

# SEPTEMBER 2011

Lt. Governor Brad Owen performs his Strategies for Youth program at Lister Elementary School.  
(Pam Thompson photo)

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**MultiCare**  **Mary Bridge Children's Hospital** 

**Healthy Kids Message:**  
Feed your brain and fuel your body. Aim for three food groups each meal, choosing from whole grains, fruits and vegetables, calcium-rich foods and lean protein.

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School Starts  
Library Card  
Sign-Up Month

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Labor Day Holiday  
*No School*

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Board Meeting, 6 p.m.  
International Literacy Day

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ACT Testing

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Sept. 11–17  
National Arts in  
Education Week  
Grandparents' Day  
Patriot Day

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Sept. 15–Oct. 15  
Hispanic Heritage Month  
German American  
Heritage Month

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Mayflower Day

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Sept. 17–23  
Constitution Week  
Citizenship Day

18

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21

International Day of Peace

22

Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

23

First Day of Autumn

24

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Sept. 26–30  
Bus Ridership Counts

27

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National Good  
Neighbor Day

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# OCTOBER 2011

Kate Adams, a Bryant Montessori School student, learns to play the violin in an after-school program with the Bryant Fiddlers. (Pam Thompson photo)

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### MultiCare Mary Bridge Children's Hospital

#### Healthy Kids Message:

Prevent sports-related injuries by scheduling a pre-season medical screening, use proper safety gear, drink water, do proper routine conditioning, and encourage your child to rest if they are very tired or in pain.

Crime Prevention Month  
Czech Heritage Month  
Italian American Heritage and Culture Month  
Polish American Heritage Month  
UNICEF Month

1

SAT Testing

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All-City PTA Meeting,  
6:30 p.m.  
Central Administration  
Building

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German American  
Heritage Day

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Oct. 9–15  
Fire Prevention Week  
National Metric Week  
NAEOP Career  
Awareness Week

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Oct. 10–14  
National School  
Lunch Week  
Oct. 10–16  
Earth Science Week  
Columbus Day

11

12

PSAT Testing

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Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

14

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PSAT Testing

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Oct. 16–22  
America's Safe  
Schools Week  
World Food Day

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Oct. 17–21  
National School Bus  
Safety Week

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22

ACT Testing  
Make a Difference Day

23

Oct. 23–31  
Red Ribbon Week  
(Drug-Free America)

24

United Nations Day

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Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

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# NOVEMBER 2011

The Wilson High School girls' basketball team challenges the Lincoln High School girls' team.  
(Dan Besett photo)

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**Healthy Kids Message:**

Children need plenty of sleep to concentrate in school, perform athletics, drive safely, fight illness and be emotionally healthy. Kids 5 – 12 years old need 10 to 11 hours of sleep and teens need 8.5 to 9 hours each night.

**1**  
National Native American Heritage Month

**2**  
All-City PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
Central Administration Building

**3**

**4**

**5**  
SAT Testing

**6**  
Reset Clocks to Standard Time

**7**

**8**  
Election Day

**9**

**10**  
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

**11**  
Veterans Day  
**No School**

**12**

**13**  
Nov. 13–19  
American Education Week

**14**

**15**

**16**  
National Education Support Professionals Day

**17**  
National Parental Involvement Day

**18**  
Substitute Educators Day

**19**  
Gettysburg Address Anniversary

**20**  
Nov. 20–26  
National Family Week

**21**  
Board Meeting, 12:01 p.m.

**22**

**23** **Updated**  
Thanksgiving Break  
**No School.**

**24**  
Thanksgiving Day  
Thanksgiving Break  
**No School**

**25**  
Thanksgiving Break  
**No School**

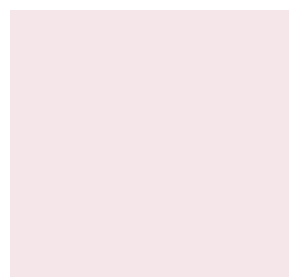
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**30**  
Elementary Conferences  
**Early Release**  
Elementary students only



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# DECEMBER 2011

Jarmaine Bannister, a fifth grader at Northeast Tacoma Elementary School, studies the chess pieces before making a move. (Dan Voelpel photo)

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Nearly 50% of school-age children seen in the hospital or ER with abdominal pain have constipation. If your stomach hurts, always use the toilet first. To prevent constipation, spend enough time on the toilet at school or home. Don't wait until the end of the school day to use the restroom.

**1**  
World AIDS Day  
All Grade Conferences  
**Early Release**  
H.S. 10:50 a.m.  
M.S. 11:30 a.m.  
E.S. 12:15 p.m.

**2**  
All Grade Conferences  
**Early Release**  
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E.S. 12:15 p.m.

**3**  
SAT Testing

**4**

**5**

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**7**  
Pearl Harbor Day

**8**  
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

**9**

**10**  
ACT Testing  
Human Rights Day

**11**

**12**

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**14**

**15**  
Bill of Rights Day

**16**

**17**

**18**

**19**

**20**

**21**  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**22**  
First Day of Winter  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**23**  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**24**

**25**

**26**  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**27**  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**28**  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**29**  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**30**  
Winter Break  
**No School**

**31**

# JANUARY 2012

Science and Math Institute (SAMI) ninth grader Shirleen Wainaina draws a sloth from Point Defiance Zoo.  
(Casey Madison photo)

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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<div style="background-color: #e0f2f1; padding: 10px;"> <p><b>MultiCare  Mary Bridge Children's Hospital </b></p> <p><b>Healthy Kids Message:</b>                      Be active, have fun and get your whole family moving. Aim for 60 minutes a day of physical activity. Prevent childhood obesity with good nutrition and exercise.</p> </div>		<div style="background-color: #757575; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <b>DECEMBER</b> </div> <table border="1" style="font-size: small; width: 100%;"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	<div style="background-color: #757575; color: white; padding: 5px;"> <b>FEBRUARY</b> </div> <table border="1" style="font-size: small; width: 100%;"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td></tr> <tr><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td></tr> <tr><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td></tr> <tr><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29			
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# FEBRUARY 2012

Stadium High School theater students stage "Wonderland."  
(Joe Willhoft photo)

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Black History Month  
(a.k.a. African-American  
History Month)  
National Children's  
Dental Health Month

**1**  
National Freedom Day

**2**  
Groundhog Day

**3**

**4**

**5**

**6** **Updated**  
Feb. 6-10  
National School  
Counseling Week  
Semester Break  
Elementary and  
Secondary Staff Day  
**No School**

**7**

**8**  
All-City PTA Meeting,  
6:30 p.m.

**9**  
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

**10**

**11**  
ACT Testing

**12**  
Abraham Lincoln's Birthday

**13**

**14**

**15**

**16**

**17**  
PTA Founders Day

**18**  
Feb. 18-25  
National FFA Week

**19**

**20**  
Presidents Day  
Presidents Day Break  
**No School**

**21**

**22**  
George Washington's  
Birthday

**23**  
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

**24**

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**MultiCare**  **Mary Bridge Children's Hospital** 

**Healthy Kids Message:**  
Washington State Child Restraint Law: All children under the age of 8 years old or 4'9" must ride in an appropriate child restraint system (car seat or booster seat). Seat belts should fit low across upper thighs and across the center of the shoulder and chest.

# MARCH 2012

Trufant brothers Marcus, left, and Isaiah, read Dr. Seuss books to McCarver Elementary School students on Read Across America Day.  
(Pam Thompson photo)

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**Healthy Kids Message:**  
Brain injury is the leading cause of sports-related death to children. Know the signs of a concussion and contact a doctor immediately if you think your child has any physical, mental or emotional symptoms.

**1**

Great American Cleanup  
American Red Cross Month  
Irish American Heritage Month  
Music in Schools Month  
National Nutrition Month

**2**

Women's History Month  
National Middle Level Education Month  
  
NEA's Read Across America  
(Dr. Seuss's Birthday)

**3**

Social Work Month  
Youth Art Month

**4**

**5**

March 5-9  
National School Breakfast Week  
  
March 5-11  
National Foreign Language Week

**6**

Elementary Conferences  
**Early Release for Elementary only**  
E.S. 12:15 p.m.

**7**

Elementary Conferences  
**Early Release for Elementary only**  
E.S. 12:15 p.m.

**8**

Board Meeting, 6 p.m.  
  
International Women's Day

**9**

**10**

SAT Testing

**11**

Johnny Appleseed Day  
Reset Clocks to Daylight Saving Time

**12**

**13**

**14**

All-City PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

**15**

Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

**16**

**17**

**18**

March 18-24  
National Poison Prevention Week  
National Agriculture Week

**19**

**20**

First Day of Spring

**21**

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

**22**

Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

**23**

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# APRIL 2012

Native American storyteller Elaine Grinnell tries a cedar hat on Tessa Van Ry at Lowell Elementary School. (Pam Thompson photo)

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<b>1</b>  Mathematics Awareness Month	<b>2</b>  International Children's Book Day Spring Break <b>No School</b>	<b>3</b>  Spring Break <b>No School</b>	<b>4</b>  Spring Break <b>No School</b>	<b>5</b>  Spring Break <b>No School</b>	<b>6</b>  Spring Break <b>No School</b>	<b>7</b>  World Health Day																																																																																					
<b>8</b>  April 8-14 National Library Week	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  Board Meeting, 6 p.m.	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  ACT Testing																																																																																					
<b>15</b> April 15-21 National Coin Week Public School Volunteer Week National Environmental Education Week National Student Leadership Week	<b>16</b>  April 15-21 Volunteer Week	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>																																																																																					
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<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>		<p><b>MultiCare</b>  <b>Mary Bridge Children's Hospital</b> </p> <p><b>Healthy Kids Message:</b> A properly fitted helmet reduces the risk of head injury by 85%. Wear a helmet designed for your activity. Look at the label for a CPSC or ASTM certified helmet that fits your child's head now, not one that they will "grow into."</p>		<p><b>MARCH</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td></tr> <tr><td>4</td><td>5</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td></tr> <tr><td>11</td><td>12</td><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td></tr> <tr><td>18</td><td>19</td><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td></tr> <tr><td>25</td><td>26</td><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	<p><b>MAY</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><td>S</td><td>M</td><td>T</td><td>W</td><td>T</td><td>F</td><td>S</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td>1</td><td>2</td><td>3</td><td>4</td><td>5</td></tr> <tr><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>9</td><td>10</td><td>11</td><td>12</td></tr> <tr><td>13</td><td>14</td><td>15</td><td>16</td><td>17</td><td>18</td><td>19</td></tr> <tr><td>20</td><td>21</td><td>22</td><td>23</td><td>24</td><td>25</td><td>26</td></tr> <tr><td>27</td><td>28</td><td>29</td><td>30</td><td>31</td><td></td><td></td></tr> </table>	S	M	T	W	T	F	S				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31		
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First Creek Middle School student Daemien Zarapkar tests water samples from First Creek.  
(Pam Thompson photo)

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**Mary Bridge Children's Hospital** 

**Healthy Kids Message:**

If your child has special health care needs in school, work with your child's doctor and school nurse now to create a school care plan for next year. Working together provides the best care for your child.

**1**  
Asian Pacific American Heritage Month  
National Sight-Saving Month  
Better Hearing and Speech Month  
Preservation Month  
Law Day

**2**  
National Physical Fitness and Sports Month

**3**  
World Press Freedom Day

**4**

**5**  
SAT Testing

**6**  
May 6-12  
Be Kind to Animals Week  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 6-13  
National Music Week

**7**  
May 7-11  
AP Exams  
May 7-13  
National Children's Book Week

**8**  
National Teacher Day  
World Red Cross Day

**9**  
National School Nurse Day

**10**  
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

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**13**  
Mother's Day

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May 14-18  
AP Exams

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Armed Forces Day

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May 20-26  
National Educational Bosses Week

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**24**  
Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

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**28**  
Memorial Day  
Memorial Day Break  
**No School**

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All-City PTA Awards Banquet, 6:30 p.m.

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World No Tobacco Day

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Click the calendar tab at [tacomaschools.org](http://tacomaschools.org) for this month's assessment/testing schedule.

All district-related dates are subject to change without notice. Please check with your school to confirm all times and events.

# JUNE 2012

Mount Tahoma High School graduates celebrate after receiving their diplomas.  
(Dan Voelpel photo)

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**MultiCare**  **Mary Bridge Children's Hospital** 

**Healthy Kids Message:**  
Protect your child against disease and vaccinate them at 4 and 11 years of age. School-age children are the main spreaders of the flu, so get their immunizations early. Flu shots are available in August at Mary Bridge Mobile Immunization Clinic.

June 1–July 4  
Fireworks Safety Month  
  
Caribbean-American Heritage Month  
Great Outdoors Month

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SAT Testing

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ACT Testing

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June 10–14  
National History Day Contest  
Race Unity Day

11 **Updated**

High School Graduation  
*School of the Arts*  
6 p.m. *Pantages Theater*

12 **Updated**

World Environment Day  
High School Graduation  
*Wilson H.S. 4:30 p.m.*  
*Mount Tahoma H.S. 8 p.m.*  
*Both at Tacoma Dome*

13 **Updated**

High School Graduation  
*Oakland H.S.*  
6 p.m. *at Mount Tahoma H.S. Auditorium*

14 **Updated**

Flag Day  
High School Graduation  
*Foss H.S. 2:30 p.m.*  
*Stadium H.S. 5:30 p.m.*  
*Lincoln H.S. 8:30 p.m.*  
*All at Tacoma Dome*

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International Day of the African Child

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Father's Day

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First Day of Summer

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22 **Updated**

Last Day of School  
**Early Release**  
H.S. 10:50 a.m.  
M.S. 11:30 a.m.  
E.S. 12:15 p.m.

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Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

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**MultiCare**   
**Mary Bridge Children's Hospital** 

**Healthy Kids Message:**

Drowning is a leading cause of injury and death for Washington children. Always provide constant supervision with no distractions, wear a life jacket every time and only swim in designated areas.

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# AUGUST 2012

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**Healthy Kids Message:**  
Prepare your child for a new school year now. Get back to a routine with plenty of sleep, eat healthy meals, read every day, get vaccinated, exercise and visit their school and teacher.

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