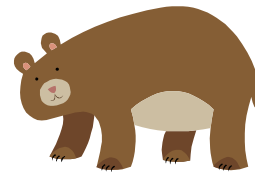


# The Grizzly Growl



## Letter from the Principal, Mr. Cullum

Hello,

I hope everyone enjoys the upcoming break and holidays.

We have a lot of activities going on at MP this month. The first ever 5<sup>th</sup> grade Family Heritage night is Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> in our school gym and the Winter program for K and 1<sup>st</sup> grade is on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> and is always a delight to see. The first ever drama event, sponsored by our parent group and put on by the Class ACT program, will be performing the Tall Tale Hullabaloo on Dec 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> at Cascade Middle School. Everyone is invited to all these fun school events.

As we get into the colder weather, please remind your student/s to be sure to dress appropriately for outside recess. I would like to remind parents to peruse our lost-and-found rack for your child's lost coat, sweat shirt, hat, gloves, socks, shoes, lunch box and/or scarf.

Currently our K-6 staff and Title 1 team are conducting mid-year reading assessments. This will be used for goal setting and providing reading support. If you have any questions about these results please contact your child's teacher.

Again, I hope all of our families enjoys the holidays!

Thank you,

Mike Cullum, Principal



**December**

- 3 - Wreath pick up 3:30-6:30. Front of library.
- 4 - Family Heritage Night 5th grade 6-8 in gym.
- 7 - Tall Tale Hullabaloo @ CMS @ 7 PM
- 8 - Tall Tale Hullabaloo @ CMS @ 2PM
- 8 - Robotics competition at MVHS 830-3PM
- 14 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
- 18 - Winter Program in Gym
  - 6 PM Kindergarten
  - 7 PM 1st grade
- 18 - Canned food drive ends


**Winter Break**  
December 21 - January 4  
Happy Holidays!

Nurse Anita will be presenting the Growth and Development video to our 5th and 6th graders in the month of December.

Nurse Anita will also be giving hearing and vision tests for all students except those in grades 4th and 6th.


Screenings will be on Dec 5th.

If you have any concerns or questions about these events, please feel free to contact the nurse directly at 360-855-3674.



Mary Purcell will once again be collecting food to distribute to families in need over the holiday season. Please send non-perishable food to school with your child starting Monday, December 3 and running until Tuesday, December 18. We will not be counting cans for a class competition this year, just trying to fill food baskets for families. If you would like to be added to our list of recipients, please call our school counselor, Anne Sidbury at 855-3673.

Baskets will be distributed on December 20.





Hi All!

Our 5th grade Mary Purcell students will be hosting "Family Heritage Night" on December 4th, from 6-8 pm, in our school gym. All 55 of our students will be creating poster boards, presenting artifacts, and providing a food sample directly linked to their heritage. Our wonderful Mrs. Soneda is working closely with me to provide our audience with an authentic "Ellis Island/New York Tenement" experience, upon entering our gym. (SO excited about this!)

Student grades are based on quality of presentation, as well as audience engagement. That being said, the more "audience" we can produce, the better off we will be! (family/friends encouraged to attend) Please join us if you can.....it promises to be a very engaging and interesting experience!

~Mrs. Roberson, 5th grade teacher

**~November Students of The Month ~**

**~Responsibility~**

<b>Kyla Smith</b>	<b>Ember Jones</b>
<b>Inga Johnson</b>	<b>Chloe Huerta</b>
<b>Olivia Stephenson</b>	<b>Declan Harp</b>
<b>Liam Shafer</b>	<b>Tytus Jones</b>
<b>Haleigh Bernhardt</b>	<b>Ashlyn Hernandez</b>
<b>Cambria Eide</b>	<b>Dante McDermott</b>
<b>Kendra Bond</b>	<b>Kaeden McCormick Day</b>
<b>Sabrina Rhodes</b>	<b>Efrain Pineda Arce</b>
<b>Elsa Smith</b>	<b>Sydney Finney</b>
<b>Xavior Anderson</b>	<b>Jose Alvarado</b>
<b>Laly Cortez</b>	

*Congratulations!*

## Winter Ride

### 5th Graders Ride Free!



Come join the Winter Ride Ski and Snowboard bus to Mt. Baker. Have fun with your friends and enjoy the amazing skiing and snowboarding at our local mountain. This is 8 weeks of pure fun, so get signed up for Winter Ride this year. 5th graders ride free. Come to the meeting to find out how. Students and parents can stop by the main office at CMS and complete the application, or they can contact Ms. Lunstroth, [jlunstroth@swsd.k12.wa.us](mailto:jlunstroth@swsd.k12.wa.us) or 360-224-4947, for more information.