

THUNDERBIRD NEWS



TOTEM MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Totem Middle School Families,

Going into December, it is hard to believe that there are only six weeks left of the semester. Second semester begins January 29th, 2018. You can help your students remain academically focused by working with your student's teachers and checking Skyward Family Access frequently to view up to date information on grades and attendance.

One of the most important ways that families can support student learning is by ensuring students maintain consistent and regular attendance. Once your student is here, we are now offering an after school tutorial (Tuesday and Thursday 3:00-4:00pm) in the SOAR room for those who would like additional academic support as well as in most classrooms until 3:10pm. Off of campus there are also opportunities at Irma's Way every Tuesday and Thursday, more information on page 2. Please take advantage of these opportunities to support student learning. If your student does stay for an after school tutorial, please make sure that he or she is picked up promptly as our school building closes at 3:45pm.

Lastly, on behalf of the entire staff at Totem Middle School, I wish you and your family a joyful holiday season filled with warm memories. Best wishes for good health and happiness in 2018. I look forward to seeing everyone on January 3rd, 2018 when classes resume in the New Year!

A handwritten message in red ink that says "Happy Holidays" in a cursive script.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Angela Collins".

SCHOOL HOURS 8:15am - 2:50pm

FRIDAY EARLY RELEASE 8:15am - 12:50pm

1605 7TH STREET MARYSVILLE 98270 MAIN OFFICE (360)965-0500

TO REPORT AN ABSENCE PLEASE CALL (360)965-0501

ANGELA COLLINS, PRINCIPAL

RUSS WILSTERMAN, ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

LEA LEGARE, DEAN OF STUDENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

12/19 Early Release, 12:50pm
12/20-1/2/18 NO SCHOOL!
12/21-1/2 District Office Closed
1/5 Early Release, 12:50pm
1/12 Early Release, 12:50pm
1/15 MLK Day No School
1/17 PTSA Meeting, 6:00pm
1/19 Early Release, 12:50pm
1/24-1/26 Early Release Finals, 12:50pm
1/26 End of 1st Semester
1/29 No School

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IRMA'S WAY: IRMA'S WAY AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING/MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITY

This program is available for students who need additional support, may have experienced significant trauma, could be considered an At Risk Youth, and/or have been unsuccessful in Totem's after school programs.

WHERE: 1412 8th Street Marysville 98270 (*across the street from Totem*)

WHEN: Every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:00-5:00pm (*starting January 9th*)

WHAT: Study groups, homework help, assistance with projects and reports, Wifi available for Chromebooks, support for homeless youth and families (including showers and laundry services).

WHY: gain self confidence, strengthen attendance/goals/grades, create sustainable relationships, peer networking/self management skills.

CONTACT: Lynn Reid 425-760-6076 or Deanna Bashour 360-965-0049 for more information and permission slips.

This is not a district sponsored program, transportation is not currently available.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.

FRIENDLY REMINDER:

As the weather starts to cool, please remember:
Blankets are not allowed at school. Please remember to dress appropriately for weather changes as you prepare for school.

THUNDERBIRD SCHOOL

Thunderbird Thursdays are back! Every Thursday wear your favorite Totem spirit gear and show your school spirit!

On school spirit days: 6th grade wears white, 7th wears red, and 8th grade black.

SOAR LIKE A THUNDERBIRD!

SAFE
ORGANIZED
ACHIEVING
RESPECTFUL



NO SLIME ZONE!

We have many students experimenting with SLIME creations. Due to property damage, allergies and classroom distractions, students are being asked to put slime away and leave it at home.

WHO IS YOUR STUDENT'S COUNSELOR?

Sandra Madrigal **(A-K)** (360)965-0521

sandra_madrigal@msvl.k12.wa.us

Adolfo Hinojosa **(L-Z)** (360)965-0520

adolfo_hinojosa@msvl.k12.wa.us



Students, please use your Chromebook to sign up to see your counselor.

Parents and guardians, please email or call our school to speak to your student's counselor.

Thank you!

SAFE SCHOOLS

If you are in immediate danger or your tip is in regards to a life-threatening emergency, call 911!

To report an unsafe situation anonymously:

Call or text your message to (360)799-5414

Online at: <https://1248.alert1.us>

Email: 1248@alert1.us

RESOURCES

FAMILIES AND STUDENTS

Care Crisis Line (425)258-4357

24 Hour Crisis Line (800)584-3578

National Suicide Prevention

(800)273-TALK (800)273-8255

Chat available via the web at:

www.866teenlink.org

TOTEM SPORTS FROM OUR ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Winter sports are in full swing at Totem! Check out our Facebook page @TotemMiddle for scores, photos, and videos of events and games!

Our second winter sports season is starting January 22nd:

Girls Basketball and Wrestling.

Please sign up through Family Access in SKYWARD and be sure you have had a physical in the last two years and filed paperwork with our Athletic Director.

Adam Edinger: adam_edinger@msd25.org

NonDiscrimination Statement.

Marysville School District will provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without discrimination based on 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, or mental or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the Executive Director of Human Resources, Title IX RCW 28.A.640; the Athletics Coordinator, Affirmative Action Officer; the Executive Director of Categorical Programs, Section 504 Coordinator; and the Executive Director of Special Education, ADA Coordinator. Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270. Email: hr@msvl.k12.wa.us. Telephone: 360-965-0000. Marysville School District is a drug- and tobacco-free workplace.

NEW BOOKS IN THE THUNDERBIRD LIBRARY

“Quicksand Pond”, J. T. Lisle

Call#: F LIS

The pond is called Quicksand Pond. It's a shadowy, hidden place, full of chirping, shrieking, croaking life. It's where, legend has it, people disappear. It's where scrappy Terri Carr lives with her no-good family. And it's where twelve-year-old Jessie Kettel is reluctantly spending her summer vacation.



BOX TOPS

Support education and your local schools by clipping Box Tops from your favorite grocery items and bring them to your schools! All money collected goes towards ASB sponsored events such as: Student Recognition, Assemblies, Athletic Equipment, Field Day, Dances, Campus Improvement, Guest Speakers, Field Trips, Technology, and so much more!

“The Stars Beneath Our Feet”, D.B. Moor

Call#: F MOO

It's Christmas Eve in Harlem, but twelve-year-old Lolly Rachpaul and his mom aren't celebrating. They're still reeling from his older brother's death in a gang-related shooting just a few months earlier. Then Lolly's mother's girlfriend brings him a gift that will change everything: two enormous bags filled with Legos. Lolly's always loved Legos, and he prides himself on following the kit instructions exactly. Now, faced with a pile of building blocks and no instructions, Lolly must find his own way forward.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Occasionally we take photographs of students for use in District or school produced publications or for use in the news or media. If you do not wish to grant permission, please check the appropriate box on the emergency card your student brings home from school or let our administrators know in writing.

8TH GRADE BABY PICTURES

Do you want your baby picture in the yearbook?

- Turn your pictures into Ms. Lothian in room 06 or her mailbox
- Pictures should vary from 6 months- 3 years old



VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for sharing your time and energy with the students and staff of Marysville School District. We look forward to seeing you at Totem!

Please visit our District website or stop by our school office to complete a Volunteer Application Form. Volunteer status is good for two years and you must undergo a Washington State Patrol Criminal History Review. Please contact our office to verify your status if you've been previously approved.



BUS PASS PROCEDURES

If your student is going home on a bus with a friend or getting off at a stop that is not their normal route, a parent or guardian must send a note with your student that day, phone calls will not be accepted. The student will need to bring their note to the front office to receive an official transportation pass. Bus drivers will not allow students to ride unusual routes without a school pass.

MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

MSD requires a new request for the administration of medication to be completed each year. This applies to both prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Please request a parent and doctor permission form or independent medical form.

We need your student's prescription medication to be brought in with the original container with pharmacy label. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Health Room Assistant in person or at (360)965-0510.

CONTACTING STAFF

We encourage you to log-in through Family Access in SKYWARD if you would like to contact a teacher or staff member via email.

STUDENT INFORMATION NEEDED

Did your family move, get a new phone number, or was there a change in custodial arrangements over the summer? Maybe your TMS student's sibling got a driver's license and you want them to pick up their brother or sister for appointments, etc. All these changes and any others need to be updated with your school's main office. Please stop by for a new emergency card or send a written note to school with changes. These notes must be signed by a parent or guardian.

We will not release any student without verifying that the person picking the student up is on **his/hers file as a guardian or emergency contact**. For your student's safety, we ask for picture identification whenever you request to pick them up during the school day. **Student safety is our main concern!**