



## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### Calendar

**January 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Elementary &  
JH/HS Early  
Release

**January 14<sup>th</sup>**  
School Board  
Meeting

**January 18<sup>th</sup>**  
NO SCHOOL  
Martin Luther  
King Jr Day

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
Treaty Day

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**  
School Board  
Meeting

**January 29<sup>th</sup>**  
NO SCHOOL

Happy  
2021

### Attestation Form

In order for students to be on campus they are required to have an attestation form completed each quarter. The current form is due by January 11<sup>th</sup>. Please complete it using the following link, or by calling the school office.

<https://forms.gle/ESTTAoevz554oT4M9>

### Remote Learning Supplies

On December 14<sup>th</sup> the Mount Baker School District began distribution of remote learning school supplies. These items were specifically requested by the remote learning teachers, and are an important part of the lessons they are teaching. If you have not yet picked up these supplies for your remote learning students, please do so. They are available for pick up in the Kendall office from Monday – Friday, 8:00am to 4:00pm.

### Kendall Spirit Wear

Spirit Wear Sales will kick off January 10<sup>th</sup> and run through January 24<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Spirit week Feb 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>. All sales will be done online this year. Flyers will be sent home with kids next week with more information. For faster access to spirit wear sales links, spirit week info, and much more, like and follow Kendall PTA on Facebook.

[www.facebook.com/KendallPTA](http://www.facebook.com/KendallPTA)

### School Counselor Corner

Happy New Year! I hope that the adults in your household had some well-deserved relaxation over break, and your children got a chance to just play. This month we honor Martin Luther King Jr. who said, “Only when it’s dark enough can you see the stars.” After the challenging times we’ve collectively faced, and continue to face, his message of hope feels important.

I am lucky, as your elementary school counselor, to be constantly reminded of the natural joy and resilience of children. Today, in some zoom meetings with students both fully remote, and some attending hybrid, I asked students about what school things were making them happy right now. They said things like, “I get to do math and writing,” getting to “do races” outside at recess, and “Getting to learn new things, like science.” Some students said they liked doing work on Seesaw, many talked about liking art. Today a 1<sup>st</sup> grader said, “I’m excited about doing math and coloring in things.” These examples of students’ enthusiasm help keep me grounded and optimistic despite the challenges.

As always, if you would like to set up a time to meet, or set up a time for me to check in with your child, please email me at [jbeckel@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:jbeckel@mtbaker.wednet.edu). My direct, confidential office number is (360) 617-4404.

Take care,

Jane Beckel

Kendall Elementary School Counselor

### Wild Bird Charity Weekend Food Backpack Program

The weekend backpack program will provide a bag full of kid-friendly food for your child to take home and eat over the weekend. These bags will contain 2 dinners and snacks (as the Reverse the Bus program is already providing 7 breakfasts and 7 lunches daily).

Students who are participating in the hybrid learning in person can participate in the program.

If your Mount Baker School District student (K-12<sup>th</sup> grade) would like one of these bags please contact Maryann Welch, Family Services Coordinator at 360-685-6777 or [mwelch@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:mwelch@mtbaker.wednet.edu)

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### School Attendance During COVID

This year, some of our state attendance guidelines have been different due to COVID-19 and remote learning. Here are some helpful guidelines for understanding attendance during the pandemic:

#### What do I do if my child isn't feeling well?

- Contact the office to excuse an absence when your child is not feeling well and will not be attending school (in-person or on-line)
  - Phone: 360-383-2055
  - Email: [kendallsec@mtbaker.wednet.edu](mailto:kendallsec@mtbaker.wednet.edu)

#### Hybrid Students

- **What counts as attendance?**
  - Attending school in-person on their cohort days.
  - Completing assigned work and/or attending a Zoom meeting on their off-campus days.
- **When should I keep my child home from school?**
  - If they have a temperature of 100.4 or more.
  - Frequent coughing and/or sneezing that is not associated with allergies or asthma.
  - If they are vomiting, have diarrhea and/or a sudden change in appetite.

- **What if my child is not well enough to attend school in person but is feeling well enough to complete online work?**

- With the current attendance guidelines, we are able to go back up to 5 school days to change an absence to "Present" based on student work completion.

#### Remote Students

- **What counts as attendance?**
  - Attending Zoom meetings, completing assigned work and/or attending teacher office hours.
- **What if my child is a remote student and misses a Zoom meeting but is feeling well enough to complete work?**
  - With the current attendance guidelines, we are able to go back up to 5 school days to change an absence to "Present" based on student work completion.

If you have any questions about attendance guidelines, please contact Lindy Jewell, our Attendance Secretary, or [Erica Rasmussen](#), our Assistant Principal.

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