

# Pinewood Panther School News



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"Better Together"

October 2021

## From the Principal:

Welcome Back Pinewood Families!

We just finished the first month of the 2021-22 school year! Nothing brings us more joy than welcoming our students to in-person learning after an unprecedented year and a half. Our halls and classrooms are buzzing with excitement!

We are working hard to ensure your student can learn in a safe and welcoming learning environment. Our district has developed a comprehensive COVID Family Handbook linked on our website. Pinewood also put together a short 21/22 Guidelines document to help you with arrival, drop offs, and procedures unique to us. Within these informationals, you will find the need for all students to wear a mask while indoors at school- we have plenty of extra masks in case your student forgets their mask or needs a new one.

I want to thank you for your patience as we fine-tune our arrival and dismissal procedures. We have an unprecedented number of families driving to school this year.

For arrivals it would be very helpful if your student is fully masked and has their backpack in hand when exiting the car as soon as they enter the parking lot.

As for our dismissals, we have gotten our time down to 20 minutes and under. It would be helpful if you (1) make sure your student knows how they are going home each day, and stay as consistent as possible (2) communicate this as soon as possible to the office and your teacher (3) if your student is a car pick up set the expectation that they are watching for you at the end of the day and listening for their name to be called (4) continue to have the placard up high and visible so we can call kiddos up. As we get to know students and their cars this will improve even more.

We have several staff changes this year so check out our website! Together, we are excited to welcome you and your student(s) onto your campus, answer questions, and support your student(s) in their learning journey.

From all of us at Pinewood, welcome to the 2021-22 school year!

Warmly,

Principal Mica Harasek



## Upcoming Dates

October 8th  
No School

October 19th & 20th  
Fall SBA Testing 4th & 5th Grade

October 25th-November 8th  
Fall Fundraiser

October 25th  
Picture Retakes

November 1st-5th  
Fall Conferences

November 11th  
Veterans Day/No School

November 25th-26th  
Thanksgiving



Early Release Fridays

2:05 PM

## SBA Update

State testing will occur twice this year. Once in the fall and then again in the spring.

For fall testing, only 4th & 5th grade will be testing at the elementary level and they will be taking a shorter test at one grade level below. So 4th graders will be taking the 3rd grade Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) and 5th graders will be taking the 4th grade SBA. This test will take two days and comes in two sections: English Language Arts (ELA) and Math.

We will test ELA on Tuesday, October 19, and Math will be on Wednesday, October 20. The test is slated to take 65-70 minutes. The finish time will be up to teacher discretion and any students who have not finished on these two days will be able to go to an alternative room to complete their test. There is no time limit.

Please make every effort to get your rested student to school on time with a full stomach on October 19 and 20. However, if they cannot make it our makeup days for the fall will be October 21, 26, and 27. We can test all the way through November 10 if necessary.

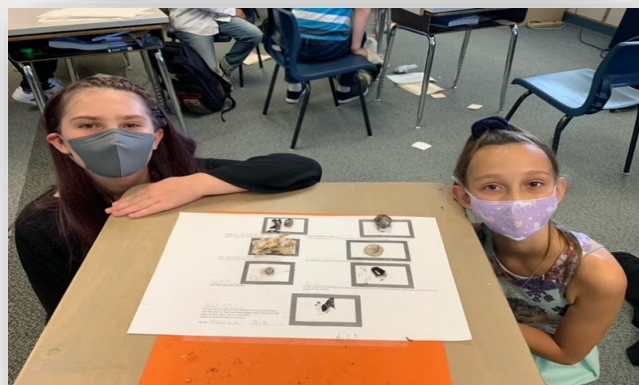
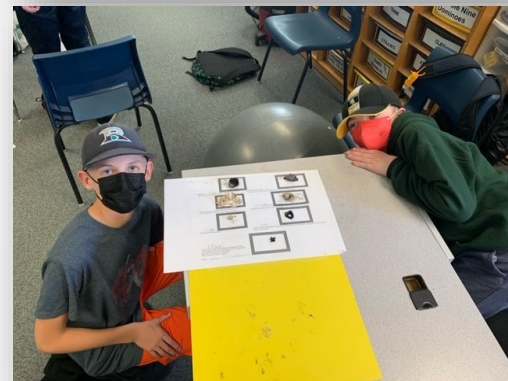
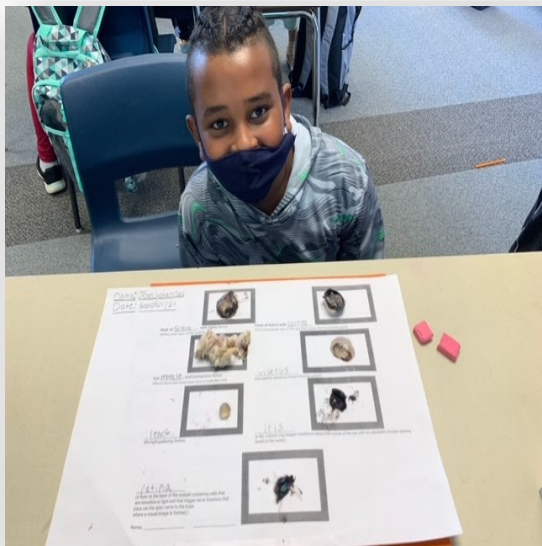
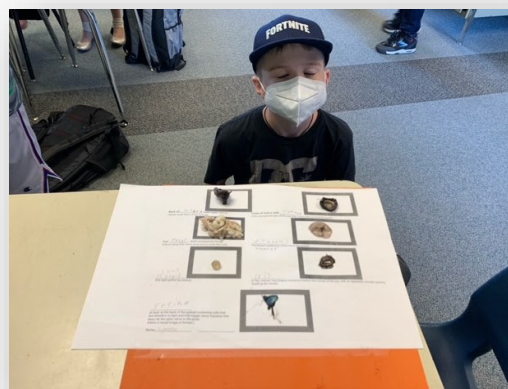
The spring tests will include the full SBA, which has four parts, and the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science. In the spring, our third through fifth graders will test. This will occur in April / May and we'll send more information as that time draws near.

## Assistant Principal Corner

Dear Pinewood Families,

Welcome and welcome back to the Assistant Principal corner. This corner is one of the places you can learn about the wonderful things students are learning in their classrooms and around campus.

For example, did you know that some of our students have been dissecting sheep eyeballs! In fact Mr. Perkins' students learned about the different parts of the eye by separating out the sclera, optic nerve, retina, vitreous humor, Iris, lemons, and cornea. If you look closely at the pictures here, you will find that each student further identified the function of each of these parts and laid them out on a display board. The students are quite proud of this work, and we are grateful that they have shared their new knowledge with us. Fun fact: Did you know the four main jobs within the optical field include optician, optometrist, ophthalmologist and orthoptist?



Marian Gonzales  
Pinewood Assistant Principal



## Counselor Corner October 2021

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

[martha\\_porteous@msd25.org](mailto:martha_porteous@msd25.org) or call 360-965-1366

### Counselor Corner by Martha Porteous

In October and November I will be in Kinder and 1st grade classes teaching Kelso's Choice. These lessons teach skills for solving social problems at school and at home. In these lessons, students will learn:

- The difference between big and small problems.
- When to get help from an adult.
- 9 problem solving techniques.

Parents of all students are encouraged to go to <https://kelsoschoice.com/free-resources/for-parents/> (qr code below) for more information about this program. Contact me if you have any questions about this unit!



[Click here for Pinewood's counseling resources](#)

Martha Porteous

### Halloween Update

There will be no Halloween classroom parties or festivities due to COVID-19 and equity. More communication coming from the District soon.



Let's talk about **ATTENDANCE!**

*If your child is late, please have them go straight to the office to check in .*

### Pinewood Elementary Student Leave

All family leave situations **must** be pre-approved by the principal. This would include vacations, out-of-town, funerals, family business, etc. Please send your requests in at least 1 week in advance to allow time for approval. Forms are available in the Main Office.

If you child is absent, please do one of the

Following:

- \* **Email your teacher**
- \* **Email the office**
- \* **Call the attendance line @ 360-965-1301**
- \* **Call the main office @360-965-1300**

Pinewood Attendance

**H E R O**

**HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME**





### 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.msd25.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.

### Bike Riders

Mr. Richards will start checking bikes to make sure they have a registration tag on them. So double check with your bike riders to make sure they have turned in a registration form (located in the Student Handbook or office).

If a student needs a tag see Mr. Richards. Also, turn in all bicycle registration forms to Mr. Richards.



### Lost And Found

Lost and found items can be found in the gym.  
All lost & found items will be packed up the end of each month.  
All goods go to the Good Will on the last day of the month.



Check the  
Lost & Found  
All items donated  
at the end of the month

### Zones of Regulation

This is a video explaining Zones of Regulation as well as two coping tools students can use (breathing and affirmation) Zones of Regulation is something we want to start aligning K-12.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LRDvV5E2yke87UezXrsZ5b-6C9b3H3Ic/view?usp=sharing>

<https://www.msd25.org/page/social-emotional-mental-health-supports>

### Dogs at School?

Please do not bring your dog to school when picking up your students.

Only certified service animals are permitted on District properties.



### PAY ONLINE

Marysville School District's Point of Sale system has made it easy for families to pay for lunches, field trips, fines etc. without a transaction fee. This system is called Touch-Base and utilizes the same login as assigned to you for Skyward Family Access.

The login page may be found at: <http://payments.msd25.org/>

If you need help with your login, please feel free to contact our office.

## Health Room News and Information

### HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Our schools are opened this fall with 100% in-person teaching and learning and we are excited to welcome each of our students back to school! In order to make sure that we can provide in-person instruction, we must follow the requirements set out by Governor Inslee and the Washington State Health Department. These requirements include a variety of protections related to masking, social distancing, isolation, and quarantine rules. Most notably, students and staff will be required to wear masks while indoors to start the year. Please be assured we will continue to monitor the guidance from OSPI and the [WA State Department of Health](#) and will notify families and staff of any changes.

#### COVID-19 Health and Safety Handbook

##### COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

- Fever/Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath/Difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle/Body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste/smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion/Runny nose
- Nausea/vomiting & diarrhea



#### 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](#).



#### **Report It!**

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

**Email: [1248@alert1.us](mailto:1248@alert1.us)**

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

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

**For Emergencies call 911**

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