money made from the magazine drive supports the school's ASB Fund. ASB money is used to support all student activities at school; clubs, athletics, fine arts, assemblies, student recognition, dances, celebrations and more. You can order or renew online anytime and the school receives 45% of the profit. Go to [APHEARST.COM](http://APHEARST.COM) and use our new password WC3660.

**Item 8: Flash:** The upcoming previews of the Family Life and Sexual Health (FLASH) and HIV/AIDS Curriculum for the parents of sixth - twelfth graders will be on **Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 pm and Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am**, at Issaquah Valley Elementary multi-purpose room. Please see the letter attached to this email.

**Item 9: President Obama:** As you may have heard, next Tuesday President Obama will address students directly about the importance of education. The U.S. Secretary of Education and Washington State Superintendent of Public Instruction have each asked local districts to inform schools about this event. In the Issaquah School District, classroom teachers have been given the option to show the President's address—via online streaming, CSPAN, or a recorded version—if it fits into the context of their lessons for the day. The address is non-political in nature and—as delivered by the national government's executive leader—a historic event. Teachers are expected to present the speech like any other real-world example of U.S. civics in action (which is a District-wide student learning goal). Any teacher who chooses to air the address will do so objectively and in context of the curriculum without expressing personal viewpoints. As always, parents can contact their teacher if they want their child to participate in an alternative activity. More information about the President's address is on the [U.S. Department of Education's webpage](http://U.S. Department of Education's webpage), where the full text of the speech should be posted by Monday.