Dear Families,

We hope you are having a great summer break! I look forward to meeting and working with you and your students in the coming year. I hope to hear lots of fun stories from everyone when we all return in September.

Here is some important information that will help everyone have a successful start to the 2018-2019 school year.

We are really looking forward to seeing you on August 27th at Day of Thunder. As always, we will be handing out student schedules, selling P.E. uniforms, accepting payments for yearbooks and lunch accounts, signing up for 1st season sports and taking school pictures for the yearbook. This is also a very important event for 6th grade students as we will be conducting our 6th grade orientation during this time.

This year we will have a digital citizenship session at both the morning and afternoon sessions. Feel free to drop in if you wish. As the day approaches, we will give specific times and location.

Following is a schedule of events for Day of Thunder.

**6th grade:**
12:10 - 12:30 p.m. — Schedule pick up
12:30 p.m. — Orientation in the gym, followed by Day of Thunder activities.

**7th /8th grade:**
9:00—10:00 a.m. (last names A – K)
10:00—11:00 a.m. (last names L – Z)

**Sixth grade families with 7th and/or 8th graders can bring older children during the 6th grade time if that is most convenient.**

Each year as we approach the first day of school, we receive a number of questions about bus routes and pick up times as students and parents prepare for a new school year. For your convenience, transportation information will be posted on the Enumclaw School District website the week before school begins.

The first day of school, September 4th, is quickly approaching. If we can answer any questions for you between now and then, don’t hesitate to give us a call. We would be happy to provide you with any information that would help your child have a positive start to the year.

See you at Day of Thunder!

Sincerely,

Steve Stoker, Principal
The Thunder Mountain PTSO has been an integral part of TMMS for several years, supporting student activities and having an extremely positive influence on the school culture. The PTSO goals and activities change a bit each year depending on how much the members want to take on and does not require nearly the level of involvement that is typically seen at the elementary level.

Look for the sign up at Day of Thunder. If you are interested and would like to know more about what positions may be open, please contact tmmsptso@gmail.com. We would love to keep this going, as the PTSO has made a big difference in the lives of our students while they are at school.

**Individual student portraits**

Individual student portraits will be available by LifeTouch Photography at our “Day of Thunder”, Monday, August 27th. Important reminder: This picture will be your students yearbook photo as well as the picture that will be on their ASB card. The parent web address My.Lifetouch.com and the picture ID number parents can use to access picture packages and pricing for TMMS is LS228050Q0. Picture packets will be available on-site if needed. A friendly parent reminder that picture day is coming will be sent prior to picture day with a direct link to TMMS pricing and packages. Online orders are simple and give parents many more options. Online orders will receive a voucher for a free 8x8 Shutterfly memory book. If online ordering is not possible, please make checks payable to Lifetouch.

**Student Agenda**

Every student will receive a Student Agenda on the first day of school. These planners offer students the resources necessary to plan and track their successes at Thunder Mountain Middle School. The planners will include study tips, calendars, assignment logs, academic tracking and our Thunder Mountain Student Handbook. Over the course of the year, teachers will be working with students on how to best utilize their Student Agenda.

**Back to School Information**

Our first day of school is September 4. Our building doors open at 7:40 AM and school begins at 8:10 AM. Monday through Thursday our school day ends at 2:40 PM, on Friday school will end at 1:25 P.M. Students are expected to go home immediately after school unless they are involved in a school-sponsored activity. We are unable to provide adequate supervision for students who are being dropped off early or picked up late.

Please note that students are not to be picked up or dropped off in the bus loading zone located in back of the school. We ask that parents enter the Main Entrance to drop students off in the front of the building. Pick up procedure is a little different. Enter the main entrance, park in a stall or go to the side of the building toward the track. Your student can meet you there. We are trying to avoid a long pick-up line causing major back-ups on the highway. The fire lane is for Emergency vehicles only and could result in a ticket.

Thank you for understanding these guidelines and supporting us in providing a safe environment for students and staff. If you plan to bring your student to school on the first day of school rather than having him/her ride the bus, please make sure your student knows what bus to ride home. Bus routes will be posted on the Enumclaw School District website the week before school begins.
Introducing Our Teaching Team

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These teachers teach Electives, PE, & Learning Center:
- Mrs. Albrecht~ PE
- Mrs. Chynoweth~ Independent Learning Center
- Mr. DeForrest~ PE/Elective
- TBD~ Electives
- Mrs. Monroe~ Learning Center Lang. Arts
- Mr. Polson~ Learning Center Math/Read 180
- Mr. Revell~ PE
- Mr. Rogel~ Elective Art
- Mrs. vanVegten~ Elective Music

MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL:
ALL medications (including over the counter and vitamins/supplements) have to be:
- Kept in the school health room and dispensed by the school nurse
- By the school nurse
- Brought in by a parent/guardian or a designated adult.
- With a doctor’s order and signed for in the health room. Counted by a parent and the nurse.

Please DO NOT send any medication of any amount to school with your student. Please communicate your concerns to the school nurse via email, phone or personal visit. We stand ready to accommodate in any way possible, including obtaining faxed authorizations for medications from your HCP, to care for our students to ensure a safe and healthy school experience.

Students with inhalers and Epi-Pens may be authorized to carry their medication for self administration at school with Health Care Provider, School Nurse permission and authorization.

6th Grade Tdap

We urge you to make it a priority this summer to have your incoming 6-grader immunized with T-dap. The T-dap is required by law in order to start 6th grade. By getting immunized we are protecting all the little children whom we come in contact with, for which whooping cough (pertussis) is a life-threatening illness.

Parents are invited to put money on their student’s lunch account during our “Day of Thunder”. Please note that money can be deposited in your student’s account throughout the year from 7:40—8:05 AM in the kitchen located in our student commons. Cash or check only. We do not accept credit or debit cards but they may be used online in Family Access.

No refunds were issued for money left in lunch accounts at the close of the last school year. Instead, any money a student had left in their account will follow him/her to their new school. The balance will be available for the child to use on the 1st day of school.

Free and Reduced Meal Applications will be accepted in our kitchen at our “Day of Thunder”. The application will be processed as soon as possible so students can be assured of getting breakfast and lunch on the first day of school. If applications are turned in after “Day of Thunder”, approval may take 2—5 days to process.
Thunder Mountain’s “Day of Thunder” is provided for your convenience. Come to Thunder Mountain Middle School with your student during the above mentioned time and purchase everything your student will need. You will also be able to sign your student up for fall sports (practice starts Sept. 4 for 7th/8th graders— the first day of school) have their individual student picture taken, (please note that this picture will also appear in the yearbook and on their ASB card), and start a lunch account. Your student will also be able to pick up their class schedule and take a tour of the building.

Please plan on spending about an hour to an hour and a half when coming to “Day of Thunder”. Also, please plan on writing a maximum of four separate checks: One for your ASB Card, Athletic User Fee, Yearbook and PE Uniform, another for your individual student picture packet, one for your lunch account, and one if you choose to purchase spirit wear.

The 6th grade program will start at 12:30 p.m. sharp, schedules will be handed out 12:10-12:30 P.M. You will meet the principal and teachers. Then you will be able to participate in the normal “Day of Thunder” activities.

ASB Card — $21.00
All students may purchase an ASB card to provide savings throughout the year. ASB cards are a must for those turning out for a sport or an activity and for those students serving on ASB Council. Please remember that by purchasing an ASB card you are also helping to support all of our sports and clubs.

Enhanced “High School” ASB Sticker — $21.00 additional
This sticker enables any TMMS student to get into all EHS home games during the 2016-2017 season. You will need to purchase a TMMS ASB card in order to put the sticker on the card.

Athletic User Fee — $52.00
(non-refundable after 1st competition of sport season)
Reduced Lunch — $25.00 Free Lunch — $10.00
To qualify for reduced athletic user fee at “Day of Thunder” your student must have been on the Free/Reduced Meal Program as of June 21, 2018. An Athletic User fee is required of all students participating in sports. This fee helps cover the cost of field maintenance, uniforms, buses, and coaching staff.

Additional Football Fee—$38.00
(non –refundable after equipment has been issued)

PE Uniforms
Shirt- $7.00 Short- $11.00

Yearbooks
$23.00 on Day of Thunder
$28.00 December & June— one day after distribution of pre ordered yearbooks.

Yearbook Club is offered at Thunder Mountain. All students are invited to participate in this club to help put together our yearbook. If you are on our yearbook staff, you will be part of taking pictures and designing the layout of each page in the yearbook. The yearbook is distributed the last few days of school, so students can spend time having it signed by all of their friends.
SEPTEMBER
4 First Day of School~ starts @ 8:10 A.M.
4 1st Day of sports practice for 7/8 Baseball, Fastpitch & Track
TBD 1st Day of Sports practice for 6th grade Co-ed Track
18 TMMS Open House 6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

OCTOBER
12 No School
26 Picture Make-up & Retake Day
**Last chance to have picture taken for the yearbook**

NOVEMBER
9 No School
12 No School- Veterans Day
15-20 Conferences~ school out at 11:25 A.M.
21 1/2 Day~ school out at 11:25 A.M.
22, 23 No School~ Thanksgiving Break
30 End of Trimester

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**Practice for 1st Season Sports**
**September 4th (7th & 8th ONLY)**

- **Track** – 7th & 8th gr. Co-ed
- **Baseball**
- **Fastpitch**

**Track & Field**

**Co-ed 6th grade**

September TBD

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**Nondiscrimination Verbiage**
Enumclaw School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

2929 McDougall Ave~ Enumclaw WA 98022
Title IX Coordinator & Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator~
360.802.7113
Sections 504/ADA Coordinator~
360.802.7104
TMMS Sports

Thunder Mountain Middle School is part of the **Plateau Middle School League**

The Participating Schools are:

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**What you will need to participate:**
Before competing in a sport, all participants must purchase an ASB Card ($21), pay Athletic Fee ($52).

**Athletic Forms:**
1. All students who will be participating in school sports **must have a sports physical.** This physical is good for **two years.** Appointments for sport physicals fill up fast at the end of the summer, so get your student an appointment early.
2. Every Student playing a sport will need to have a concussion letter on file. **Concussion Letters** are good for only 1 year.
3. Students must have a “Blue” emergency information card on file for each sport they participate in. **Please fill one out for the 1st season sport only Baseball, Fastpitch or Track at Day of Thunder.** The Blue Card goes to and stays with the coach for that season.

**Athlete Eligibility:**
Student-athletes at Thunder Mountain must maintain passing grades in all 6 classes to be eligible to play on a weekly basis once competition begins. Home School students must be registered with Thunder Mountain Middle School and have all immunizations records filled out and turned in.

*** All forms can be found on our website and will be at Day of Thunder 
**Physicals and Concussion Letters** are included in this newsletter***
Enumclaw School District

ACTIVITY PARTICIPATION FORM

ELIGIBILITY:
1. Under 15 years of age prior to June 1 of the previous year for Middle School.
2. Maintain passing grades in 6 classes out of 6 classes from the previous & current grading term.
3. Parents or guardian must be a bona fide resident of the Enumclaw School District or have been officially transferred.
4. Must Purchase an ASB card.
5. Paid your Athletic User Fee.

EQUIPMENT:
1. Issued equipment belongs to the Associated Student Body. Loss of issued equipment is the student's financial obligation.
2. A fee will be charged for equipment not returned by date set by the coach/advisor.

TRAVEL:
1. All participants must travel to and from athletic/activity contest with the team and in transportation provided for this purpose.

☐ I have read and understand the above information for student athletics/activities and I agree to abide by these guidelines/rules.

________________________________________  ____________________
STUDENT SIGNATURE                  DATE

ACCIDENT INSURANCE - PARENT RESPONSIBILITY

I recognize that in case of injury to my student, the cost of treatment is my responsibility and not the responsibility of the school district.

I further understand that it is required that my student be covered by medical insurance while participating in school-sponsored athletics.

☐ I have adequate coverage with (medical) ____________________________

☐ I do not have adequate coverage and wish to enroll my student in the school-time accident insurance program offered by the school district. I understand that my student can participate when the school insurance is mailed by me and the pink verification form is signed by me and returned to the school.

SAFETY

Your student has chosen to participate in a school district athletic/activity program. Some athletic/activity programs are more dangerous than others. Accidents can happen, and risks of serious injury do exist. The coach/advisor will discuss specific safety guidelines and required number of practices pertaining to their sport. Your signature indicates that you are aware that you will be advised of this information from each coach/advisor.

☐ I have read and understand the above information for student athletics. Therefore, I grant permission for my student to participate in all sports (upon return of a signed Clearance card with emergency information for each Coach/sport).

☐ I have also read and filled in the information for Accident Insurance.

________________________________________  ____________________
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE                  DATE
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION FOR STUDENTS ONLY

WIAA REGULATIONS AS WELL AS THE ENUMCLAW SCHOOL DISTRICT REQUIRE a new physical examination to begin participation in interscholastic athletics at the Middle and High School level. This physical is good for 24 months and must not expire during the season your child is participating. Students that are receiving a physical their 8th gr. year, may use this physical their 9th gr. year with Dr. permission.

MEDICAL AUTHORITIES LICENSED TO GIVE PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS:
1. Medical Doctor (M.D.)
2. Physician Assistant (P.A.C)
3. Doctor of Osteopathy (D. O.)
4. Certified Nurse Practitioner (CRN)

Age:__________  Pulse:__________  Height:__________  Blood Pressure:__________

Weight:__________  Visual Acuity:  Left  20/_______  Right  20/_______

Normal   Abnormal   Normal   Abnormal
☐ 1.  Head    ☐ 8.  Genitalia
☐ 2.  Eyes (pupils), ENT    ☐ 9.  Neurologic
☐ 3.  Teeth    ☐ 10.  Skin
☐ 6.  Heart    ☐ 13.  Shoulders, Upper extremities
☐ 7.  Abdomen    ☐ 14.  Lower extremities

Assessment:
☐ Full participation- 6th-8th grade middle school sports, including 9th grade year for high school sports
☐ Limited participation (describe limitations, restrictions):
☐ Participation contraindicated (list reasons):

**For 8th gr. students this examiner gives permission for this physical to be valid their 9th gr. year in High School.

**Examiner’s Signature:______________________________

Recommendations (equipment, taping, rehabilitation, etc.):

Examiner’s Phone: (     )______________________________
Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Information

A concussion is a brain injury and all brain injuries are serious. They are caused by a bump, blow, or jolt to the head, or by a blow to another part of the body with the force transmitted to the head. They can range from mild to severe and can disrupt the way the brain normally works. Even though most concussions are mild, all concussions are potentially serious and may result in complications including prolonged brain damage and death if not recognized and managed properly. In other words, even a “ding” or a bump on the head can be serious. You can’t see a concussion and most sports concussions occur without loss of consciousness. Signs and symptoms of concussion may show up right after the injury or can take hours or days to fully appear. If your child reports any symptoms of concussion, or if you notice the symptoms or signs of concussion yourself, seek medical attention right away.

Symptoms may include one or more of the following:
* Headaches
* Nausea or vomiting
* Balance problems or dizziness
* Sensitivity to light or noise
* Feeling foggy or groggy
* Change in sleep patterns
* “Don’t feel right”
* Sadness
* Irritability
* Confusion
* Repeating the same question/comment
* Pressure in head
* Neck pain
* Blurred, double, or fuzzy vision
* Feeling sluggish or slowed down
* Drowsiness
* Amnesia
* Fatigue or low energy
* Nervousness or anxiety
* More emotional
* Concentration or memory problems (forgetting game plays)

Signs observed by teammates, parents and coaches include:
* Appears dazed
* Confused about assignment
* Is unsure of game, score, or opponent
* Answers questions slowly
* Shows behavior or personality changes
* Can’t recall events after hit
* Any change in typical behavior or personality
* Vacant facial expression
* Forgets plays
* Moves clumsily or displays incoordination
* Slurred speech
* Can’t recall events prior to hit
* Seizures or convulsions
* Loses consciousness

What can happen if my athlete keeps on playing with a concussion or returns too soon?
Athletes with the signs and symptoms of concussion should be removed from play immediately. Continuing to play with the signs and symptoms of a concussion leaves the young athlete especially vulnerable to greater injury. There is an increased risk of significant damage from a concussion for a period of time after that concussion occurs, particularly if the athlete suffers another concussion before completely recovering from the first one. This can lead to prolonged recovery, or even to severe brain swelling (second impact syndrome) with devastating and even fatal consequences. It is well known that adolescent or teenage athlete will often under report symptoms of injuries. And concussions are no different. As a result, education of administrators, coaches, parents and students is the key for student-athlete’s safety.

If you think your athlete has suffered a concussion
Any athlete even suspected of suffering a concussion should be removed from the game or practice immediately. No athlete may return to activity after an apparent head injury or concussion, regardless of how mild it seems or how quickly symptoms clear, without medical clearance. Close observation of the athlete should continue for several hours. The new “Zackery Lystedt Law” in Washington now requires the consistent and uniform implementation of long and well-established return to play concussion guidelines that have been recommended for several years:

“a youth athlete who is suspected of sustaining a concussion or head injury in a practice or game shall be removed from competition at that time”
“...may not return to play until the athlete is evaluated by a licensed healthcare provider trained in the evaluation and management of concussion and received written clearance to return to play from that health care provider”.

You should, after removing the student from practice/play, immediately inform your athlete’s parents/guardians and the building athletic trainer if you think that he/she may have a concussion, and then remind them of what steps they must take. Remember it’s better to miss one game than miss the whole season. And when in doubt, the athlete sits out.
**Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

**What is sudden cardiac arrest?** Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is the sudden onset of an abnormal and lethal heart rhythm, causing the heart to stop beating and the individual to collapse. SCA is the leading cause of death in the U.S. afflicting over 300,000 individuals per year.

**SCA is also the leading cause of sudden death in young athletes during sports**

**What causes sudden cardiac arrest?** SCA in young athletes is usually caused by a structural or electrical disorder of the heart. Many of these conditions are inherited (genetic) and can develop as an adolescent or young adult. SCA is more likely during exercise or physical activity, placing student-athletes with undiagnosed heart conditions at greater risk. SCA also can occur from a direct blow to the chest by a firm projectile (baseball, softball, lacrosse ball, or hockey puck) or by chest contact from another player (called “commotio cordis”).

While a heart condition may have no warning signs, some young athletes may have symptoms but neglect to tell an adult. If any of the following symptoms are present, a cardiac evaluation by a physician is recommended:
- Passing out during exercise
- Chest pain with exercise
- Excessive shortness of breath with exercise
- Palpitations (heart racing for no reason)
- Unexplained seizures
- A family member with early onset heart disease or sudden death from a heart condition before the age of 40

**How to prevent and treat sudden cardiac arrest?** Some heart conditions at risk for SCA can be detected by a thorough heart screening evaluation. However, all schools and teams should be prepared to respond to a cardiac emergency. Young athletes who suffer SCA are collapsed and unresponsive and may appear to have brief seizure-like activity or abnormal breathing (gaspernik). SCA can be effectively treated by immediate recognition, prompt CPR, and quick access to a defibrillator (AED). AEDs are safe, portable devices that read and analyze the heart rhythm and provide an electric shock (if necessary) to restore a normal heart rhythm.

**Remember, to save a life: recognize SCA, call 9-1-1, begin CPR, and use an AED as soon as possible!**

**Student/Parent Concussion and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness Form**

The Enumclaw School District and Thunder Mountain Middle School believes participation in athletics improves physical fitness, coordination, self-discipline, and gives students valuable opportunities to learn important social and life skills.

With this in mind it is important that we do as much as possible to create and maintain an enjoyable and safe environment. As a parent/guardian or student you play a vital role in protecting participants and helping them get the best from sport.

Player and parental education in this area is crucial which is the reason for the Concussion Management and Sudden Cardiac Arrest Awareness pamphlet you received. Refer to it regularly.

This form must be signed annually by the parent/guardian and student prior to participation in Thunder Mountain Middle School athletics. If you have questions regarding any of the information provided in the pamphlet, please contact the athletic director at your school.

**I HAVE RECEIVED, READ AND UNDERSTAND THE INFORMATION PRESENTED IN THE CONCUSSION RECOGNITION AND SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST AWARENESS PAMPHLETS.**
## School Supplies

### 6th Grade:
**All Classes**
- Large 3-ringed binder
- Loose Leaf Paper (college rule)
- Pens (blue/black) and #2 Pencils
- Highlighters (pink, blue & yellow)
- Colored pencils & Markers
- Glue sticks
- Scissors
- Pencil Pouch & Pencil Sharpener
- Own Earbuds

**History**
- (1) Composition notebook

**Science**
- (3) three pronged folder w/pockets
  - (paper or plastic will work)
- Box of Kleenex

**Math/English**
- Composition notebook (2)
- Calculator
- Ruler
- White Board Markers

### 7th/8th Grade:
**All Classes**
- Large 3-ringed binder
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Pens (red & blue or black) & Pencils
  - (box of 12 each trimester)
- Colored pencils
- Notebook Dividers (at least 5)
- 3- Lined Composition Book (Math 1, English 1,
- Calculator
- Pencil Pouch & Pencil Sharpener
- Highlighters- (pink, blue & yellow)
- Post-It Notes
- 3x5 Index Cards (2 pkg.)
- Box of Kleenex
- Glue Sticks
- Erasers- (big pink)
- 1  3-pronged Folder (Science)
- Own Earbuds

### DRESS CODE

It’s almost time for back-to-school shopping! Please keep the following dress code requirements in mind when shopping for school clothes. The following items are not allowed:
- Clothing that promotes alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, sexual innuendo, displays profanity or promotes violence
- See-through clothing, clothing that exposes the student’s midriff, or exposed undergarments of any kind
- Torn clothing that exposes inappropriate areas
- Gang-type attire
- Shorts, skirts or dresses that are shorter than the bottom of the longest finger when a student, while standing, extends his/her arms down the sides of torso with extended fingers. The skirt, dress or shorts must extend beyond the fingertips.
- All tops must have straps, with no visible bra straps.
- Shirts that expose the midriff when arms are lifted to shoulder level or that expose cleavage.
- Discriminatory or harassing clothing

We believe that students who adhere to these guidelines will be well prepared to enter a professional setting as an employee or student in the years to come.

**Would you like to VOLUNTEER at Day of Thunder?**

We are in need of parent volunteers to help us during “Day of Thunder” Monday August 27th. If you are interested in helping, please contact Shawn Scott at 360-802-7499.
**Attendance Note from Mrs. Lilly**

Please call 360-802-7496 to report an absence. You need to call the morning your son or daughter will not be at school. For any appointments or personal matters during the school day that you will need to pick up your son/daughter early—they must bring a note to the Attendance Office that morning and they will be given a pass to meet you in the office or out front of the building. If you have an appointment in the morning and your son/daughter will get to school late—just have them check in at the Attendance Office window with a note when they arrive.

**Morning Tardy Policy** – A student is considered tardy if he/she comes to school after the 8:10 A.M bell. Students are required to check in at the attendance window where they will be issued a tardy slip to class. To be an excused tardy the student must have a note from their medical/dental appointment. **Tardiness due to oversleeping or missing the bus** are considered unexcused.. Please note that a parent simply excusing a child’s tardy does not make it “excused” under state law.

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**Message From Mr. Davidson ~ Dean**

A Parents Guide To The Becca Bill

**Help Keep Our Kids In School And Open The Door To Their Future**

In the state of Washington, it is the law that school attendance is required for all children ages 8 through 17 if enrolled in public school. The law can also apply to children ages 6 and 7 if the parent enrolls a child in public school. Everyone should see to it that no child falls through the cracks.

As parents, you have a very difficult job trying to manage the lives of your children. There exists no greater challenge than addressing the many difficulties that will confront your children as they grow. However, one issue has the potential to affect them for the rest of their lives~their education. Let’s work together to keep them in school.

**The Becca Bill~**

Washington’s truancy law, often termed “the Becca Bill,” is intended to stop truancy before it becomes a problem. The law requires only one thing of students: attend school. If a student does not attend school, the law requires the school district to take action.

➔ One (1) or Two (2) Unexcused Absences~
After a single unexcused absence, the school must contact the parents. This is generally done by phone or letter.
After a second unexcused absence, the school is required to schedule a conference with the parent and student to discuss solutions to the truancy problem.

➔ Five (5) Unexcused Absences~
If a student has five (5) unexcused absences in a month, the school may take stronger steps to end the truancy problem. The school may file a petition with the King County Superior Court, enter into a written truancy agreement with the family, refer the family to a “community truancy board” if one exists, or take other reasonable action. A community truancy board is comprised of citizen or school volunteers who help to resolve individual truancy cases.

➔ Seven (7) and Ten (10) Unexcused Absences~
Court action is required when a student has seven (7) unexcused absences in a month or ten (10) in a year. The truancy law requires that school districts file a petition in Superior Court against the student, parent, or both. After a petition is filed, several things may happen with a student’s case. Depending on the circumstances of each
individual case, a student’s petition may not be immediately heard in juvenile court.
THUNDER MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

Recognizing the impact of multiple absences on classroom success, we have established the following interventions to work with parents and students on attendance:

10 ABSENCES: The student meets with the Associate Administrator to discuss their attendance and go over the attendance policies. The purpose of this meeting is to express a concern, and to offer assistance.

15 ABSENCES: The attendance office will mail a letter home to inform the parents and student that they have reached 15 absences this year. The reason for this is to open communication between the school and parent and offer any assistance. The student will meet with the Associate Administrator. An Attendance Contract could potentially be put into place at this time.

20 ABSENCES: When the student reaches 20 absences a letter will be mailed home and a mandatory meeting will be set by the Associate Administrator for the student and parents. An Attendance Contract will be put in place at 20 absences.

Attendance Contract:
The student will be allowed 1 excused absence per month without a health professional's note, as long as it is excused by the student's parent/guardian and is a reason acceptable to the school. Any absences beyond 1 per month must be excused by a certified health professional or the absence will be considered unexcused. All unexcused absences shall accumulate toward the number of unexcused absences counting toward the filing of a Truancy Petition under the Becca Bill.

Tracking attendance is a complicated, time consuming responsibility and we sincerely thank you for your support. Our overall purpose is to reduce the total number of absences and of our students. We want to assist our students to achieve academic success and to further their development of responsibility and dependability.

DID YOU KNOW?
Attending school on-time, all day, every day will give your child the best chance of graduating.
Starting in kindergarten, missing on average just 2 days a month, whether excused or unexcused, makes it more likely that your child will not meet academic standards in math and reading by third grade.
By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with school work, dealing with a bully or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.

WHAT YOU CAN DO
Don't let your child stay home unless they are sick, such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or a contagious rash.
Avoid appointments and travel if possible when school is in session.
Keep track of your child's attendance. Missing more than 9 days could put your child at risk of falling behind.
Set a regular bedtime and morning routine: finishing homework and packing backpacks the night before.
Have a back-up plan in place with family, neighbors, friends for getting your child to school.
*Helpful information about school attendance can be found at: www.attendanceworks.org

If you are struggling to get your child to school for any reason, we are here to support you and work with you towards possible solutions. Please do not hesitate to contact us to schedule an appointment to discuss your child's attendance here at TMMS.
“Day of Thunder”
August 27, 2018

9:00 - 10:00 A.M. 7th/8th grade students last name beginning with letters A - K
10:00 - 11:00 A.M. 7th/8th grade students last name beginning with letters L - Z
12:10 - 12:30 P.M. 6th grade only schedule pick up.
12:30 P.M. SHARP 6th grade program starts in gym

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!