



A Gathering of Current Staff Members Who Are Also Mount Baker Graduates

## Baker Pride – MBHS Graduate Recollections

*“Walking into Kindergarten on the first day and being greeted by Erika Alexander. That welcoming joy, smile, and kindness [is] consistently found in this district!”*

—Emily Patz,  
Graduate of 2011

*“Jim Freeman measuring how tall all of the girls in his science class were. He was trying to recruit for basketball.”*

—Jacki Johnson (Anderson),  
Graduate of 1987

*“Having Roland Holterman as a driver Ed teacher and stopping at Herfy Drive Inn for his French fries.”*

—Ina Little (Helgesen)  
Graduate

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Photos, Stories  
and History

Meet Past  
Grads & Staff

Cider, Coffee  
& Donuts

You're Invited!

Mount Baker School District

75

Years of Excellence & Pride

Join us for a  
celebration  
of our school  
district's 75th  
Anniversary.

Oct. 21, 2016

5:45 - 6:45 PM  
MBHS Auditorium

## Mount Baker's Ron Lepper to be inducted into Washington State Wrestling Hall of Fame

Nominated to the Washington State Wrestling Coaches Association by former Blaine wrestling coach Craig Foster, Coach Ron Lepper will be inducted into the Washington State Wrestling Hall of Fame on November 5th. Lepper was our head wrestling coach from 1994-2014. He led the Mountaineers to a boys state championship in 2000 and a girls title in 2008. He coached 14 state champions and was named the State Coach of the Year in 1998. Lepper currently coaches our football and softball programs.



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## Veterans' Day Activities

Kendall  
Elementary

Assembly  
November 10th  
10:00 AM

Harmony  
Elementary

Assembly  
November 10th  
9:35-10:05 AM

Acme  
Elementary

Assembly  
November 10th  
10:00 AM

MB Junior/Senior  
High School

Assembly  
November 10th  
9:15-9:50 AM





## Band Uniforms

In 1938, Mount Baker High School had an orchestra, a glee club, and a pep band. Harry Pond was a new director of our music department, and changed the focus of department when he began the marching and concert band. This year there were 65 members in the band. The band were proud of their Mountaineer uniforms; however, the band performed at a May Day Celebration in New Westminster, B.C. they were humbled that day when they saw several adult kilt bands. They were told these uniforms cost several hundred dollars each, and cost more than all of our uniforms combined.

Pond was inspired; he knew that to have a successful band program he would have those uniforms. This was during the time of the great depression and there was no money, but Pond found a way. He arranged with a fabric store in Vancouver, B.C. to purchase a bolt of fabric (40-100 yards). He then found a group of parents, Mrs. Sanderson and Mrs. Jensen, to work on the uniforms with Mr. and Mrs. Pond. Two band students, Jack Jensen and Harry Sanderson, had to try on the new kilt uniforms to see if they fit, which meant they had to walk out in front of four or five adults. After a few alterations, the kilts were complete.

The sash was made from the same fabric and would normally be fastened at the shoulder with a broach, this wasn't a luxury anyone could afford at the time, so Pond went to a drapery house and purchased a bunch of drapery rings about two inches in diameter, we would lace both the ends of the sash through the ring, sort of an over and under arrangement. The stockings were lumbermen's wool socks, white with a red band at the top. Black shoes were a must, but everyone had black shoes. The bowtie was either purchased or made by parents. The sporran is a pouch/purse worn in the front of the kilt, but ours was a flat panel with hemp rope that had been unraveled to look like horse hair. Overseas cap for each member was made out of old felt hats from student's fathers. Pond collected them, washed them, and blocked them. He cut out a sample and put it together to see what it looked like.

After the first of these band uniforms were developed, it was the responsibility of the mothers of the band members to follow the pattern and provide a uniform for the child. The materials were furnished, but are unable to tell you who paid for the materials. The cost per total uniform was less than \$4.00 (\$68.33 in today's rates United States Department of Labor CPI Inflation Calculator).

I hope the members of the band, the school, and the community is as proud of your band as we were of ours: where and when it all started.

By Jack Jensen (Edited by Katie Chugg)

## Baker Pride – MBHS Graduate Recollections

*“The Freeman Stare—a term we coined in our senior calculus class taught by Jim Freeman. He would stare at the board with a pondering look at a complex problem. We all thought he was waiting for us to answer. As a teacher, now I know he was trying to figure it out, too!”*

—Erin DeRoco (Signaw),  
Graduate 1998

*“My first year at Harmony after being out of high school for 30 years: I team taught with my sixth grade teacher in the same class room he'd had 36 years earlier. It looked exactly the same—same furniture and all.”*

—Jodi Eriksen (Thramer),  
Graduate 1976

*“Mr. Freeman's geometry tests. He personalized them with our names and it helped us relax!”*

—Bobbie Gilmore (Anderson),  
Graduate 1986

*“My first drive behind the wheel with Rollie Holterman. He is laughing at my leg jumping from my nerves. On the last half mile to my house a dog runs out, and I hit it. The dog (puppy) survived, but I make Rollie's Top 5 stories that he tells all his classes.”*

—Tammie Haehn-Bowen,  
Graduate 1982

*“Getting sent to Charlie Burleigh's office daily.”*

—Douglas Lee,  
Graduate 2005

*“The support this school district gives to its students and staff. They work as a family. Always a laugh with whomever you talk to. I never got away with skipping class because everyone would call my mom, Gwen Garrett, who works in Special Programs.”*

—Jessica Mansfield,  
Graduate 2004

*“My most fond memory was of the original JH/HS building: the window seat in the staircase; the medallion in the foyer that if you walked on, you had to clean with a toothbrush; and the old gym with wooden bleachers.”*

—Katy Schmidt (Paul),  
Graduate 1993

*“Being in ASB as Vice President and going to camp. Band trips and the great Disneyland trip. Going to cheer camp and our van breaking down, and sleeping in the ditch.”*

—Lisa Strachila (Zender),  
Graduate 1979

*“Sitting in the window seat. Getting out of 3rd period, going down & using the pay phone to order steak and tidbits from the Deming Tavern, and then driving down to pick them up during lunch. The old gym. Pep buses.”*

—Darlene Varang (Larsen),  
Graduate 1975

*“Having the Superintendent ride our bus route with us. This was the first time this had happened in the district. It was done to limit the supply of snow being brought on the bus from students putting on the busses chains. No snow or snowballs could be thrown.”*

—Vici Jean Whitehead (Bliven),  
Graduate 1971

*“My favorite memory is marching down the Deming road with Mr. Sutton. Marching and playing in the band and going on all the band trips got me through high school. My other favorite memory is everyone dancing to Bob Seger's “Old Time Rock & Roll” played at the end of every pep dance. Decorating the different class halls and building floats for Homecoming and “buying” teachers to do our bidding for a day rank up there too!”*

—Wendy Cosgrove (Watts),  
Graduate 1987.



# Make Every Day Count: A Focus on School Attendance

In the Mount Baker School District, we envision an outcome that supports every child in acquiring the academic tools to succeed, become well-rounded, productive citizens, and be prepared to pursue a field of work after high school graduation.

This year, we are putting the spotlight on the importance of attendance in achieving this vision.

*Showing up for school is crucial for a student’s academic, social, and emotional success starting in kindergarten and continuing through high school.*

Developing an expectation for children to attend school every day, early on is highly predictive of their academic success, and supports their social and emotional well-being as they grow and mature. Indeed, regular attendance boosts students’ feelings of connection with teachers and peers, and can help students have a more positive outlook about school.

*Families play a key role in making sure students get to school safely every day.*

*Thank you for supporting this important work.*

Josie Nickum, Counselor

Acme Elementary

Harmony Elementary

Jane Beckel, Counselor

Kendall Elementary

## Put your child on the path to success with these strategies:

- **Follow a routine:** make sure your children have a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- **Monitor sick days:** make sure your child goes to school unless they are truly sick.
- **Seek to understand:** ask for help from teachers, nurses and school counselors if your children are regularly sick, or regularly feel anxious or upset about going to school.
- **Schedule wisely:** look at the school calendar and arrange dentist and doctor’s appointments after school, on weekends, or during holiday breaks if possible
- **Arrange homework:** if your child has to miss school, for any amount of time, talk with teachers ahead of time so they can arrange a homework packet, and monitor their completion of the work. This ensures a successful re-entry for children when they return to their class.
- **Report in:** know your school’s attendance policies. If an absence is unavoidable, contact your school.

Adapted from Report to Parents from naesp.org

# Mount Baker Staff— Graduates of Mount Baker High School

Name (Previous)	Position	Year Graduated	Years with District
Delfina Amarando (Badillo)	Food Service	1992	10+
Dean Anderson	Maintenance	1971	37
Tammy Baisden (Zwick)	Secretary	1980	31
Angie Bass (Grimes)	Secretary/Registrar	1992	10
Kelli Blockley (Dekriek)	Para-educator	1986	15
Steve Buckner	Custodian	1972	11
Morgan Clarke (Lenssen)	Teacher	2000	1
Lacey De Lange (Larsen-Varang)	Teacher	1996	9
Erin DeRoco (Signaw)	Teacher	1998	12
Ellen Dodson	School Board	1975	16
Jodi Ericksen (Thramer)	Teacher	1976	11
Bonnie Fedenuik (Brown)	Food Service	1983	13
Kim Fredere	Para-educator	1990	17
David Galbraith	Maintenance	1973	16
Debbie George (Tyler)	Food Service	1981	26
Bobbie Gilmore (Anderson)	Teacher	1986	5
Tara Grimes ( Van Dyk)	Para-educator	1995	8
Tammie Haehn-Bowen (Haehn)	Para-educator	1982	18
Susan Horsmon (Williamson)	Custodian	1974	3
A.J. Howard	Teacher	2011	4
Diane Jacoby (Chase)	Secretary	1963	32
Brett Johnson	Teacher	2009	1
Jacki Johnson (Anderson)	Para-educator	1987	10
Charlene Johnson-Knauft	Para-educator	1976	11
Mary Kalsbeek (Horsmon)	Custodian	1997	12

Name (Previous)	Position	Year Graduated	Years with District
Julie Kutschbach (Moline)	Para-educator	1972	15
Tom Larsen	Maintenance	1979	20
Ina Little (Helgesen)	Food Service		16+
Douglas Lee	Network Technician	2005	2
Lisa Malone (Zamzow)	Para-educator	1988	9
Jessica Mansfield	Para-educator	2004	3
Ashley Nolte (Cronk)	Teacher	2007	3
Maxine O'Brien (Macdonald)	Para-educator	1979	10
Emily Patz	LST	2011	1
Holly Peterson (Butenschoen)	Secretary	1992	5
Tammy Postlewait (Zender)	Para-educator	1992	8
Miranda Rothenbuhler	Para-educator	2011	1
Katy Schmidt (Paul)	Para-educator	1993	7
Carrie Strachila	Teacher	2005	3
JoAnne Smith (Zender)	Food Service		10
Lisa Strachila (Zender)	Para-educator	1979	25
Sara Strachila	Teacher	2005	3
Belva Tyska (Leibrant)	Para-educator	1979	12
Darlene Varang (Larsen)	Secretary	1975	25
Fred Varang	Custodian	1990	21
Vici Jean Whitehad (Bliven)	Para-educator	1971	15+
Bridget Whitson (Paulus)	Para-educator	1989	1
Debbie Wilson (Warner)	Para-educator	1978	17+
Becky Zender (Gates)	Para-educator	1988	13
Wendy Cosgrove (Watts)	Para-educator	1987	8

Diane Jacoby is Our Earliest Mount Baker Graduate (Class of 1963) Currently Employed by the District.



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## Our Mission

*The Mount Baker School District, working with the community, will provide a strong educational foundation upon which all students can build their futures as productive citizens in our changing world.*

## District Administration

**Superintendent**  
Charles Burleigh  
(360) 383-2000

**Director of Curriculum & Instruction**  
Bridget Rossman  
(360) 383-2013

**Director of Finance & Operations**  
Ben Thomas  
(360) 383-2005

**Director of Special Programs**  
Ian Linterman  
(360) 383-2012

**Principal, Mount Baker JH/HS**  
Matt Durand  
(360) 383-2015


**Assistant Principal, Mount Baker JH/HS**  
Troy Wright  
(360) 383-2015

**Assistant Principal/Athletics Director, Mount Baker JH/HS**  
Quinn LeSage  
(360) 383-2015

**Principal, Acme Elementary**  
Carly Takata  
(360) 383-2045

**Principal, Harmony Elementary**  
Justin May  
(360) 383-2050

**Principal, Kendall Elementary**  
Susan Gribble  
(360) 383-2055



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## Mount Baker Schools

**Acme Elementary**  
Secretaries  
Michelle Anderson  
Sally Shetler  
(360) 383-2045

**Kendall Elementary**  
Secretaries  
Norma Adkinson  
Diane Jacoby  
Justina Grimes  
(360) 383-2055

**Harmony Elementary**  
Secretaries  
Noel Conlee  
Colleen Seutz  
(360) 383-2050

**Mount Baker Jr/Sr High School**  
Secretaries  
Angie Bass—Registrar  
Karin Snavelly—Attendance  
Heidi Brown—ASB/AP  
Principal's Secretary  
(360) 383-2015

**ERC: Educational Resource Center**  
Ian Linterman (360) 383-2012

**Mount Baker Academy**  
Anne Erlandson—Teacher,  
Student Learning Plan Consultant  
Jodi Ericksen—Teacher,  
Student Learning Plan Consultant  
(360) 383-2078

If at any time students or families have questions or concerns about their financial aid status or need help filing their forms **PLEASE CONTACT Sandi Madison** at sandi@mtbaker.wednet.edu She will be happy to meet with you.



Sandi Madison  
Career Specialist

## College Bound Scholarship Achievement Awardee for 2016

### Mount Baker Junior/Senior High School Recognized by FuturesNW

*Over the past six years, FuturesNW has had the extraordinary benefit of generous support through volunteerism, partnership and collaboration on the part of individuals, schools, and higher education institutions. On the occasion of our sixth anniversary we are introducing new Champion Awards to showcase the profoundly important relationships that enable and enhance everything we do. Those chosen for these awards exemplify the very best in those who champion the mission of FuturesNW to level the college playing field and empower low-income, often marginalized students, to achieve their career and college dreams.*

*It is my privilege on behalf of the FuturesNW Board of Directors to inform you that Mt. Baker Junior/Senior High School has been chosen as a College Bound Scholarship Achievement Awardee for 2016. This award is based on the “numbers” of students enrolled in the College Bound Scholarship at the eighth grade level, the programming and support offered students during their high school years to enable students to access the College Bound Scholarship and the number of College Bound Scholars completing a FAFSA/WASFA. The selection criteria also took into consideration the college-going culture of high schools, the willingness to partner with external agencies to support students, and the creative solutions used to reduce educational barriers for all students. We cannot think of any other school that has put as much in place for College Bound Scholars and we congratulate you your efforts.*

-Sharon J. Camblin, Ed. D.,  
FuturesNW Executive Director

## Competency Testing and Credits for World Languages

The Mount Baker School District is adopting a policy and procedure for assessing language proficiency and granting competency-based credits for world languages. Junior high and high school students, who can speak, listen, read and write in a language other than English, may be able to earn 1-4 high school world language credits. These credits can help meet high school graduation requirements for elective credits as well as 4-year college admissions requirements for world (foreign) languages. Any student who earns four credits is eligible to receive the Washington State Seal of Biliteracy, and the seal will be noted on their high school diploma and transcript.

Interested students will be asked to complete a Quick Language Self-Assessment to see what level of proficiency they can demonstrate in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Depending on their responses to the self-assessment, a student may then take a test to determine world language proficiency. All assessments will be evaluated based on proficiency guidelines from the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (AFTFL). Through this process, our district recognizes and values the language skills students develop in their homes, their community, and previous places they have lived.

Students should see either Chris Johnson or their guidance counselor to take the Quick Language Self-Assessment; to obtain a permission slip for testing, which must be signed and returned by October 24, 2016. Eligible students will be given a ticket for their scheduled testing session and informed of their next steps. Language testing, which takes about two hours to complete, will occur on campus on the mornings of November 14-15, 2016. Students will be informed of their results within a few weeks of testing.

-Caroline Williams, ELL Coordinator,  
Mount Baker School District

## Financial Aid

### Facts & New CHANGES for this year

Financial Aid is any grant or scholarship, loan, or paid employment offered to help a student meet his/her college expenses. Such aid is usually provided by various sources such as federal and state agencies, colleges, high schools, foundations, and corporations. Some form of financial aid is available at all institutions of higher learning whether they are technical schools, community colleges, or universities public or private.

#### The first step in qualifying for financial aid is to APPLY.

In Washington state there are two ways to apply.

You will **EITHER** complete the:

**FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid): if you are a US citizen or eligible non-citizen.  
www.fafsa.gov

**OR**

**WASFA** (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) if you are not eligible to file the FAFSA because of your immigration status.  
www.readysetgrad.org/WASFA.

Filing for financial aid is a PROCESS. After you have filed either a FAFSA or WASFA your information will be sent to the colleges to which you are applying. Once you decide on which college you are going to attend that school will notify you as to how to complete the process and receive your aid, if eligible.

#### New DEADLINES for the FAFSA & WASFA this year.

Previously the earliest you could file your FAFSA/WASFA was January 1st. Now the priority deadline is October 1st. Families want to file their FAFSA or WASFA as soon as possible after October 1st. Washington state aid is allocated on a first come first serve basis. Filing your financial aid paperwork as soon as possible will increase your chances of receiving aid if you are eligible. Changing the deadline to October 1st now makes it much easier for families to submit all of the required financial information in a timely matter. It also means that you will know in the early fall whether or not you qualify for free money which may help you make a more informed decision regarding affordable school options.

### Mount Baker Jr/Sr High School counseling department is committed to helping families through this process in its entirety.

If you missed our Sept. 28th Financial Aid Workshop below is a calendar of FAFSA/WASFA completion events that students can access to help them through this process with the help of professionals.

October 9 Sunday 1:00–4:00 PM Squalicum HS	October 18 Tuesday 6:00 – 8:00 PM Nooksack HS
October 11 Tuesday 6:00–9:00 PM Lynden HS	October 20 Thursday 6:00 – 8:00 PM Bellingham HS
October 12 Wednesday 6:00–8:00 PM Meridian HS	October 26, Wednesday 6:00 – 8:00 PM Ferndale HS/ Lummi HS
October 15 Saturday 9:00 AM–1:00 PM Whatcom Community College	October 29 Saturday 9:00 AM–1:00 PM Skagit Valley College



# Assessment Resource

A new assessment resource tool is available to help with navigating and understanding Washington State assessments.

“WCAP: Keeping Washington’s Students on Track for College and Career”. This site contains a visual guide explaining the main parts of the Family Report (also known as the Student Score Report) document. Parents can use drop-down menus for grade, subject, and score range to access

information about the knowledge and skills represented by student scores, along with sample items from Smarter Balanced. There is also a section containing links to other webpages with resources designed for parents. The website address is: <http://testscoreguide.org/wa/>



**Bridget Rossman**  
Director of Curriculum  
& Instruction

# Child Nutrition Services

## What’s new this year in Child Nutrition

- We will no longer be sending home paper copies of charge slips.
- You now can go online and set up a reminder custom fit for your family.
- A reminder phone call about unpaid charges will go out Sunday and Wednesday night.
- Families can link accounts that will allow money to transfer between family members in the district. Contact Karla Atwood to set up your family account at: [katwood@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:katwood@mtbaker.wednet.edu)

## Where can I Pre-Pay Online, View Student Purchases?

You can pay in many ways, check, cash, and online. Please visit [www. MyMealtime.com](http://www.MyMealtime.com) which is under links on our district website. Many parents enjoy the convenience of My Mealtime® Online. It is our computerized system that allows families to access balances, view purchases, request low balance email notifications, or make payments 24 hours a day from your computer (a bank service fee will be applied). All students are assigned an ID Number when they enter the district. There is no charge to view purchases, receive email notifications, or check balances. Once a day our point of sale system transmits and downloads any new deposits to our school building terminals so accounts balances are current. If you miss this deadline, the account will not reflect the new balance until the following day.

“ Our year has started off great, feeding friendly faces and new friends too. ”



**Karla Atwood**  
Child Nutrition  
Director

# Winter Pantry

The Foothills Food Bank, with support from the Mount Baker School District and a grant from Whatcom Educational Credit Union, will once again present the Winter and Spring Pantry Programs. The Pantry Programs provide supplemental breakfast and lunch items to families with children at Acme, Harmony and Kendall elementary schools during the 2016-17 Winter and Spring School breaks.

## How to get involved:

- **Donate money**
  - o Checks made out to Foothills Food Bank can be given to Family Services Coordinator or mailed: Foothills Food Bank 5568 Mt. Baker Hwy Deming, WA 98244
  - o Secure online donations can be made at the Foothills Food Bank Facebook page or the website: [www.foothillsfoodbank.org](http://www.foothillsfoodbank.org)
  - o The money is used to purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, milk, bread and cheese
- **Host a food drive at your place of work, church, or community organization**
- **Donate non-perishable food in bins at various east county locations:**
  - o Instant oatmeal
  - o Low sugar cereals
  - o Individual serving applesauce or other fruit
  - o Graham crackers
  - o Granola bars
  - o Trail mix/Nuts
  - o Peanut butter
  - o Jelly
  - o Easy open (pop tops) ready-made soups
  - o Individual serving (cups) Mac ‘n Cheese
  - o Tuna fish in pouches
  - o Saltines/Rice crackers
  - o Cup of Noodles/Top Ramen
- **Volunteer to deliver the boxes on Friday, December 16, 2016**
  - o Email: [foothillsfoodbankcontact@gmail.com](mailto:foothillsfoodbankcontact@gmail.com)
  - o Phone: Jennie Ablondi, Coordinator (360) 599-9245



## How it works:

At their child’s school families can sign up with the Family Services Coordinator. Boxes with breakfast and lunch items that children can prepare themselves are delivered to their home the Friday morning before the break.



## Foothills Food Bank Distributions:

Every Tuesday from 9:00-11:30 AM at St. Peter’s Church 6210 Mt. Baker Hwy, Deming

2nd Saturday of the month 11:30 AM-12:30 PM at EWRRRC 8251 Kendall Rd., Maple Falls

# Normal School Office Hours

Starting September 1, 2016:

District Office	7:30–4:00 p.m.
Jr./Sr. High	7:30–3:30 p.m.
Transportation	6:00–5:00 p.m.
Kendall	8:00–4:30 p.m.
Harmony	8:00–4:30 p.m.
Acme	8:00–4:30 p.m.

# MBSD Parent Groups

**Mountaineer Parent Group**  
*Supporting MBJH and MBHS students, staff, families.*

President — Kelly Kelly  
[Kellyhome@frontier.com](mailto:Kellyhome@frontier.com)

**FFA Boosters**  
  
President — Ian Whitson  
(360) 592-0968  
[ianwhitson@yahoo.com](mailto:ianwhitson@yahoo.com)

**Mt. Baker Co-Op Preschool**  
  
Contact Information:  
Phone: (360) 671-1426  
Website: [www.mtbakercoop.org](http://www.mtbakercoop.org)  
Find us on Facebook [facebook.com/pages/ Mt-Baker-Co-op-Preschool](https://facebook.com/pages/Mt-Baker-Co-op-Preschool)

**Acme Elementary PTA**  
  
President — Tristin Rieken  
[leader@acmpta.com](mailto:leader@acmpta.com)  
[www.acmpta.com](http://www.acmpta.com)  
Find us on Facebook: [facebook.com/AcmePTA](https://facebook.com/AcmePTA)

**Harmony Elementary PTO**  
  
President — Kristi Nason  
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[gknason@frontier.com](mailto:gknason@frontier.com)  
Find us on Facebook [facebook.com/HarmonyElemPTO](https://facebook.com/HarmonyElemPTO)

**Kendall Elementary PTA**  
  
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360-592-5606  
Co-President — Leanne Pinkey  
360-599-9652  
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Kendall PTA website: [kendallpta.vpweb.com](http://kendallpta.vpweb.com)

**Mount Baker Athletic Boosters**  
*The Mount Baker Athletic Booster Club raises money to benefit student athletes and/or athletic programs.*  
  
President — Chellie Anderson  
[andersoncm517@gmail.com](mailto:andersoncm517@gmail.com)  
Find us on Facebook [facebook.com/mtbakerathleticboosterclub](https://facebook.com/mtbakerathleticboosterclub)



Emergency Weather Info  
(360) 383-2070

- If school start time is delayed, scheduled bus stop times will be delayed the same amount of time.
- Buses may be running late due to road conditions.
- Due to adverse conditions and for their personal safety, please have your student stand as far back from the edge of the road as possible, prior to the bus stopping.
- The bus cannot stop on inclines.

PLEASE CALL 383-2070, the Mount Baker School District Weather & Information Line FOR ALL INFORMATION ON SCHOOL CLOSURES AND/OR DELAYS.

90 Minute Delayed Start Times

In the event of a weather or emergency determined delayed start time, school will end as usual but begin 90 minutes late:

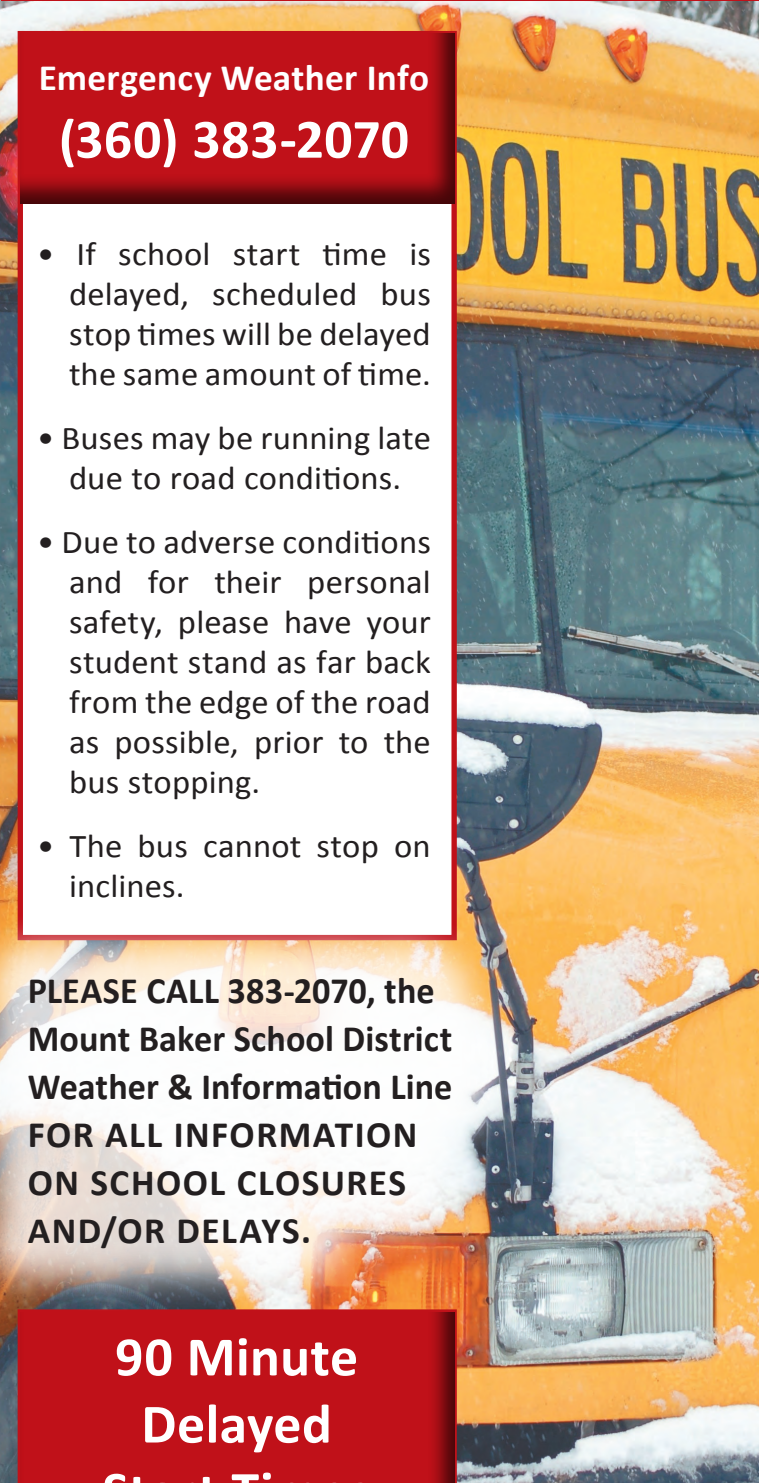
**Junior High and High School:**  
9:25 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**Elementary Schools:**  
11:00 a.m. – 3:25 p.m.

Bus stop pick ups will all be delayed 90 minutes.

**For transportation questions or concerns other than, “is the bus running on schedule?” please call the Transportation Office at 383-2060.**

To find out if school is running and on time remember to use the Operations & Weather Information Line 383-2070.



# School Safety Report

## What To Do About School When Weather Is Bad

The safety of students, staff, and the general public is and will continue to be a priority for the Mount Baker School District at all levels. Behind the scenes, there are procedures that must be developed and updated to ensure that all staff is informed of what to do and have designated responsibilities should an emergency occur. Below is information around inclement weather delays, transportation and closures.

### Are schools operating on a regular schedule? Will there be snow routes?

You may tune in to your local radio or TV station. You will hear special announcements giving school closures or delayed starting times beginning at 6:00 a.m.

**RADIO:** KGMI (790 AM), KLYN (930 AM), KPUG (1170 AM), KAFE (104.3 FM), KMPS (94.1 FM), KUBE (93.3 FM)

**TV:** KOMO 4, KING 5, KONG 6/16, KIRO 7, KVOS 12

If there are no announcements, schools will operate on the regular schedule. The bus garage, district office or school office should be used only as a last choice for gaining information. We need our phone lines accessible for emergency situations.


### How will I know/remember if I live on a snow route?

Find out ahead of time. Look at the snow route schedule. Talk to your bus driver before it snows.

**Will the school Bus Routes Change?**

If school is delayed, your bus will pick you up later than usual. School delay 1.5 hour = bus delay 1.5 hour. For example, if school is starting 1.5 hour late and your normal pick up time is 8:40 a.m., the bus will now be picking you up at 10:10 a.m.

For students living in certain areas, their pick up and drop off stops may change. Some areas in the district are difficult for school buses to maneuver when there is ice and snow on the road. Children who live in these areas may need to catch their bus at an alternate location. These are called **SNOW ROUTES**.  
(find snow routes on our website)



**Ben Thomas**  
Director of Finance & Operations

**“ When the weather turns cold, it’s time to prepare for possible snow and ice. School and bus schedules may change during severe weather. When this happens, there are some things you must know. ”**

## FFA Barn Projected Completion Mid-November

Mount Baker’s new FFA barn is nearing completion. With the foundation poured, poles in place, and roof being installed, the barn will be ready for animals soon.

**“This facility will support the real world learning which has been at the core of our FFA program for many, many years.”**

Charlie Burleigh  
Superintendent

When the project is complete an open house will be held to allow community to tour the finished structure.

**“We appreciate the support of the community in helping to complete this important project.”**

## Michael Neuterman Director of Technology for the Mount Baker School District

Hello Mount Baker Community! I am Michael Neuterman, the new Director of Technology for the Mount Baker School District. I spent ten years in the United States Air Force as an F-16 Crew Chief, and a Telecommunications Installer. My civilian career in technology was primarily in the casino industry: Nooksack River Casino, Northwood Casinos, Swinomish Casino, and Angel of the Winds Casino. I have an Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems, specializing in network security, and am currently working on a degree in Bachelor’s in Software Development. Technology is a passion of mine and I truly enjoy what it can accomplish. I have lived in Washington for 16 years, and my time at the Mount Baker School District has been wonderful. I am looking forward to continuing working with the staff and community.

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Educational Excellence and Community Pride

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# Library Corner

## Welcome Back!

Mount Baker Libraries have successfully launched the new year starting with checkouts on the first day of school. Since then we have circulated 9,200 books in the month of September!

We also have successfully launched our CONNECTED Program, our partnership with Whatcom County Public Libraries. As a small district, we simply cannot afford to purchase all the digital resources required to make us a 21st Century library. Because of the partnership, we can provide more current, viable research opportunities for our students. It also allows students to check out ebooks and audiobooks that we could not offer on our own. If your student had a library account before, they still have that account in addition to their student account. We are the first district in the county to pilot this program!

Unfortunately, because we sent the information out at the beginning of school with all the beginning of year forms parents have to sign, many parents accidentally opted their students out from this program. If this is so, students may be missing out on many classroom activities. If you would like your student back in the program, please print out the Opt-In form and return it to your building librarian or your school secretary.



**Melissa Menti**  
District Librarian

## Sasquatch/Evergreen 2017

We are continuing our Sasquatch Reading Program this year. Students Who read 10 books from the following lists and pass their Accelerated Reader quizzes by the first week of May will be eligible to go on our Sasquatch Field trip to Silver Lake the first Friday in June. The following titles are available in our library and the public library, which students can access with their student number and password 1234. Most of the titles are accessible through the Washington Anytime Library in ebook or audiobook form (wcls.org). Below are the titles with A/R Reading Level and Points. Most teachers have set A/R point goals for their students. Check with your student’s teacher for their Reading Level and Point goal information.

New this year, fourth graders and students with teacher permission may choose up to four titles from a new Award List, The Otter Award. These are shorter chapter books closer to the fourth grade reading level, which will give them more choice in book selection.

Also new this year, students who participate in the Sasquatch Reading program and pass a/r quizzes will receive a keychain to put on their backpack. For every Award book quiz they pass, they will receive a foot to put on their chain.

Visit our Library’s web page listed under Departments & Programs at [www.mtbaker.wednet.edu](http://www.mtbaker.wednet.edu)

New book quiz prizes for Sasquatch Program participants.



## Suggested Reading

### Award Nominees 2017

#### Otter Grades 1-4

*The Haunted Library*  
by Dori Hillestad Butler

*Jelly Bean: Shelter Pet Squad #1*  
by Cynthia Lord

*Let’s Get Cracking!*  
by Cyndi Marko

*Rescue on the Oregon Trail*  
by Kate Messner

*Rise of the Earth Dragon*  
by Tracey West

*Hilo: Book 1*  
by Judd Winick



#### Sasquatch Grades 4-8

*Iron Trial (Magisterium, Book 1)*  
by Black, Holly & Clare, Cassandra

*Kinda Like Brothers*  
by Booth, Coe

*Gaby, Lost and Found*  
by Cervantes, Angela

*Mountain Dog*  
by Engle, Margarita

*A Song for Bijou*  
by Farrar, Josh

*Space Case*  
by Gibbs, Stuart

*Vine Basket*  
by La Valley, Josanne

*Dash*  
by Larson, Kirby

*The Misadventures of the Family Fletcher*  
by Levy, Dana Allison

*Zane and the Hurricane*  
by Philbrick, Rodman

*Eddie Red, Undercover: Mystery on Museum Mile*  
by Wells, Marcia

*The Forbidden Library*  
by Wexler, Django

### Young Reader’s Choice

#### Junior Division Grades 4-8

*Absolutely Almost*  
by Graff, Lisa

*Loot*  
by Watson, Jude

*El Deafo*  
by Bell, Cece

*The Fourteenth Goldfish*  
by Holm, Jennifer

*Rain Reign*  
by Martin, Ann M.

*The Thickety: A Path Begins*  
by White, J.A.

*New Kid*  
by Green, Tim

*The Circus Dogs of Prague*  
by Delaney, Rachelle

#### Intermediate Division Grades 6-8

*The Crossover*  
by Alexander, Kwame

*Greenglass House*  
by Milford, Kate

*Deep Blue*  
by Donnelly, Jennifer

*The Iron Trial*  
by Black, Holly and Cassandra Clare

*Outside In*  
by Ellis, Sarah

*The Night Gardener*  
by Auxier, Jonathan

*The Boundless*  
by Oppel, Kenneth

*Skink No Surrender*  
by Hiaasen, Carl

#### Senior Division Grades 9-12

*Four*  
by Roth, Veronica

*I’ll Give You the Sun*  
by Nelson, Jandy

*The Young Elites*  
by Lu, Marie

*In Real Life*  
by Doctorow, Cory & Jen Wang

*To All the Boys I Loved Before*  
by Han, Jenny

*Panic*  
by Oliver, Lauren

*Since You’ve Been Gone*  
by Matson, Morgan

*Through the Woods*  
by Carroll, Emily

### Evergreen Grades 7-12

*The Crossover*  
by Kwame Alexander

*To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before*  
by Jenny Han

*The Story of Owen: Dragon Slayer of Trondheim*  
by E.K. Johnston

*Positive: A Memoir*  
by Paige Rawl

*Divided We Fall*  
by Trent Reedy

*Jackaby*  
by William Ritter

*The Port Chicago 50*  
by Steve Sheinkin

*The Rule of Three*  
by Eric Walters

*Noggin*  
by John Corey Whaley

*1Ms. Marvel Volume 1*  
by G. Willow Wilson & Adrian Alphona

# Mount Baker Kindergarten Preparedness



## Kaleidoscope™ Play & Learn

A FREE facilitated play group, welcoming young children 0-5 years old and the parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents, older brothers and sisters, friends and others who take care of them.

Now in our third year, Play & Learn is a combination of hands-on fun for children and informal parent education for caregivers. Simple, “try-this-at-home” activities that support children’s growth and development will be provided, along with ongoing parent support. Feel free to drop by and meet new friends - for you and your child.

### 2016-17 Kaleidoscope® Play and Learn Schedule:

All classes are 10:00–11:30 a.m.  
September - May  
Following the MBSD calendar

Tuesdays – Glenhaven Clubhouse

Wednesdays - Harmony Elementary

Thursdays - Kendall Elementary

Fridays - Acme Elementary

Please check in with secretaries when entering district buildings.

## Play & Learn groups are:

Singing songs

Telling stories

Playing & learning together

Making friends

Getting ready for school!

## “Early Learning at Home” Program

A new program for families with children, 0-5. Quarterly classes are held at Mount Baker ELC/ERC building – across from the JH in Deming. From 6:00-7:30 p.m.

**FALL** - Thursday, October 13, 2016

6:00-6:45 p.m.  
Parents with Kaye; children in high quality prek classroom

**WINTER** - Thursday, Feb. 2, 2017

6:45-7:30 p.m. PACT time:  
Parents and Children Together

**SPRING** - Thursday, May 4, 2017

### REGISTRATION

FREE – Registration required via email to Kaye Marshall:  
[kmarshall@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:kmarshall@mtbaker.wednet.edu)

Kaye Marshall  
Early Learning Specialist



## Questions?

Contact Kaye Marshall:  
[kmarshall@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:kmarshall@mtbaker.wednet.edu)  
or call 383-2000





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SCHOOL DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors**  
Your Mount Baker School Board of Directors is comprised of five District citizens elected by District voters for four-year terms.

Board members serve in an unpaid, volunteer capacity. Although directors are elected to specific areas, they collectively represent the entire district.

- Brian Kelly,**  
Director District 1
- Ellen Dodson,**  
Director District 2
- Trish Hart,** President,  
Director District 3
- Jim Freeman,**  
Director District 4
- Russ Pfeiffer-Hoyt,**  
Director District 5
- Charles Burleigh,**  
Superintendent

**Board Meetings:**  
Community Members are encouraged to attend our regular Board meetings held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays each month at 6:00 p.m., usually at the District Office.

**MBSD Communications & Public Relations Team**  
**Charles Burleigh,** Superintendent  
**Bridget Rossman,** Curriculum Director  
**Pam Butenschoen,** HR Coordinator and Assistant to the Superintendent  
**Katie Chugg,** Website Support  
**Kristi Nason,** Print & Social Media

The MBSD newsletter is published periodically by the Mount Baker School District as a communications link between the district and the community. Its intent and purpose is to provide the board and district staff a venue to inform community members about programs, goals and activities of public education in our district. Please direct questions or comments to the Communications Team through the District Office: [pbutenschoen@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:pbutenschoen@mtbaker.wednet.edu)

The Mount Baker School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, age, Vietnam-era Veteran's status, or disabled Veteran status or the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of training dog guides or service animals by a disabled person in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies:

**Charles Burleigh**  
**MBSD Superintendent:**  
**PO Box 95, Deming, WA 98244**  
**(360) 383-2000**

# SCHOOL BOARD GOOD OF THE ORDERS

## August 25, 2016 Books on Wheels

Thank you to everyone involved in this great activity! We were able to give 85 kids books!! I was amazed with the amount of staff who volunteered to help this round. It was a great opportunity to reconnect with students and families and meet incoming new students. Thank you to Kaye and Heidi for the wonderful books!

Thank you to Katy, Josie, Paul, Krista, Lacey, Emily, Julianna, Jessica, Julie, Kalei, Valerie, Beth and hopefully I didn't forget anyone else – there were so many it was hard to keep track!! What a great way to kick off the new school year! –Carly Takata



Have a Mount Baker School District story to tell?

**Email your news items for the School Board Good of the Order:**

[pbutenschoen@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:pbutenschoen@mtbaker.wednet.edu)

## September 8, 2016 Mount Baker FFA Report from Fair

- Herdsmanship – 1st place
- Horse Judging – 1st place
- Sweepstakes

- Individual Results**
- Eddie Whirley – Grand Champion Market Hog
  - Chase Barter – Reserve Grand Champion Market Hog

- Class Champions**
- Luke Steeves
  - Eddie Whirley

- Class Reserve Champions**
- Chelsea Zender
  - Chase Barter



- Swine Fitting and Showing Class Finalists**
- Wyatt Marsing
  - DJ Camacho, Jr.
  - Nick Tanis
  - Chelsea Zender
  - Chase Barter
  - Hayden Linderman
- Senior Swine Reserve Champion**
- Wyatt Marsing
- Junior Swine Reserve Champion**
- Nick Tanis
- Novice Swine Reserve Champion**
- Chase Barter
- Overall Swine Reserve Champion**
- Wyatt Marsing

- Junior Champion Hereford**
- Bailey Harkness
- Junior Champion Horse showman**
- Hailey Siguaw
- FFA Wool Fleece Grand Champion**
- Connor Estabrook
- Top Dorset sheep**
- Bailey Butenschoen

Eleven Mount Baker FFA members going through the market sale earned \$13,883.97; averaging \$1,262.17 per animal!