

Oct 10, 2017

A Day

For Students (read in the morning over our PA system)



Hey skiers and snowboarders. It's time to think about the Winter Ride bus again. Winter Ride is an eight week program where you get to ride the bus to Mt. Baker with your friends, learn to ski or snowboard, and just have a bunch of fun. Unlike previous years the parent meeting this year will be mandatory. It will take place on October 17th, 6:30 at Kulshan Middle School. See Mr. Zurcher in room 201 for details.

For Parents:

The Whatcom Middle School Jingle Bell Run team is forming. [Follow This Link](#) to visit our team web page and sign up now. Your registration supports the Arthritis Foundation and is greatly appreciated.

The next PTSA Meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 17th at 7:00 pm. Our District Superintendent, Dr. Greg Baker, will be at the meeting to talk about the new start and end times, 1-1 technology, the new 4x8 schedule, and highlights of facility projects currently underway or in the planning stages.

Food Education Volunteer Opportunities

By now, your WMS student has hopefully told you about Garden Day each week! WMS is incredibly lucky to host and maintain a garden in connection with Common Threads Farms, a local non-profit dedicated to teaching kids where food comes from, how to grow it, and how to become a healthy eater. Each week, your middle schooler gets a hands-experience with the science and ecology of our food system.

Common Threads would love to have parents engaged in Food Education at Whatcom Middle School. For available volunteer opportunities, please complete the [attached volunteer form](#) and return it to the office or e-mail it to robyn@commonthreadsfarm.org. To keep up to date with happenings and events, please follow Common Threads Farm on Facebook, Twitter ([@ctfgrown](#)) and Instagram.

Additionally, all volunteers must complete [online registration through the Bellingham School District website](#) at least one week prior to service.

If you have any questions, please contact:

Laura Plaut, Executive Director
Common Threads Farm
www.commonthreadsfarm.org
(360) 927-1590

Better Babysitter Course

Hi Middle school families. Whatcom Middle School is hosting another babysitting class, November 2nd, for all Bellingham Middle Schools. This is our fourth year to have Children's Hospital come and run a Better Babysitters Course. This is a great opportunity for both boys and girls to gain foundational knowledge on childcare for babysitting as well as how to market themselves with a business mindset. Spaces are limit so make sure you register right away. Announcements for registration will be made within the next few weeks.

Winter Warmth Drive

Interfaith Coalition will be collecting and distributing coats, hats & mittens to anyone in need. **Please see the flyers below.

Book Sale:

Pursuant to RCW 28A.335.180, surplus textbooks and instructional materials will be available, to any student desiring to purchase them, for the period from Wednesday, September 13, 2017 to Friday, October 13, 2017. Complete instructions for purchasing items can be found on the District website: <http://bellingshamschools.org/about/departments/business-services/> , Surplus Books.

[Be sure to check out our newsletter on the WMS Website for more information!](#)

Students are expected to turn their cell phones off and not use them during the school day.

Please call the office if you need to contact your student. We will have your student return your call as soon as possible. Phones will be confiscated if a student is seen using it during school hours. A parent or guardian will then need to come in and sign for the phone. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please remember to not drive in front of the school in the morning. Because there are many students walking back and forth across the road, the road is closed to all traffic except school buses.

Do you think you might volunteer at WMS this year? Volunteers need to register at a least one week prior to service and this year there is a new online registration system (No more paper packets!). Go to the Bellingham School District website/Jobs to register or click on this link:

<https://bellingshamschoolsvolunteers.hrplus.net/>

I HAVE TO PULL MY STUDENT OUT OF SCHOOL EARLY – WHAT DO I DO?

When students need to leave school early – please send a signed note with them the day they need to leave early. Students take the note to the attendance window first thing in the morning in exchange for a “permission to leave” slip. This slip is shown to the teacher and your student leaves the premises at your specified time to meet you outside at your prearranged location. You do not need to come in.

Bus Passes:

Requests for bus passes must be submitted in the morning. Any requests after school will be denied. Students must bring a signed note from parent/guardian to the attendance window before school starts. Mrs. Erickson will write out a bus pass which can be picked up later in the day.

**flyers on next pages



INTERFAITH COALITION

Partners in faith. Changing lives.



winter WARMTH drive

Help Interfaith provide **coats and warm items** for our neighbors in need.

DONATIONS of gently-used and new coats, hats & mittens are appreciated through Oct. 18.

NEED A COAT? Coats distributed on Sat., Oct 21 from 11am – 1:30pm and Sat., Oct. 28 from 10:30am – 12:30pm at Assumption Church Gym, 2116 Cornwall Ave in Bellingham.

Warm bodies and hearts.

910 14TH STREET, BELLINGHAM | 360-734-3983 | OFFICE@INTERFAITH-COALITION.ORG
WWW.INTERFAITH-COALITION.ORG



INTERFAITH COALITION

Partners in faith. Changing lives.



We have **free and clean, new and gently-used coats and warm items** for men, women, and children in need.

DO YOU NEED A COAT?

Coats distributed on:

Saturday, Oct. 21 from 11am - 1:30pm & Saturday, Oct. 28th from 10:30am – 12:30pm at Assumption Gym, 2116 Cornwall Ave. in Bellingham

Does your family need **winter coats**?

910 14TH STREET, BELLINGHAM | 360-734-3983 | OFFICE@INTERFAITH-COALITION.ORG
WWW.INTERFAITH-COALITION.ORG