



From the Principal's Desk

Horace Mann Elementary
September 11, 2009

Dear Mann Community,

I wanted to start this letter by thanking you for attending our **Curriculum Nights**. We had a huge turn out. It was standing room only in the commons. This kind of support is just one of the many reasons I *LOVE* this school community. Your support truly makes Mann a better school for all students.

Speaking of support...have you **joined the PTSA yet?** Mann's PTSA supports the academic curriculum, provides assemblies and wonderful community events, like the upcoming carnival. The **carnival** is one of the favorite community events of the year for students and parents. Please mark you calendars and plan to attend this fun-filled event on Thursday, Oct. 1 from 5:30-8:30 (Please note, the next day, Oct. 2, is a teacher work day and there is no school for students).

Finally, I would like to remind you to please help us with **traffic safety** before and after school. Although I understand the temptation to dash across the street, **please use the crosswalks** when crossing the parking lot or 104th. I have had **many** calls from drivers with reports of having just missed hitting parents and children who are not using the crosswalk. It is a very busy place before and after school and I am asking **everyone** to please do their part in keeping Mann a safe place for all! Also, please do not leave your car parked unattended in the pick-up and drop-off loop. This helps keep traffic moving smoothly.

Again, thank you for another wonderful start to the school year. It can't be done without your continued support.

All the best,

Megan Spaulding
Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., Sept. 21st-24th

Tues., Sept. 22nd

Thurs., Oct. 1st

Fri., Oct. 2nd

Horace Mann Scholastic Book Fair

Individual and Class School Pictures

Horace Mann Carnival

**NO SCHOOL – Learning Enhancement & Academic Planning
Day for Teachers (LEAP Day)**

Thurs., Oct. 29th

Picture Retake Day

The Book Fair is Returning.

During the week of September 21th through September 24th, the Horace Mann Library will be holding a Scholastic "Books on Tour" Book Fair. Items available for sale are books, pencils, posters, software and bookmarks. **Book sales** will be as follows:

Tuesday, September 22th

3:00 - 4:00 after school

Wednesday, September 23th

8:30 - 11:30 Parent Preview and Sales (Adults only)

12:10 - 1:05 lunch recess

1:30 - 3:00 after school

Thursday, September 24th

10:30 - 11:15 morning recess

12:10 - 1:05 lunch recess

3:00 - 7:00 evening hours

Friday

Book Fair Closed - No Sales.

Materials will be sold at cover price plus sales tax. Checks should be made payable to Horace Mann. **Credit cards will also be accepted.**

Special Needs Committee

The LWSD PTSA Special Needs Group meets once a month at the LWSD Resource building in Redmond Town Center (16250 NE 74th St, Redmond 98052).

The first monthly meeting is **Tuesday, September 22^d 7:00-8:30 PM**. This will be a two-part meeting and a great way to start the new school year!

- **1st:** Our featured speaker is **Paul Vine, Director of Special Education** with Lake Washington School District. He will introduce his staff, share important changes within the department, go over Ladders of Support and share exciting new projects underway for our community from the new stimulus monies and update on the partnership projects between LWSD and the business community.
- **2nd:** Special Needs PTSA Group will share happenings within our group, go over resources available to parents, schools and exchange Q & A.

Questions about the meeting? Please contact Lys Gobbo, Presentation Coordinator for the LWSD PTSA Special Needs Group fabulys@msn.com.

If you would like to be added to the email distribution list for the group, contact Beth Angelo, Chairperson for the LWSD PTSA Special Needs Group (4bangelo3@verizon.net).

Colt Carnival 2009! Thursday, October 1st 5:30-8:30

We are planning a great evening for the whole family! Please mark your calendar to attend our only all-school event this fall! We will have some great carnival games and inflatables this year, pumpkin decorating, cake walk, book/animal walk, and roller racers just to name a few! The jail will be fully secure as our "Guest Sheriffs" have agreed to join us again. And, the raffle is back! Stay tuned for some awesome items announced next week!

Please get your book/animal donations in soon! If you would like to volunteer in your class carnival booth, contact Becky, b.holtzinger@comcast.net or Florinda, flodavis@yahoo.com. We would love to have you!

DON'T DELAY, JOIN PTSA TODAY!!

The PTSA provides our kids with a wide variety of excellent programs. Join the PTSA today and help support our wonderful school. Extra forms are available in the office or at the kiosk in the school entry way. **By showing your support and joining the PTSA, you will have a VOICE and a VOTE in PTSA business, and will receive the MUST-HAVE STUDENT DIRECTORY.** For questions, please contact Deb Nielsen at deb.nielsen@comcast.net or 376-2544. Thanks!

Chess News

Sign up for the Horace Mann Knights Chess Club starts today. The form is in today's Horace Manager and more are available at the school. Chess Club begins at 7:25 a.m. on Thursday, October 1st in the Horace Mann Art Room. If you have questions, contact Valerie Merrill at avalermms@hotmail.com or 425-861-5696 for more information.

Fundraiser

Attention all Horace Mann Parents – Our first school **fundraiser** is coming soon and all you need to do is send in a check or cash! *Could it be any easier?* We hope not! Look for information in the September issue of the Colt Reporter! Co VP's - Fundraising Cheryl Ferry (mcferry@comcast.net) and Megan Page (mpage007@yahoo.com)

Service Club

Service Club **correction** – Service Club (grades 4-6th) will have its first meeting on **Friday, October 9** during morning recess.

Box Tops & Campbell's Soup Labels

Send in your box tops and Campbell's Soup labels! There is a collection bin outside the office – Thanks!

EVERYTHING PARTY'S 10% SCHOOL PROGRAM!!!

Now that your school PTSA school representative has signed up for our program, Everything Party will donate **10% of all purchases** you make at our stores back to your school, this includes your personal purchases. It's simple -- just notify the store cashier of your school name at **the start of your transaction**. Everything Party will automatically track the sales and send a quarterly check to your school.

