

# Granite Falls Middle School

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## Tiger News:

### Greetings Parents and Guardians,

The school year is off to a great start...how are your children doing? Are they getting into a routine? Have they set a time and place to study each night? Are they keeping up with assignments? Are they finding a way to get involved? This is a reminder, now is the time for students to make sure they create a system that works for them. Habits set now can provide the foundation for success later.

Thank you for your AMAZING support during the fundraiser. Please stay tune for more information on delivery, rewards and celebrations. We will make every effort to communicate once things have been solidified. REMINDER: once the cookie dough delivery date is set you must make arrangements to get it picked up as we cannot store it overnight. More to follow...

Finally, late start Wednesdays will begin next week October 21<sup>st</sup> and are scheduled once a month throughout the school year. This time has been scheduled in effort to provide the necessary training and planning time for teachers and administrators. The effectiveness of the use of this time as it relates to professional development and improved student instruction will be analyzed at the end of the year. Weekly early release or late arrival days are common throughout Snohomish County schools. The complete schedule of late start Wednesdays are listed below as well as posted on the districts website at [www.gfalls.wednet.edu](http://www.gfalls.wednet.edu).

Thank you for your continued support. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to assist your son or daughter.

Dave Bianchini, Principal  
Leslie Ivelia, Assistant Principal  
Granite Falls Middle School



**Stop Colds**

The best things to do to avoid getting a cold or flu: wash your hands frequently, cover your cough, & stay home if you are sick.

### 2 - HOUR LATE START

MS/HS 9:35 AM

ELEMENTARIES - 10:35 AM

WEDNESDAY 10/21/09

### Mark Your Calendars:

Oct. 21	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
Oct. 30	October Fest Dance 2:05 - 4:00
Nov. 4	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
Nov. 11	No School - Veteran's Day
Nov. 23, 24, 25	Early Release 10:50
Nov. 23, 24	Conferences
Nov. 26 & 27	No School - Thanksgiving
Dec. 2	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
Dec. 21 - Jan. 1	No School - Winter Break
Jan. 6	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
Jan. 18	No School - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Jan. 29	No School grades 6-12
Feb. 3	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
Feb. 12 - 15	No School - Mid Winter Break
Mar. 3	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
Mar. 24, 25, 26	Conferences Early Release 10:50
Mar. 20 - Apr. 2	No School - Spring Break
Apr. 21	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
May 5	2-Hour Late Start - 9:35
May 31	No School - Memorial Day

### MS Picture Retakes

*October 22, 2009*

Packets available in the Office



### MS/HS Choir Concert

Tuesday, October 27, 2009  
7:00 pm

High School Performing Arts Center

### OCTOBER FEST DANCE

Friday, October 30 2:05 - 4:00

\$4.00 - Admission FREE if you sold 4  
tubs of Cookie Dough

## Access School Information On-Line:

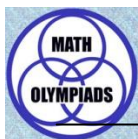
The Granite Falls School District has a wide variety of information available on the District's website at [www.gfalls.wednet.edu](http://www.gfalls.wednet.edu). Information includes reports required by the state, student handbooks, the school calendar, commonly requested forms, supply lists, lunch menus, School Board minutes, sport information and much more. If you cannot access the District website, contact Claudia Scherrer at 360.691.7710 for hard copies of requested documents.

It is important that we update critical information for better communication. If you have changed your email address or want to add your email address, please complete below and return to the Middle School office as soon as possible.

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_



## *Granite Falls Middle School The Math Olympiads Program*

Are you a problem solver? Do you enjoy stretching your brain? Math Olympiad would be great fun for you! Granite Falls Middle School will be hosting a Math Olympiad Club this year. The Olympiads will meet on **Wednesdays** from **2:20 to 3:30**, October through March.

Problems and strategies will be practiced on each week as the team works on problems each week. Once a month a Math Olympiad test will be taken and scored. Results will be compared to other 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the world! Come join the club on Wednesdays after school for an hour.

**Who:** All 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

**When:** Wednesdays, starting October 7th

**Where:** Room 109, Granite Falls Middle School

Further questions may be addressed to Mrs. Haynes (360-691-7710)

## *The Math Olympiads Program*

<p>The goals of Math Olympiad are:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To stimulate enthusiasm and a love for Mathematics</li><li>• To introduce important Mathematical concepts</li><li>• To teach major strategies for problem solving</li><li>• To develop Mathematical flexibility in solving problems</li><li>• To strengthen Mathematical intuition</li><li>• To foster Mathematical creativity and ingenuity</li><li>• To provide for the satisfaction, joy, and thrill of meeting challenges</li></ul>
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