

# ZEIGER EXPLORERS

**Principal**  
**Mr. Angelo Mills**

**Asst. Principal**  
**Mrs. Sari Burnett**

**November 4, 2016**

**FROM THE PRINCIPAL**



## **DON'T FORGET**

**Mondays are Late**  
**Start at 9:30AM**

**Early Release at**  
**12:26pm**  
**November 10**

**Veteran's Day**  
**No School**  
**November 11**

**Food Drive**  
**November 14 to**  
**December 9**

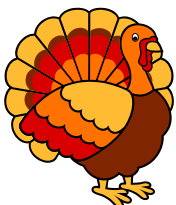
**Picture Retake**  
**November 16th**

**PTA Donuts with Dads**  
**November 18**

**Early Release at**  
**12:26PM**  
**November 18 & 23**

**NO SCHOOL**  
**Thanksgiving Break**  
**November 24 & 25**

**Report Cards Go Home**  
**December 12**



Greetings Explorers,

Can you believe that it is November already? Your students have been working hard to finish the year strong.

Thank you for our very successful Apex Fun Run. The students had a great time. On behalf of the Zeiger PTA, I want to say a heartfelt thank you for allowing our students to have had the experience and for your indulgence in all of the muddy clothes that came home. These are part of their school experience that they will remember forever.

By the time you are reading this, we would have had our Career Day. Students will have had an opportunity to explore over forty different career options on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. Exposure to these careers allow our students to begin thinking of opportunities for themselves as well as making the connection of the importance of school and learning as building the foundation to various post-secondary opportunities. Students were able to explore the culinary arts, aeronautics, protective services, health care to name a few.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our Veterans Day Assembly from 9-10am. You are invited to join us as we pay tribute to the men and women who have sacrificed so much in service to us. There is no more fitting tribute but to be present to say "thank you" as we honor our Veterans. Thank you for remembering to send some rain gear with your students in the event we get caught in a down pour. You have heard me say this before, they love going outside at recess. I will do everything possible to send them outside for recess. When there is a heavy rain, we will have indoor recess, for our students, this is does not come close to being outside. Coat and hood weather has arrived in the beautiful northwest.

I look forward to our continued partnership as we work together for the success of each student we serve here at Zeiger. Thank you for entrusting me with your child.

Warm regards,  
Angelo Mills

### **Donuts with Dads!!**

Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, etc. please come join us for a donut and coffee breakfast with your student(s) in the Zeiger Gym, Friday November 18th from 7:15AM - 8:15AM.

### **PICTURE RETAKES SCHEDULED**

Picture retakes have been scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>**. Pictures will be retaken for those students who were absent or if the original picture packet was unsatisfactory. Anyone requesting a retake must return his or her entire original package of photographs at the time of the retake. Order envelopes will be available in the school office for students who did not have their picture taken on the original picture day.

**From the Assistant Principal:**

You have the responsibility under state law for your child's full-time attendance in school. You are required to **notify the school when your child will be absent from school.**

For your convenience, we have added an "auto-attendance" phone line for absences. When your child is absent, you can call 253.841.8663 and select "1" to report your child's absence. When you call in, leave your child's name, the date of the absence, teacher's name, your name and relationship to the student and the reason for the absence. This phone message line is available 24 hours a day, so you can leave a message any time.

If you prefer, you can send a note with the same information above to the office explaining the reason for the absence the day your child returns to school. If you send an email regarding the absence to the teacher, please make sure to include the office in your email:

Rose Harrison – [harrire@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:harrire@puyallup.k12.wa.us)  
Annette Briggs – [briggsac@puyallup.k12.wa.us](mailto:briggsac@puyallup.k12.wa.us)

If you are going on a vacation, trip or other known planned absence, you must complete a planned absence prior to the absence. This form is sent to the teacher and principal for their signature and you will receive a copy once the absence has been approved.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's attendance, please contact Sari Burnett, Assistant Principal at 253.841.8663.

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Thank you to all of the parent volunteers and community members who participated in Career Day! We truly appreciate the partnership you have made with our school that allows our students to imagine life in the world of work!  
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**MATH RELAY**

All Zeiger 5th graders and 5/6 QUEST students competed in the Puyallup School District 5th Annual Marge Salmon Math Relay event on October 21 at Sparks Stadium. There were over 100 elementary teams from Puyallup, All Saints and Chief Leschi Schools. Students had fun utilizing their math skills as well as completing an obstacle course in the competition. Zeiger's 9 teams did well in all three heats and earned the Sportsmanship Award for Region II. Go Explorers!

**REMEMBER:**

**Daylight Savings Time ends Saturday, November 5th. Remember to set your clocks back 1 hour so you are on time for school Monday, November 7th.**

Holiday Season is near and this year in place of a gift drive we will be hosting a Giving Tree! Our tree will be up in the commons area from November 14th through December 12th. Take a mitten to sponsor a family ☺

We will also have our annual food drive from November 14th through December 9th where classes will be collecting holiday related non-perishable food items. Donations of new or lightly used winter clothing and personal hygiene items and will also be accepted at this time.

Holiday Assistance forms are attached here and need to be turned in to the school counselor by November 14th. Though we want to maximize our outreach to families who need help this season, our highest priority is helping families who have no other resources. **Please only fill out a Holiday Assistance form if you have no other resources this holiday season.**

Other resources include: Love Inc (253) 256-4087 <http://www.loveincpiercecounty.org/application-for-assistance/>  
And Pierce County United Way, dial 211

**VETERAN'S DAY ASSEMBLY**

Zeiger's Veterans Day assembly will be at 9:00am on November 10th. Veterans in your family are encouraged to attend. We will have the Zeiger Choir performing. Please have students wear red, white and blue.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next **Student Council Meeting** is November 9th in room 128. It is from 3:00-3:45. Please make sure you pick up your child promptly. Student Council Members, please bring something to write with and on.

**Parent Tips:** It is the age of technology and children are becoming more and more tech savvy, connecting to the internet on a variety of devices and staying up to date on the newest social media trend. However, the internet is full of adult content, cyber bullying, violence and predators and children are innately curious. It is important to talk with your child about being safe with technology. Get to know the programs and apps your child is using, talk with them about the dangers of sharing personal information, pictures or videos over the internet, establish some rules, set passwords and use software that block adult content. Here are some resources available to you: Safekids.com, protectkids.com and <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0004-net-cetera-chatting-kids-about-being-online>

**Peacemakers** have been doing a great job helping students solve conflicts at recess. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday December 6th at lunch in room 139.

## Zeiger Elementary STEM Showcase

Dear Explorer Families,

Our Zeiger STEM Showcase (science fair) will be held on February 8th-9th, 2017. The showcase is a great way for students to be immersed into the world of science! Students who wish to participate are to complete a project of their interest at home. Projects that receive a "Judges' Choice" at the Zeiger STEM Showcase will move on to the District Showcase during the Puyallup Spring Fair.

We hope to see many students participate in the Zeiger STEM Showcase this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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# Holiday Assistance

**\*All forms must be in by November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Parent/Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check the area(s) your family needs support with this season:**

Clothing:\_\_\_ Food:\_\_\_ Holiday gifts:\_\_\_

**Please share any special circumstances that may be helpful when prioritizing requests:**

**Please list all children under age 18 in the home:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Clothing/Shoe Size:\_\_\_\_\_ Gift Idea:\_\_\_\_\_

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**\*This information will be treated as confidential and will only be used by the school counselor to connect your family to resources.\***

Some community organizations want to contact families directly. If you are comfortable with this and we can release your name and phone number to community organizations, please sign below.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_