



Calendar

February 11th
School Board Meeting

February 12th
NO SCHOOL

February 15th
NO SCHOOL
President's Day

February 22nd – 26th
Spirit Week

February 25th
School Board Meeting



Extended School Day

Beginning February 8th, hybrid students will attend school from 9:00 – 2:30. Teacher and cohort assignments remain the same. Breakfast will continue to be provided upon arrival. With the new schedule, we are happy to add lunch and recess to the students' day, with appropriate social distancing and safety precautions in place. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for outside recess, including a warm coat with their name written in it.

Inclement Weather

In the event of inclement weather, closure information will be available on our school website. You may also visit www.flashalert.net/id/Mt.BakerSD to sign up for direct e-mails and/or to download FlashAlert Messenger App to iPhone or Android. Robocalls and emails will also be sent if there is a district-wide remote day or a cancellation of school.

If there is inclement weather without substantial power outages, we will conduct school remotely and students will be expected to attend. If there is inclement weather with substantial power outages, school will be canceled.

There will be no late starts for the remainder of this school year, but we may need to use snow routes.

School Counseling Corner

Hello, this is Jane Beckel, Kendall's School Counselor.

This week is *National School Counseling Week*. One of my goals for the school counseling program is to help students learn new skills to succeed. I often focus on perseverance and resilience - which are particularly important during all of the current challenges in our nation and the world. This month, I'll be teaching a unit in a classroom focused on helping students identify their strengths and abilities, understand qualities like integrity, effort and dependability, and how they connect with school and future work, connect school subjects with future career ideas, and helping students write some short-term goals. I am sure looking forward to helping students think about their "future selves."

I have also been reflecting on how important teamwork is in providing hope and support to students, and how collaboration with teachers, paraeducators, administrators and you family members is crucial in this work.

Thank you. I am lucky to work with your students and you.

Take care,
Jane Beckel
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(360) 617-4404

Library News

Both Hybrid and Remote students have access to fabulous reads from their school and local libraries!

Hybrid students can request books from their own school library by logging in to [Destiny Discover](#). Students can search for books and place holds which will be delivered straight to their classrooms!

Remote AND Hybrid students can log in to Whatcom County Library System at wcls.org, search for books, place holds and pick them up using curbside pickup at a local county library of their choice.

Login information for both options are the same:
Username: mb then student number (ex. mb123456)
Password: 1234

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Parent/Caregiver Support Resources

Are you a parent or caregiver? How are you doing? Would you like some support or how about just a visit? Would it feel good to have a person connected to resources stop by to learn more about you and your family's needs? A group of community organizations are working together to understand more about how we can support you in doing all the good we know you already do as a caring parent. Who are we? We are folks with Common Threads who are part of the work done usually at your local school. This new project is just getting rolling, but we know this newsletter only comes around once awhile, so if you'd like to learn more, please fill out your contact information here or call to speak with the EWRRRC staff at 360-599-3944. [Preliminary interest survey](#) for East County residents.

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Pandemic-EBT

Pandemic-EBT was approved for the 2020-21 school year and will be distributed to families in February or March. *What is Pandemic-EBT?* Most families who already receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

benefits, also known as SNAP or Basic Food in Washington state, and whose children already receive free or reduced-price meals do not need to apply. The [P-EBT benefits](#) – a one-time amount up to \$399 per eligible child in each household – automatically will be deposited onto existing EBT cards. Families that do not have an EBT card will be mailed a P-EBT card to the last address they have on file with their school. It is important that they provide updated mailing addresses.

All families with students enrolled in free/reduced school meals will automatically get P-EBT added to their card. This includes all families and students at Kendall since we are a provision II school.

Public Charge rule does not apply to P-EBT benefits and will not impact immigration status.

Spirit Week

Spirit week is nearly here (Feb. 22nd – 26th); look for fliers coming home with hybrid students and announcements from your remote teachers about what to expect. We would like to express a huge THANK YOU to all of you who were able to purchase spirit wear this year – the sales were on par with years' past, which was an unexpected (wonderful) surprise! We look forward to seeing you in your new gear for Cougar Day!

Garden Coordinator Needed

The Mount Baker School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs or activities and provides equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups. District programs and activities will be free from sexual harassment. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Mary Sewright, Superintendent. PO Box 95, Deming WA 98244 (360) 383-2000.

Kendall News Continued...

Kendall Elementary needs a garden coordinator. As of now, there is no one in this role. There are several people willing to support, so you would not be alone in this position but without a coordinator the garden is suffering.

What is a Garden Coordinator?

The Kendall Garden coordinator is a role within the Kendall PTA that supports food and garden education.

What are the duties of the Garden Coordinator?

The Garden Coordinator is responsible for maintaining the garden space for classroom education to take place, organize garden work parties, manage the garden systems (soil, compost, watering, plants, pests, etc.), work closely with Common Threads educators, and represent the garden at the PTA meetings.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Kendall PTA at kendallpta2015@gmail.com or via the Kendall PTA Facebook page www.Facebook.com/KendallPTA/

PTA Board Members

Kendall PTA needs people to serve on the board for next year. All parents, teachers, and staff are welcome (and encouraged) to inquire! If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Kendall PTA at kendallpta2015@gmail.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KendallPTA/ for more information. Inquiring is not a promise to serve, so please don't hesitate to ask questions.

Free School Meals through June 2021

Why Should My Family Take Advantage of this???

- They are FREE & help you stretch your household food budget!
- They save you time & are available in school and even on virtual learning days!
- They make the school day seem a little more NORMAL...and who can't use a little normal these days???
- You are helping to sustain jobs & the local economy!
- They are delicious, nutritious, fun & convenient!
- They are **FREE** for **all kids** through June 2021.

