

## MANAGER'S MINUTE

October is ending with pumpkin carving, Halloween, the district writing exam for grades 4,5,6, and individual picture day on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

On October 19, at 2:30 p.m. maintenance sprayed "Round up" and posted signs as is district policy. It was called to our attention that the county does not spray herbicides or pesticides on the Island. After a lengthy discussion with Mike Murphy, FSD maintenance director, it was decided that Beach shall only have mowing, trimming, and weed eating done by district staff. A policy will need to be written regarding the appearance of the grounds and its maintenance.

Are you reading with children? Establish the routine and stick to it. They'll become lifelong readers.

## WHAT DOES YOUR NAME MEAN?

Recently, the weekly office question involved having students tell us what their name means and its origin. We wanted to share a particularly interesting response.

"McKeehan: Scots/Irish Surname from the pre-Gaelic Irish root word Kea meaning ancient and enduring. This was a family name from McKeehan's great, great, great grandfather's best friend, business partner, and eventually brother-in-law, Tomas McKeehan. W. L. Lambert and Thomas McKeehan started the first printing press north of San Francisco in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century in Eureka, Ca. They married twin sisters and each named their first born son after the other. The name has been a part of our family ever since."

## PTO HALLOWEEN PARTY NEWS

**HALLOWEEN PARTY – 6:30 – 8:30**  
**HAUNTED HOUSE –**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**BEACH SCHOOL GYM**

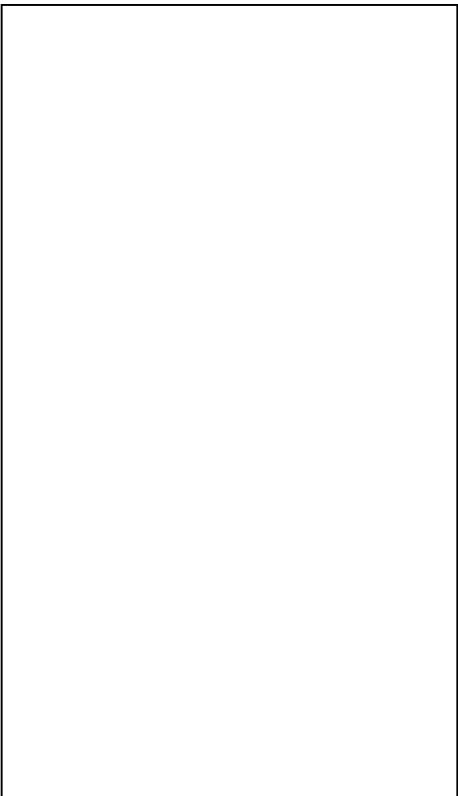
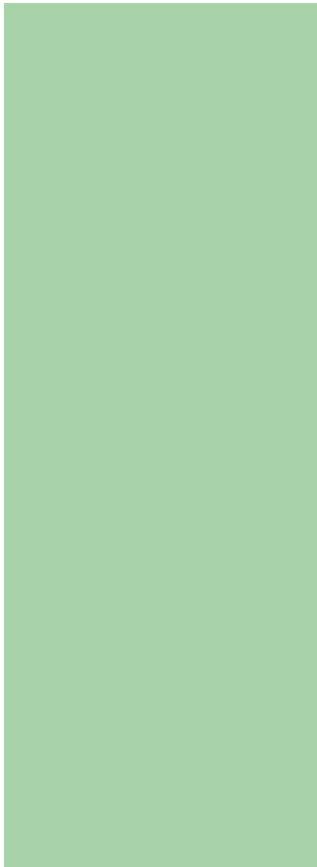
**The cake walk needs bakers! Please bring covered cakes to school during school hours on Friday, or from 2:30 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. Remember your quarters for the cake walk and haunted house.**

**PARENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for HALLOWEEN PARTY CLEAN-UP, Sunday morning beginning at 9:00AM. Any and all help will be appreciated!!!**



## CARVED PUMPKIN CONTEST – TOMORROW

**OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup> – 9:30 A.M.**  
**PLAN TO PICK UP PUMPKINS AFTER SCHOOL OR AFTER THE HALLOWEEN PARTY.**



**Need health insurance?  
Have questions?**

Ferndale School District and Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access (WAHA) have partnered to assist families in obtaining healthcare. Washington State has a program for kids of all ages and families. WAHA will assist families in understanding their healthcare options, provide health insurance counseling, assist with completing insurance paperwork, find a doctor and schedule appointments, connect with other community programs and resources, and assist with enrollment in Medicaid, Children’s Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), Basic Health and other insurance programs. The health care system can be confusing and time -consuming.

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