

Margaret Mead Elementary

## MEAD MESSENGER

### THANK YOU PTSA BOARD AND VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA 2011

PTSA held a Volunteer Appreciation Tea last week to honor our wonderful volunteers at Mead. Congratulations to our recipients! See **page 8** for photos and more recognized volunteers! Thank you to all who helped big or small to make Mead a great place of learning. We'd also like to thank our outgoing board members (**Diana Timmerman, Ed Keith, Barb Evans, Melissa Barry and Sue McComas**) for their dedication and efforts. Thank you for those returning to the board (**Julie Olson, Renata King, Angie Brown, Lorraine Nelson, Beth Knapick, Erin Skolfield, Debbie Bredeweg, Sara Cupp, Bobbie Conti, Margaret Rogan and Carlene Camera**) and the newbies (**Jill Manasco, Sue Byron, Becky Henschman, Haven Scholz, Heidi Lewis, Megan Andrews and Kami Smith**) — Welcome to 2011-2012!

#### Golden Acorn

Julie Shalaby  
Beth Knapick

#### Mustang Award

Sandy Klein  
Augustina Eiff  
Sara Cupp

#### Children's Award

Margaret Rogan  
Michelle Breecher  
Sue Byron

#### Unsung Hero

Bonnie DeCaro Monahan  
Bobbie Conti



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**NEW NUMBER!** Attendance Line: 425-936-2631

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**PTSA PRESIDENT LETTER**

**2010-2011 PTSA goals:  
Create a welcoming Mead community, Unity with Mead Staff,  
and Provide family support**

Dear Mead Families,

I can't believe the school year is almost over and summer is just around the corner. We have had an amazing year here at Mead and I'm so honored that I have been able to be part of this incredible school community. I'm so proud of all that our PTSA Board of Directors have accomplished this year. I'm also proud of the amazing support and volunteering attitude of all of our committee chairs and you parents.



Julie Shalaby, Co-President

**Here are some highlights of the 2010-2011 school year:**

- Welcoming our new Principal, Sandy Klein
- Presenting Love and Logic Classes
- First Annual Walk-A-Thon (which was the main fundraiser of the year)
- Staff Appreciation Lunches
- School Pictures
- Scholastic Book Fair
- Holiday Gift Shop
- Funding new custodial equipment to help with maintenance and school cleanliness
- First International Night
- Used Book Fair
- Dad's Pancake Breakfast
- One of our most successful Box Tops collection ever, funding playground balls & supplies
- Launching the new online Accelerated Reader program
- Amazing Art Gallery Night
- First Disability Awareness Fair
- Sock Hop

None of this could be accomplished without our amazing volunteers...YOU!! We truly appreciate all that you do and hope that you will continue to volunteer in the future.

Believe it or not, we still have a few events to finish the school year with a bang. We will be having our last **PTSA General Membership meeting on June 15** to welcome in the 2011-2012 Board of

Directors. Please join us for this brief meeting and then stay for our parenting workshop "Be Keen on your Tween". (More details further in this newsletter).

Our 6th graders will be celebrating their **Promotion on June 17**. We want to say "good bye" and "good luck" to them all. Lastly, we will be celebrating **Field Day on June 21** with fun games and icy cold Otter Pops.

It has been a great 2 years as co-president at Mead and I'd like to thank all of you for your support and guidance along the way. I am leaving you in great hands with your new highly capable co-presidents for next year; my co-president this year, Julie Olson, and her new partner in crime, Renata King.

Have a safe and wonderful summer and see you next fall!!

Best Wishes,  
Julie Shalaby



## OUR FINANCES BY ED KEITH, PTSA

Bank balances at the end of  
April: \$60,256.88

Income total for May:  
\$11,685.15

Expense total for May: -\$10,675.21

To see copies of our budgets and more  
information, go to  
<http://meadptsa.com/finance.aspx>



## SOCK HOP 2011

Thank you so much to all the volunteers who made the Mead Sock Hop/Jamboree such a success. We raised almost \$1,500.00 for the PTSA. This money will go to valuable use in the classrooms!

Thank you, thank you!  
~Heidi Lewis, Event Chair

## THOUGHTS FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

BY SANDY KLEIN

This is the end of my first year as principal at Mead. I want to thank you for making this year really fabulous. The Mead community of staff, students and parents is a strong and healthy learning community. The teachers at Mead are the best! They work very hard each and every day to do what's right for every one of our students. Any discussion or decision we make as a staff team always comes back to what's best for students. I am so appreciative to work with a staff that has a kid-centric attitude. It serves our community very well!

I am also very impressed with our parent community. So many parents and community volunteers contribute their time and energy to the students at Mead every week. These volunteers who work in classrooms, in the health room, with production, in the lunch line, driving field trips, with PTSA or organizing Mead community events make a difference in the lives of our students. For you and the work you do, I thank you! Finally, a very BIG thank you to **Julie Shalaby and Julie Olson** for their tireless work on behalf of our students and school as PTSA co-presidents. These ladies are fantastic advocates for our students and our school. I am so thankful for their leadership and to have partnered with them in our work this year. Julie Shalaby will be stepping away from the co-presidency in order to pursue new horizons. Thank you, Julie, for your work. You are much appreciated! Julie Olson will continue on with a new co-president, Renata King. I look forward to partnering with both of them in the year to come!



Next year will bring new opportunities and challenges for Mead. We will continue to work each day to bring the best possible education to our students. We will be working diligently toward the middle school re-configuration of 2012. We will be implementing "Love and Logic" as a school wide discipline philosophy. We will also be working to make the best of a very grim budget situation. Difficult choices and difficult changes are facing Mead this fall. Each of us will most definitely feel the impact of the budget cuts we have received from the state. We will have fewer teachers and larger class sizes. These new challenges on top of our already large population and crowded school building will require us to strategically work together in providing the best possible education for our students.

In the mean time, we all have an opportunity to take some time to relax and enjoy the summer! The Kleins will be doing some trailer camping, some college visits and watching some great soccer. My husband and I will celebrate a new phase of parenting as our sons turn 21 and 18 this summer. Please take time to enjoy your children and invest in your family this summer.

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The years go all too quickly and can't be recaptured! Make some great memories with your kids this summer. You'll never regret the investment!

Thank you again for your support and partnership in my first year as principal at Mead. I have had a blast getting to know our fabulous students and staff. I have made many new friends. I look very forward to having a great next year. Happy summer!

*Sandy Klein*

### **LOOKING AHEAD!**

Parenting is the most important, yet sometimes hardest job on earth! Join Principal Sandy Klein for . . .

#### ***Becoming a Love and Logic Parent Class***

Tuesdays, September 20 – November 1, 2011 (7 weeks)

6:30 – 8:00 PM at Margaret Mead Elementary

Cost is \$10 for a workbook

Class registration details will be available beginning at Meet and Greet on Sept. 1.

#### **Mark Your Calendar for Fall . . .**

Wednesday, Aug. 18	Mead Office re-opens
Wednesday, Aug. 31	Class lists posted at 3:30pm
Thursday, Sept. 1	Meet and Greet, 10am – 11am (parents and students welcome)
Thursday, Sept. 1	Kindergarten Parent Orientation & Curriculum Night 6:30–8pm (parents only)
Tuesday, Sept. 6	First day of School! School begins at 8:30 am
Thursday, Sept 15	Curriculum Night
Tuesday, Sept. 20	First night of Becoming a Love and Logic Parent, 6:30 pm



## PTSA SURVEY RESULTS

Thanks to all of you who completed the online PTSA survey this spring! We want you to know that your feedback is REALLY important to us. We have used the information to plan our calendar and budget for next year. Here are some of the highlights of the survey and how we are implementing your feedback...

Highlights of some of the Programs and Events Funded by PTSA in order of support:

PROGRAM OR EVENT	ACTION / IMPLEMENTATION
Playground and Recess Equipment	Currently supplemented by BoxTops, potentially part of Walk a Thon funding next year
Accelerated Reader	PTSA funded a new online program this year!
Accelerated Math	PTSA will fund a NEW AM program next year.
Teacher Classroom Funds	Increased all teacher funds for classroom expenses
Science Night	We will bring Science Night back next spring
Art Night	Will alternate years with Science Night due to event timing and limited volunteer resources
Back To School Walk A Thon	Returning next year- listed as the #1 choice as a fundraiser as well
Custodial Equipment	Funded a new carpet cleaner, gas leaf blower, and other supplies
Assemblies	Returning next year
International Night	Returning with an expanded area for displays to spread out the event
Dad's Pancake Breakfast	Returning next year chaired by some of our enthusiastic Dads!
Sock Hop/Jamboree	Returning- Rated in our STUDENT survey as #1
Disability Fair	Returning next year during the school day
Family Math Night	Not scheduled for next year
Holiday Gift Shoppe	Not scheduled for next year
Reflections	Anyone want to Chair this?

Enrichment classes were generally classified as "great" and the Enrichment VPs are looking into class suggestions listed on the survey.

Top 3 preferences in communication were:

- Mustang Minutes
- Mead Messenger
- Direct email from Mrs. Klein

The PTSA Board members have the full list of survey results and suggestions and are working to incorporate your ideas into planning. Email any member of the board for more information or to see the full survey report. Again, thank you to all who took the time to share their thoughts and concerns!

# Parent Education Class: “Be Keen on Your Tween’s Safety”

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*This Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup>*

*in the Mead Library, immediately following the PTSA  
General Membership meeting at 6:30 pm*

## **Be Keen on your Tween’s Safety**

**Presenter: Kim Estes of Savvy Parents Safe Kids**

Are you prepared for the increasing needs for independence as your child transitions to the tween years? Setting guidelines early makes these discussions less stressful for you and your child. This parenting workshop for parents of children ages 8-12 will cover:

- ◆ Cell Phones –tool or tricked out toy?
- ◆ When your child becomes a babysitter
- ◆ Staying home alone. Are they ready?
- ◆ Tweens and body safety
- ◆ Out & About: School and neighborhood safety
- ◆ What safety tools work and which ones don’t?

*We all want to keep our kids safe..... join us and learn how to use our easy tips and tools that make safety fun not scary.*

**Kim Estes** is the founder of Savvy Parents Safe Kids. She has worked with parents for over 12 years, educating them on various parenting topics that liberate parents from outdated personal safety tactics and fearful parenting. For more information about her work go to: [www.savvyparentsafekids.com](http://www.savvyparentsafekids.com)

This **FREE** program is sponsored by the Margaret Mead Elementary School PTSA & the Lake Washington PTSA Council



Mustang Award Recipient  
Mrs. Sandy Klein



Children's Award recipient Margaret Rowen, Golden Acorn recipient Julie Shalaby, Mustang Award recipient Sara Cupp and Children's Award recipient Michelle Breecher

**LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD—WE THANK THE FOLLOWING VOLUNTEERS FOR MAKING A DIFFERENCE DURING THEIR MANY YEARS AT MEAD. GOOD LUCK IN JUNIOR HIGH AND BEYOND!**

Randi Ganulin

Cheryl Borley

Allyson Danas

Maria Venditti

Jane Hitchcock

Lisa Hunter

Janet Lewis

Sue McComas

Kim Moynihan

Claire Ronneburg

Marielle Dallaire

Barbara Daniels

Anju Jain

Terri Jonas

Laurie Kipfer

Sarah Langton

Lenka Lyons

Brigitte Parsons

Marnie Stromseth

Elsie Tabit

Karin Smith

Pam Pohl

Regina Duarte

Becky Huff

Tina Keating

Ann Lamb

Bettina Muench

Ingrida Sanders

Janine Vester

Janice Alvis

Sue Bangasser

Sonia Jara-Reyes

Debbie Scally

Gina Davidson

Allison Conn

Tamara DePorter

## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL MEAD VOLUNTEERS!

Alex Ahn	Elleu Correa	Kindie Hendricks	Tiffany LaMonte
Helen Ahn	Peggy Crowley Rettig	Anna Henry-Greard	Jeppe Larson
Mari Alderman	Sara Cupp	Loic Henry-Greard	Sue Lauer
Adriana Alvarez	Christian Dauz	Amy Hernandez	Laurie Levesque
Megan Andrews	Dexter Dauz	Dave Hernandez	Heidi Lewis
Sondra Asbery	Amber David	Dorene Hersh	Janet Lewis
Alpana Bajpai	Dan Davidson	Kerri Hodge	Jana Lovell
Shannon Baker	Jennie Davidson	Jane Horn	Shawn Luders
Susan Bangasser	Carolina De Borst	Lee-Ann Houston	Darcy Luna
Magdalena Barger	Dyneen DeJohn	Chris Howd	Erik Lustig
Melissa Barry	Amanda Dinklocker	Jasmine Hu	Pam Lustig
Nici Baughman	Allyson Donas	Amy Hunthausen	Jill Manasco
Tami Bean	Augustina Eiff	John Hunthausen	Maureen Manoske
Hitomi Bercey	Cathy Elder	Molly Hysten	Belina Marien
Elena Blume	Minerva Enriquez	Joe Iudice	Maria Martin
Kelly Blumhagen	Pedro Enriquez	Shuba Iyer	Sue McComas
Farrah Bonp	Barbara Evans	Soheila Jalali	Amy McComber
Paula Bordenet	Christina Ferreira	Joella Jarvi	Howard McComber
Nicolle Brancazio	Jorge Ferreira	Dawn Jensen	Greg McCormick
Kathy Bravo	Stephanie Fleming	Cara Johnson	Patty McCormick
Debbie Bredeweg	Kate Fletcher	Natalia Kalenkovich	Jessica McCoy
Michelle Breecher	Sabrina Ford	Kerri Kane	Kim Meade
Angie Brown	Randi Ganulin	Ed Keith	Bettina Muench
Jill Brunke	Vicky Garcia	Renata King	Shannon Murray
Sue Byron	Kevin Grady	Alia Kiyani	Mudita Nain
Carlene Camera	Lisa Grady	Becky Kleinknecht	Kim Nelson
Mary Cavanagh	Allison Grassi	Beth Knapick	Jim Nelson
Monthly Chea	Leslie Graydon	Mireille Kools	Lorraine Nelson
Felix Coifman	Sandra Hagy	Sara Kuehpus	Wade Nelson
Bobbie Conti	Jane Hartway	Michelle Kumar	Kelley Ney
Georgie Coote	Jenean Hatlelid	Deborah Kureshy	Angela Olmsted-Brooks
Roger Coote	Doug Henderson	Ann Lamb	Julie Olson

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL MEAD VOLUNTEERS!

Darin Painter	Julie Shalaby	Nina Smith	Marieke Van Emst
Ginger Painter	Dan Samas	Kenna Smith	Madeline Van Schothorst
Oindrila Paul	Denine Scallin	Satu Soininen	Maria Villar
Candace Perez	Michele Schneider	Christa St.Pierre	Jennifer Walston
Holly Phillips	Kristin Schoos	Michele Stone	Dawn West
Pam Pohl	Wendy Scott	Claudia Stritmalter	Michael Whiteside
Gitte Preisler	Laura Scott	Alex Su	Dorothee Wihl
Marianna Prock	Ann Scott	Han Suu Yin	DC Woodall
Tanya Proctor	Elizabeth Secrist	Elsie Tabit	Elise Woodward
Amanda Raknes	Jennifer Sehlin	Christine Taylor	Angela Wurl
Erin Redwine	Senthil Senthil	Andreea Temereanca	Karen Yan
Dan Redwine	Sujatha Senthil	Leah Teunissen	Wilson Yates
Pam Reynolds	Jennifer Sieler	Judith Thomasberg	Tanya Young
Anna Romanenko	Anuja Singh	Lindsay Thoreson	Tolga Yildirim
Charlotte Roth	Erin Skolfield	Diana Timmerman	Carmen Zamani
Ulrike Rylance	Kami Smith	Shana Tischeafer	Yongli Zhang
Sandy Saathoff	Kathy Smith	Jennifer Tolo	
Enrique Saggese	Kristen Smith	Rujida Uthaisombut	



### Mead Calendar for June

- June 15 PTSA Final General Meeting at 6:30 pm—Mead Library
- June 15 Parent Education: Be Keen on Tween Safety presentation 6:45 pm
- June 21 Field Day at Mead—Half Day
- June 22 Last day of School --Half day
- June 23 happy Summer! (see page 5 for our Fall Calendar)

## MESSAGES FROM MARIAN (THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR)



Greetings Parents,

Wow! This year flew by fassstt! We implemented a comprehensive school counseling program this year, at Margaret Mead (check out my page on the Mead website at <http://www.lwsd.org/school/mead/For-Parents/Pages/Guidance-and-Counseling-Program.aspx>)

The counseling program included classroom guidance lessons, Life Skills Groups (small groups) and individual guidance and intervention. It has been an exciting and busy year! Below are some of the guidance lessons I taught your child/ren throughout the school year.

**Kindergarten** students learned about the role of a school counselor. They met Kelso and Lily (frogs) who taught the children the 9 ways to solve a small problem. The students role-played the strategies and have been using them on the playground.

I spent the entire day with the **first grade** students as we reviewed the Kelso strategies for problem-solving, blew bubbles (a relaxation exercise) and practiced the strategies in role-plays.

The **second graders** learned ways to solve problems, peacefully, in the Peaceful Solutions lesson. I spent all day in each classroom teaching Friendship skills.

Our **third graders** learned strategies to resolve conflicts in the Peaceful Solutions lesson, how to make and keep a friend in the all-day Friendship class and received three, anti-bullying lessons from the Steps to Respect program.

**Fourth graders** learned about Recognizing, Refusing and Reporting bullying incidences in the Steps to Respect program.

The **fifth graders** had four lessons in Recognizing, Refusing and Reporting bullying as well as attended an all-day Study Skills class.

**Sixth grade** was a busy grade! The students received four, anti-bullying lessons and all-day Study Skills class (preparing them for the Jr. High J). I also taught an all-day Career Awareness class in which each student identified their highest "intelligence" and personality type. Then, students wrote a one page persuasive letter to a fictitious employer on a job suitable to them based on their "intelligence" and personality type (preparing them for higher education and the work force).

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Our 6<sup>th</sup> graders also participated in the Healthy Youth Survey (in October). This health survey included questions about alcohol/drug use, how our students feel about school and their safety habits. Data from the survey shows:

**100% of our 6<sup>th</sup> graders are not smoking cigarettes**

**99% are not drinking alcohol**

**100% indicated they had not used any illegal drug**

**56% are wearing a helmet when riding a bike**

**78% are wearing a seat belt in the car**

**93% had not seriously considered suicide**

**72% are not being bullied, at school**

**87% have goals and plans for the future**

**68% enjoy being in school**

**82% try to do their best in school**

We had 41 students participate in Life Skills Groups (grades K-6). These small groups met once a week for 5 weeks and learned skills to be better students. Life Skills included: listening, paying attention in class and cooperating with others in groups. The teachers voted on other Life Skills (aka; Interdisciplinary Skills and Aptitudes) for the 2011-12 school year.

I had the pleasure of meeting many parents, throughout the school year, through the weekly Guidance Team meetings (Tuesday mornings) and private consultations in my office. I look forward to seeing everyone in the fall and meeting our new kindergarten students! Have a fun and safe summer.

*Marian Illingworth*  
School counselor

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Sammamish Citizen Corp** - National night out August 2nd will kick off at City Hall. The Citizen corp would like to connect with schools in Sammamish by providing presentations on emergency preparedness and help prepare schools for a disaster. For more information, contact [info@sammamishcitizencorps.org](mailto:info@sammamishcitizencorps.org)

**Pine Lake Covenant Church** is gathering household goods and clothing this week for Romania; please see following website for details [http://www.plcc.org/pages/page.asp?page\\_id=146858](http://www.plcc.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=146858)

**City of Sammamish- Teen Fest is June 17th for kids 13 to 20 years old.** The cost is \$9.00. Skate competition starts at 3:30pm and music starts at 6:00pm with live bands. They will also have food vendors and games for teens.

There will be a public **meeting on the Community Center** on if interested in what is happening concerning plans for a Sammamish community center; the city has a project page on their website for it at <http://www.ci.sammamish.wa.us/departments/communitydevelopment/TownCenter.aspx?page=resources>

**Sammamish Farmers Market** is open every Wednesday, from 4:00-8:00 pm through the summer

**CONGRATULATIONS MS. O'BRIEN!**



**Announcing the 2011 Recipients Lake Washington PTSA Council Scholarships**

**Staff Scholarships**

**Lynne O' Brien**  
Robert Kaneko

**Special Education**  
Technology

**Mead Elementary**  
Evergreen Jr. High

Congratulations to our very own Lynne O'Brien for being recognized for her outstanding accomplishments in Special Education at Mead! Lynne was invited to receive her award and be recognized at the June 6th school board meeting at the LWSD Resource Center.

**A THANK YOU**

To all the volunteers in the health room this year. Without your dedication none of the great work in the health room would have been accomplished!

Jenean Hatlelid,  
Health room chairperson



**MARGARET MEAD IS GOING GREEN!**

Our fall 2011 First Day Packets are going to be available online. Look for more information to come this summer regarding where and when to access all your fall form needs!

