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Marshall Students Explore the Wonders of the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge
Matthew Phillipy is in his first year teaching Science at Marshall Middle School, but that didn’t stop him from organizing an amazing field trip to the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge just one month into his tenure.

The focus of the field trip was for students to apply scientific skills and concepts learned in class to the Nisqually Wildlife Refuge Habitat restoration efforts and to quantify data about migrating bird species. Students also learned about the cultural history of the refuge and were given the chance to practice some of the new common core reading and writing standards based on their experiences and observations from the refuge.

Sounds like an amazing experience for all involved. Great work coordinating this unique trip Matthew, what a way to kick off the new school year!

Centennial Elementary Celebrates Spirit Week
It’s Spirit Week at Centennial Elementary, which always makes for a good time. Students kicked off the week Monday with silly socks, Tuesday was crazy hair and PJ’s, Wednesday was sports shorts and Thursday they wrapped up the school week with the always popular Pumpkin Fund Run (students encouraged to wear orange).

As you can see from the photos crazy hair day was a big hit! Not only did the students participate but the teachers and administration got in on the act as well. There are some pretty imaginative individuals behind those hairstyles, well done to all involved!

Support Service Center Employee Exercises Serious Ingenuity
When the quote came back for a repair to a piece of playground equipment at McKenny Elementary School there was some initial sticker shock. How could a small replacement piece cost this much and why did it need to be shipped all the way from the Czech Republic?
It turns out the solution was right underneath our noses. After our maintenance staff had a look at the piece of playground equipment they realized they had the tools and expertise to resolve the issue. Assistant Maintenance professional Kevin Palmer was able to purchase the necessary replacement parts locally, and do the repair work himself. Kevin has a background in automotive repair, carpentry and welding. He was able to completely disassemble the unit, replace the necessary materials and reassemble the unit. The repair saved the District over $600.

Kevin’s supervisor Max Schwegler could not be happier to have him on the team saying: “You give him a direction one time and you never have to tell him again…he does a terrific job and never forgets a thing!”. Way to think outside the box Kevin, the District is very lucky to have you!

**Coming Soon: Mustang Monster Dash 5K**

Calling all boys and ghouls, mummies and daddies. Have a howling good time at the Mustang Monster Dash 5K, with a kids free fun run. Entertainment will include a DJ, trick or treating, refreshments, prizes and more.

Participants will meet at Marshall Middle School and can register at Active.com. Costumes are very much encouraged. This event is a fundraiser for the Marshall Community Council.

**Mustang Monster Dash 5K**

*Saturday, October 25th*

*Run/Walk start at 3:00pm*

*Same Day Registration Opens at 1:30pm*

*$25 Registration before October 17 (includes t-shirt)*

*$30 Registration after October 17 (t-shirt not guaranteed)*

**Harvest Festival Takes Over Lincoln Options**

On the last Friday of each September, Lincoln students celebrate the results of their hard work in the Lincoln Garden and share the bounty of their harvest. The weather was gorgeous and students and families were out enjoying the sun and all of the Harvest Festival activities.

After an opening ceremony that took place in the Lincoln gymnasium students dispersed to participate in activities throughout the school, playground and play shed. The activities included: apple bobbing, leaf crowns, cider pressing, face painting, drawing, nature collages and many others. Lunch was provided with contributions from each class using produce grown in the Lincoln garden. Yearly favorites included three sisters soup, pesto pasta, pumpkin pie and apple crisp.

There were nothing but smiles on the faces of the students, parents and community members as they celebrated the culmination of all the hard work done in the Lincoln Garden this year. Thank you so much Lincoln Options family for sharing that bounty with our community!
Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Dates

• Board Meeting (Jefferson MS) - Monday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.
• Elementary & Middle School Conferences (Half Days) - Oct. 21-24
• Board Meeting (Knox) - Monday, November 3 at 6:30 p.m.
• One-Hour Late Start (Grades K-12) - Wednesday, November 5  
  *Except Avanti HS and Lincoln Options which will start at their regular time*
• End of Quarter 1 - Friday, November 7
• Veterans Day - Tuesday, November 11