

# Pinewood Panther School News



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"Better Together"

January 2021



## From the Principal:

Welcome Back Pinewood Families!

We are excited to start 2021 with you! We hope you can rejoice with us this Friday, January 8, from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m. in our drive-through New Year's Celebration. Many staff will be present to welcome in 2021 with you and we will be handing out noise makers and juice for toasting. We'd love to see you and connect even if it is at a distance.

I hope you had a restful Winter Break and were able to spend time with friends and loved ones - even if that looked a little different. I know ours was different, but we were grateful for our time together.

The first semester ends on January 29, which means many of our students will be taking STAR assessments in reading and math. This assessment adjusts as students answer questions correctly or incorrectly locating any gaps in learning, and helping our staff determine next steps in each student's learning. It is true these assessments will be used as a data point for grades. However, it is imperative that you not assist your student on their assessments. Helping them gives an inaccurate record of where they are and then our teachers cannot address your child's true needs. If you have any questions about these assessments, please reach out to your teacher.

As we begin 2021, I also hope you will consider joining our PTSA! Many of our PTSA board members will be leaving with their fifth graders at the end of the year, which will leave a huge gap. Our PTSA is amazing and does so much for the school. We truly need members to step up and keep leading us forward. If you are interested, please reach out to me and I'll put you in touch with our PTSA President Melissa Erwin.

As we move onto the second semester, please reach out to your students' teachers or our office if you have concerns or need assistance. We know that education is the key to a productive, successful and rich life and we are dedicated to supporting each of our Panthers in their education, as well as their social and emotional growth.

May 2021 bring you much happiness, good health, and treasured memories.

Warmly,  
Mica Harasek



We are still wearing our masks!

## Upcoming Dates

Friday, January 8, 2021  
New Year Celebration 3:30-4:00pm

Monday, January 18, 2021  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
No School

**Early Release Days**  
In addition to every Friday having early dismissal, Wednesday, January 27th and Thursday, January 28th are also early dismissal for Semester 1, grading days

Monday, February 1, 2021  
No School/Semester Break

**K-1 Families**  
Please watch for in person learning survey  
Monday, January 11, 2021

## Office Safety Protocols

Occupancy will be limited to one person at a time. Please wait outside if you see someone is already in the office.

Please call the main office from your car @ 360-965-1300. We will try to handle your needs from there.

Teachers will continue to leave work packets/supplies, in their marked carts outside the gym.

## Message from the Assistant Principal

Happy New Year Pinewood Families!

It feels wonderful to know that 2021 is here. I'm sure you too are thankful to say goodbye to 2020 and to look forward to a better new year for all. As the district continues to work toward an eventual return to in-person learning, I so look forward to meeting our Pinewood students in person and being able to see our wonderful students again.

There's nothing better than to be in a classroom buzzing with productive noise and excitement. As we begin our year with the distance learning format, I hope you too can take strength from this vision. Our teachers have been working hard to prepare for the end of this semester knowing there is still much to do as they continue to overcome the challenges of distance learning.

I know that with your support, we will be able to make it through this journey in supporting your kids together while they are at home and when they return. Your support has been so appreciated in this time of uncertainty.

Again, Happy New Year to all!

## Counselor Corner January 2021

Happy 2021 Pinewood Families!

As your student's school counselor I am serving **all** Panthers with the Lunch Bunch program, student self-referral and open office hours. Links to these services can be found in my [virtual school counseling office](#).

If your student is in **Kindergarten** or **1st** grade they may have learned Kelso's choices with me this year. The conflict resolution skills taught in [Kelso's choices](#) are great to use at home and at school.

I will teach a set of 5 safety lessons to **2nd** and **4th** graders starting the second week of January. More information is available here: [2nd grade families letter](#) and [4th grade families letter](#)

During the second semester I will run **small groups** that are focused on these four topics: family changes, focus, friendship, and study skills. If you would like me to consider your student for one of these groups please nominate them [here](#).

There are also **community resources** available to help families.

- Operation School Bell provides a bag of new clothing for children.
- Food For Thought provides a weekly bag of groceries for families.

Contact [martha\\_porteous@msd25.org](mailto:martha_porteous@msd25.org) or call 360-965-1366 to sign up for these programs.

## Health Room News and Information

As required by the Snohomish Health District, each person coming into the building must fill out a Health Screening form. Please complete the form prior to entry by going to this website: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScN2eOg9hX8SF6WUqy2SdLLTaL5IVnT>



Or scan this QR Code:

Upon arrival at the school, you will be expected to have your temperature checked, we will document the results, and you will attest to the fact that you have completed the required health screen on the sign-in form. Please follow all COVID-19 safety procedures, which includes wearing your mask and maintaining social distancing.



**Daily Symptom Tracker**

Parents are the most knowledgeable judge of their own child's health. Please use this visual checklist each day. If your child is experiencing any of these symptoms, please keep your child home.

Check temperature:  Uncontrolled cough  Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing 

Fatigue  Muscle or body aches  Severe headache especially with fever 

New loss of taste or smell  Sore throat  Congestion or runny nose 

Nausea or vomiting  Diarrhea  If they had close contact (within 6 ft for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19. 

CDC  For more helpful information, please visit the CDC's website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)



## Let's talk about ATTENDANCE!

We understand that remote learning may cause some challenges and we are here to help.

Attendance is taken daily and is based upon daily interactions with the teacher (which includes messages, emails, phone calls, and zoom lessons) and daily logins to Google Classroom. Attendance can also be verified by participation or completion in learning task or assignment.

If your child is going to be out, please call the 24-hour attendance line at: **360-965-1301** or email [lynda\\_liukko@msd25.org](mailto:lynda_liukko@msd25.org).

Within 5 days of your student's absence please do one of the Following:

- \* Email your teacher
- \* Email the office
- \* Call the attendance line
- \* Call the main office @360-965-1300

Pinewood Attendance

**H E R O**

HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



## Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

### Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?<sup>3</sup>



64%

of kids with good attendance in K and 1st (missed 9 or fewer days both years)



43%

of kids with at-risk attendance (missed more than 9 days both years)



4.1%

of kids chronically absent in K or 1st (missed 18 or more days one year)



1.7%

of kids chronically absent in K and 1st (missed 18 or more days both years)

<sup>3</sup> Attendance in Early Elementary Grades: Association with Student Characteristics, School Readiness and Third Grade Outcomes, Applied Survey Research. May 2011.

### How to check out Library Books:

Students will reserve their books remotely (Ms. Doty showed them on morning announcements). Students will reserve their books, and then every Wednesday you can pick them up and return read books, from 12:00—3:30, starting December 2nd.

- K-2 can check out 2 books
- 3-5 can check out 3 books

### Family Access in Skyward (<http://family.marysville.wa-k12.net>)

Family Access is a great way for parents and guardians to access your child's grades, view attendance, discipline, meal account activity, and update your personal information such as phone numbers or emergency contacts. In some cases, the district will post forms in Family Access that require viewing and/or a signature. Family Access is part of our student data system. Each account is private and viewable only to those who have approved credentials and a login and password. For the protection of our students, this cannot be done over the phone

- **Setting up a Family Access Account:** In order to set up an account for Family Access, you will need to have an email in your child(rens) records in the data system. This is typically added when you enrolled your child(ren) in school but can become outdated over time. Follow these steps to get connected:
- If you have not provided an email, please contact your child(rens) school office and provide them with parent/guardian email addresses.
- If you have an email but do not have your login information or you need to create an account, go to <https://www.ms25.org/o/district/page/skyward-family-access--38> and choose Family/Student login under the resource column.
- Click on the "forgot username or password" link and follow the steps.
- You can also connect to the Family Access App once you have an established account. Search "Family Access" on your smart phone App store.

### How do you monitor students work in Google Classroom?

There is a link on the students Google Classroom that says "**VIEW YOUR WORK**". The students/families can use this to get a list of assignments and their status. It links to the assignment, so they can go straight to it to finish it too.

### Pinewood's Values:

- Kindness
- Learning
- Passion
- Respect
- Teamwork



### Pinewood's Vision Statement:

Pinewood embraces having a growth mindset and taking risks to learn from our successes, challenges, and mistakes. We believe anything is possible and look for solutions with an adventurous spirit through strong teamwork.

### Pinewood's Mission Statement:

The Pinewood Elementary staff guides and inspires each student to grow into knowledgeable, responsible, compassionate, and resilient individuals.

### Quality Service Standards:

Pinewood has adopted and adheres to our District's [Quality Service Standards](#).

### Technology contact information

1. **Jason Ballew, Pinewood Technology Specialist:** 360-965-1326. Jason offers tech help for Pinewood families and staff between the hours of 8:40 to 9:40, and 1:30 to 2:55. This should be the first option that staff and families use.
2. **Marysville School District Tech Help:** 360-965-0190 operates between the hours 7 am - 1 pm.
3. **Chromebook Helpline:** 360-965-0200 is for assistance after 1 pm.

**Report It!** SafeSchools Alert reporting system lets students, staff & parents confidentially report safety concerns, including bullying, weapons & threats of violence.



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**Email:**

**1248@alert1.us**

**Text or Phone: 360 799-5414**

**Online: <http://1248.alert1.us>**

**For Emergencies call 911**