



# CHELAN MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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*The end of October and the beginning of November has been pretty busy around the middle school. The fall sports seasons wrapped up and all the athletes represented themselves in a manner that we can all be proud of. Boys Basketball is now underway preparing for their first game. Student Led Conferences were held and in the early returns it looks like we had an attendance rate in the mid to upper 90's. The ASB planned their first assembly for Veteran's Day and are now hard at work planning a spirit week. Students also participated in National Mix-It Up Day where students were mixed up and asked to sit at different tables during lunch. As we approach the busy holiday season, we hope all our families will find time to relax and spend some valuable time together.*

*Chris Anderson, Principal*

## CMS EVENT CALENDAR



- 11/18 Boys Basketball @ Pioneer
- 11/19 Eligibility Grade Check
- 11/20 Boys Basketball @ Quincy
- 11/21 MS Activity Night 7:00-10:00
- 11/24 Boys Basketball vs. Eastmont 1
- 11/26 **Early Release**
- 11/27-28 **Thanksgiving Vacation—No School**
- 12/1 Parent Advisory Council—5:30
- 12/4 Boys Basketball vs. Orchard
- 12/8 **Late Start**
- Boys Basketball vs. IRMS
- 12/11 Boys Basketball @ Eastmont 2
- 12/15 Boys Basketball @ Foothills
- 12/17 Boys Basketball vs. Cashmere
- 12/18 Middle School Band Performance
- 12/22 - 1/2 **Winter Break—No School**

## PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**The next MS Parent Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 1, at 5:30 in the library.** The purpose of this council is to give parents/guardians an opportunity to provide feedback and perspective relative to school decisions and provide an avenue to raise concerns and issues as they relate to Chelan Middle School. Topics that were discussed at the last meeting included: Update on Advisory Program, Supervision, and the upcoming Activity Night.

Please email me if you would like to be added to the email list to receive meeting notes. Even if you can't attend, these notes should help you stay up to date with what we are discussing.

## **M.S. Activity Night!**



That time has come again; time for the annual fall activity night hosted by the Chelan High School Med Club! Med Club is hard at work getting ready for this big night which is **November 21<sup>st</sup>** at the **Chelan High/Middle School commons** from **7pm to 10 pm**. The price for entrance will be **\$3 with ASB Card** and **\$4 without an ASB Card**. There will be music for dancing, pictures, board games, open gym, concessions, and even prizes for the best costumes. This year's theme is "Country Hoedown"; this means dressing up like cowboys and cowgirls! Get ready for a night filled with dancing and fun! We are looking forward to seeing you there!

—Chelan High School Med Club



# GO PIRATES

## ASB UPDATE

The ASB is becoming more active as the weeks and months pass by. They meet on a weekly basis for lunch and discuss and plan upcoming activities. Recently, they planned and executed their first assembly. The students worked together to plan a Veteran's Day Assembly that honored those on staff who have served in the Armed Forces as well honoring all those who have served. Mr. Uttech, one of our science teachers,



spoke about his experiences in the military. The choir performed for the first time in front of a large audience and those on staff who have served were honored with a card and flowers. The feedback from those who attended was very positive.

Next up for the group is planning a Spirit Week. Each day of the week will be a different dress up day and there will be contests held throughout the week to see who is participating the most. The group met with students prior to the week to explain the different dress up days and the guidelines around those days. They have also partnered with the 6th Grade Communications class to help promote the event. The Communications class have put together posters and flyers that are being posted around the school to promote the weeks events. The big emphasis is to have fun but to remember that the school dress code is still enforced. The week will culminate on Friday night with the Med Club hosting an Activity Night for middle school students.

We will be meeting with students prior to the Activity Night to explain our expectations for behavior. We want all students to have fun but more importantly, we want the event to be safe. If students are not able to meet the behavior expectations outlined, they may be asked to leave the event.

## CALL FOR CHAPERONES

The more the merrier! If you would like to help chaperone at the **Activity Night on Friday the 21st**, please contact Mr. Anderson. Our role will be to provide an adult presence and to keep an eye on some doorways at various locations around the school. The Med Club has organized the activities and have a great plan for the night. Together we can make sure that the event is safe and fun for all those who attend.

## Avoiding Theft of Personal Property at School



Every where you look on a daily basis you will see student's with cell phones, I-Pods, and hand held video gaming systems. They use them before school, at lunch and after school on their way home. As many of you know these items can be expensive to purchase. Unfortunately, we still live in a world where some people feel the need to take things that do not belong to them. In order to combat theft in schools, we believe that a few simple precautions can greatly reduce the chances that a student will be a victim of theft. We strongly discourage bringing any unnecessary expensive item to school. But, if you must, make sure you consider the following steps to keep your valuables safe:

1. **Lock up all valuable items.** Do not assume that items will be safe by being placed in your pants or wrapped up in a sweatshirt on a bench in the locker room. Make use of the locker that you have been assigned.
2. **Do Not Share Lockers or Combinations.** When you are assigned a locker or combination, you and the office are the only ones you have that information. The more people you give that information to the more likely it is that it could fall into the wrong hands.
3. **Write down the serial numbers.** Students often have very similar looking phones or musical devices. If the victim of theft is able to provide a serial number of the device that has been stolen, it can help school officials or the police in matching up stolen items to the owners.
4. **Do not assume your back pack is a secure place.** Many times students will say that they placed the item in their back packs and left it somewhere for just a short while. I like to think of your back pack like luggage in an airport. Never leave it unattended.
5. **Report any theft immediately.** As soon as you realize something is missing, report it to the office. Mrs. Johnson will have you fill out form and then Mr. Anderson will follow up with you. The more information you can provide in a timely manner, the more likely it is that we can get track down your missing item.

We will do all that we can to help you retrieve your stolen items. The reality is, that it is often difficult to track down the items. Again, we strongly discourage bringing any unnecessary expensive items to school. Please review page 6 of the Student Handbook. At the top it discussed Student Valuables. Please note that it states: *The school does not have insurance to cover the cost of valuables that have been stolen or lost...The school will not assume responsibility for lost or stolen valuables.*



# WASL Spotlight



## Wild About Radishes

Directions: Use the following information to answer questions 1 through 7.

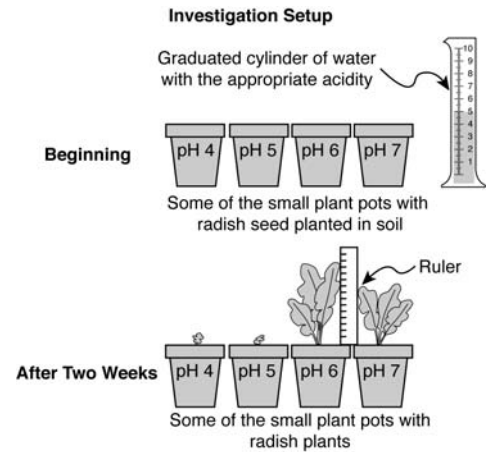
Amanda wanted to find out how acidic water affects plant growth. Amanda decided to do an investigation using radish plants and several water samples with different acidities as measured by pH.

**Question:** How does the acidity of water affect the height of radish plants?

**Hypothesis** (prediction): Radish plants given water with a pH of 7 will grow taller than radish plants given water with a pH lower than 7 because plants will not grow well with water that is acidic.

**Materials:**

- radish seeds
- small plant pots filled with soil
- water samples each with a different acidity: pH 4, pH 5, pH 6, and pH 7
- graduated cylinders
- labels
- ruler



**Procedure:**

- Label six pots pH 4, six pots pH 5, six pots pH 6, and six pots pH 7 as shown in the Investigation Setup diagram.
- Plant one radish seed in each pot.
- Every three days pour 5 milliliters of water with the labeled pH into each pot.
- Measure and record the height of the tallest leaf of each radish plant after watering.
- After two weeks, calculate and record the average plant height for each of the four pH groups.

**Data:** The table below shows the calculated average plant heights for the six plants in each of the groups.

Acidity of Water vs. Average Plant Height	
Acidity of Water (pH)	Average Plant Height (centimeters)
4	0.5
5	0.5
6	12.5
7	9.0

