



# Eye on Endeavour

Newsletter of Endeavour Elementary PTA  
Unit #7.5.8 Mukilteo, Washington

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## President's Message

Dear Endeavour Families,

One of the most important values we try to teach our children is generosity. Whether sharing toys on playdates, sharing balls and jump ropes at recess, or offering a needed hug to a friend, we want our kids to be caring, empathetic individuals. This year, the Endeavour community has demonstrated its generosity by welcoming new students from around the district. We are thrilled to have them, and we should be proud of how our students have welcomed these new friends in.

Endeavour parents have been generous even in these tough economic times. You supported the Book Fair and raised over \$2100 for the library – almost as much as last year. And even when you haven't been able to give as much, you still donated to the PTA fund. I was touched by the note on a \$5 check that said "We wish we could give more!" We're over halfway to our goal of \$20,000, so thank you!

Being generous doesn't just mean giving money – as important is giving your time, whether you volunteer in the class, make food for the Teacher Appreciation lunches, help in the library, volunteer for a PTA committee, or simply spend the time each night connecting with and reading to your student.

Thanks for the ear,

Thom Harp  
Co-President

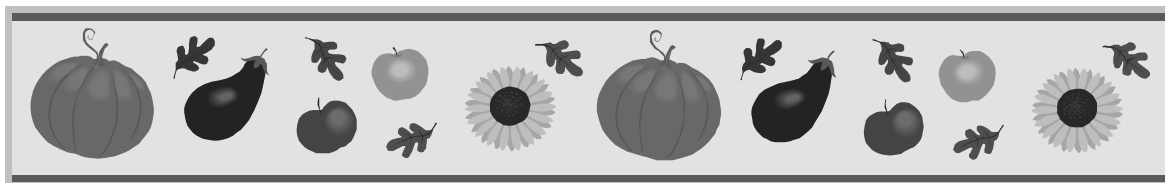
### COMING UP:

#### **Movie Night: November 14 at 6:30pm.**

The PTA Video Store is sponsoring a screening of Kung Fu Panda to introduce families to the new PTA Video Store - a kid-safe place to find quality DVDs. Free Giveaways and Prizes! Kung Fu Panda is rated PG for cartoon violence.

#### **Endeavour Elementary will be hosting a Food Drive from November 10 - 14.**

In the case of an emergency, Endeavour Elementary is designated as a shelter, so please donate items that can be eaten without cooking. At the end of the year, all remaining food will be donated to a local food bank.



## PTA Art Docent Update

In October Endeavour students focused their attention on artists' use of Line: Kindergarten created unique Line Masterpieces with oil pastels; 1<sup>st</sup> graders joined the colorful Paul Klee in taking a "Dot for a Walk"; 2<sup>nd</sup> graders painted the swirls and curls of a Van Gogh landscape; 3<sup>rd</sup> graders decorated an Art Nouveau Dragonfly of their own creation; 4<sup>th</sup> graders carved Great Wave ink block prints in the style of Japan's Hokusai; 5<sup>th</sup> graders made each other dizzy with Victor Vasarely's 3-D Op Art.

Please take the time to admire your child's art as it comes home after being on display. Don't forget to save your favorite pieces for the end of year Celebration!

In November the students will be studying Shape, with focus on Matisse, Dali, Warhol and Picasso.

Being an Art Docent is a fun way to spend time helping in your child's classroom. If you are interested in the program please call Sophia Schoop at 425.787.8955 or Lisa Greenough at 425.315.0244.

Endeavour's Art Docent program is staffed by volunteers and funded by the school's PTA. This generous support allows our children to have an art lesson each month. Please remember to financially support our PTA!

## Coming Attractions

The Staff Appreciation Committee will be hosting a **Baked Potato Bar Luncheon** on Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in the staff lounge. Thank you to those who signed up to contribute!

Get your holiday recipes out for our **December Appetizer and Dessert Buffet**. On Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> we'll be ushering in the holiday spirit in the staff lounge. Any and all hot or cold hors d'oeuvres will be welcome along with tasty sweet treats. Kari and Kelly will be happy to bake or heat anything you prepare. Please drop off your items by 10:30am on the morning of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Here's an idea of what we're looking for:

Hot dips	Meat and cheese trays	Breads	Crackers	Cookies
Cold dips	Fruit trays	Salads	Chips	Candy
Egg rolls	Mini quiches	Meatballs	Cakes	

If it's a party dish, bring it on!!! If you have any questions, please contact Kari Mudge at [klmudge@msn.com](mailto:klmudge@msn.com) or Kelly Waldo at [kelly.waldo@verizon.net](mailto:kelly.waldo@verizon.net). Thank you!

## Mark your Calendar

**Thursday, November 20, 6:30pm, library:**  
General PTA Meeting with Guest speaker Pat Cushing, Principal of Mukilteo Elementary, who'll speak about the Summit Program;

**Friday, November 21, 9am, library:**  
Meeting re-cap\* in the library.

\* We've recently started to offer condensed recap meetings on the Friday morning after the General Thursday evening meeting. The first one on October 24<sup>th</sup> was successful. If you'd like to see that these meetings will be continued in the future, join us for the next one on Friday, November 21, at 9am.

## Boxtops

The Boxtops for Education Program has been so successful this year thanks to the hard work of program chair Jane Moreton. Endeavour families are turning in more boxtops than *EVER* before. If you have any questions about the program, please email Jane at [jane\\_moreton@hotmail.com](mailto:jane_moreton@hotmail.com).

Thank you to all the families that have sent in boxtops and keep them coming!

## APPRECIATION CORNER

Generous Hearts, VERY Generous Portions!

The **October Chili Lunch** turned out to be an eating extravaganza. Endeavour Moms brought in seven crock pots full of different kinds of chili to go along with cornbread, and all the traditional fixings. Thank you very much to the following parents for making our October Staff Appreciation Event a delicious success!

Mary Kay Benz	Kathy Hill
Yoonsil Choi	Min H. Kim
Wiwik Cohen	Krista Miller
Karen Cunningham	Kari Mudge
Suzanne Dant	Lisa Mueller
Debbie Diller	Sara Smeby
Karen Giovi	Kelly Waldo
Lori Greenfield	Trang Wasson
Laurie Lund-Gonzalez	

### Family Fun Nights

Our 2008-2009 Family Fun Nights have gotten off to a great start with two favorites - Pie & Cider Night and Pumpkin Carving and Storytelling Night.

We would like to thank ALL of the wonderful volunteers who gave their time to slice and serve pie, pour cider, set-up and clean-up on Pie and Cider night! We served over 320 slices of pie with whipped cream and served lots of warm cider for everyone to enjoy. We hope everyone who was able to attend enjoyed the pie and cider and visiting with other families from our Endeavour community! Again, we thank all the volunteers who helped make this event possible and most especially our wonderful chairperson, Debby Van Kopp.

On October 24, the gym was filled with glowing pumpkin faces, providing a perfect backdrop for the storyteller during Pumpkin Carving and Storytelling Night. We were so fortunate to have as our special guest Monica McClaskey from the Mukilteo Library who, in full Halloween garb, entertained the kids and adults with scary Halloween tales. Thanks to the wonderful volunteers who made this event happen. You set-up and cleaned-up, got pumpkins onstage, made the candles glow and made sure everyone was safe.

We hope you all enjoyed these fall events and thanks again to our amazing corps of volunteers!

Special Thanks to Dan Harbeck of *Get Distilled Water Service* for donating bottled water during Pumpkin Carving. We really appreciate Dan's continuing generosity toward Endeavour. Call Dan at 425-3150370 or e-mail dan@getdistilled.com for all your bottled water needs and say thanks for supporting our kids!

Ta da da da...

**And the Winner is...**

**Molly Halverson**

*from Mrs. Fellow's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class*

Our librarian, Mr. Forge, had the privilege to draw the winner for our first ever PTA web site contest. The lucky winner will receive a \$30 Toys 'R Us gift card.

Congratulations to Molly and thank you to everyone else who entered the competition!

*Thank You*

To Chris Baltrukovicz and Sharon Tennis for working so hard on our School Directory!!!

## **“WOW!” - Theme for the 2008-2009 Reflections Art Program**

It is that time of the year again to help support your child in the participation of our annual Reflections Art program/contest sponsored by your PTA. Reflections is a program that encourages children to express themselves through art as it relates to this year's theme, “WOW!” This can be done in six different categories: Visual Arts, Photography, Musical Composition, Dance/Choreography, Film/Video, and Literature. Students may participate in more than one category, as long as each entry has its own entry form. All ideas and actual work must belong to your student. Parents, teachers, friends and relatives should not assist other than to provide materials, help the child understand the rules and help to fill out entry forms. Every child who participates in Reflections will be recognized for their talent. Your child will have a letter coming home with details on how to enter the contest. If you have any questions please call: Chris Baltrukovicz 425-315-9406 or Karen Cunningham 425-315-9818. We wish your students lots of fun utilizing their creativity and imagination!

### **Innisbrook Online School Supply Orders and Summer Quest Workbook Sales**

The Innisbrook online school supply service was a huge hit this past summer! Many parents commented on the convenience of ordering online. Especially with gas prices hitting an all time high, shopping was simple by ordering through Innisbrook, eliminating the need to drive from store to store. Endeavour Elementary received profits from the sale of school supplies and the Summer Quest workbook series totaling **\$262.07**. Thank you for your support in these programs and please look forward to them in the future.

### **Calling All Gardeners!!!**

Endeavour students will be rolling up their sleeves and digging in to beautify our school. On **Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>**, each grade level will be planting bulbs which will bloom and surround our school with glorious color next spring. Each student has been asked to bring in any bulb of their choice be it tulip, daffodil, or hyacinth.

Parent volunteers are needed to help prep the six bedding areas and to assist classrooms during their scheduled planting time. If you are interested in helping with our Endeavour Beautification Project, please get in touch with Kelly Waldo at [kelly.waldo@verizon.net](mailto:kelly.waldo@verizon.net).

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