# Pinewood Panther School News



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November 2021

"Better Together"

# From the Principal:

Hello Pinewood Families.

Another month has flown by and the academic growth we have seen in students is remarkable! That is a true reflection of the care you and our staff provide all the time!

During the month of October, we also had picture day. This month we are engaging in our Scholastic Book Fair, which will continue through November 15, and doing our PTSA fundraiser!

We have Veteran's Day coming up and look forward to celebrating our families and staff who have served our country. We will honor them by decorating our campus with hearts of recognition. Watch for something coming home soon.

Thanksgiving break will be here before you know it as well. During this time, I like to spend time thinking about what I am thankful for which includes my family, our staff, and all of our students. I appreciate our partnership with all of you and absolutely love seeing students' faces each day.

You may hear more about our new math curriculum, i-Ready, and the curriculum we've had in previous years, including Mystery Science, reading through Ready Gen (or Nat Geo for kindergarten), and writing activities students have had throughout the last few months. All our students learn to write a narrative story, an informational paper, and an opinion piece. We are always using engaging ways to grow our brains!

I continue to express my gratitude for each of our Pinewood Panthers, staff, and for you. We appreciate your partnership throughout the year and look forward to another incredible month on campus!

Warmly, Principal Harasek



# Upcoming Dates

October 25th-November 8th
Fall Fundraiser

November 1st-5th Fall Conferences Early release 12:30 PM

November 2nd Book Fair 2:30-7:30 PM

November 11th Veteran's Day/No School

November 24th Early Release 12:30 PM

November 25th-26th Thanksgiving /No School



Sunday, November 7th

Daylight Savings Time

Ends

Early Release Fridays 2:05 PM





## Assistant Principal Corner

## November 2021

Dear Pinewood Families,

Your students are learning amazing things at Pinewood! In this week's principal corner, I caught up with Ms. Perrine's 4th grade class busily designing and engineering cars. The students were working with Mrs. Eastman, Pinewood's STEAM teacher on a very practical problem, build a car model that actually moves on its own. As Mrs. Perrine's student, Jocelyn, explained, they worked in groups to come up with three different designs. Each part was drawn and labeled. The group then had to choose which of the 3 they would build. Alina, one of her team members, further explained that they were required to use sticks, straws, plastic cup tops, and a balloon. The challenge was to make the car move with the axel rolling freely. We are happy to report that the students were successful in meeting their challenge.



















Marian Gonzales

Pinewood Assistant Principal





## Counselor Corner November 2021

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

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 <a href="https://kelsoschoice.com/free-resources/for-parents/">https://kelsoschoice.com/free-resources/for-parents/</a> (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

Marysville school district offers parenting support for families on the topics of engagement and mental health called The Parent Bootcamp Series.

Check out the flier for these free supports here.

Martha Porteous



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

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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 <a href="https://www.msd25.org/o/district/page/skyward-family-access--38">https://www.msd25.org/o/district/page/skyward-family-access--38</a> 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.

HIV/AIDS and Growth and Development units.

Beginning in  $5^{th}$  grade, students receive yearly instruction in HIV/AIDS, its transmission and its prevention. In addition, Marysville School District's health curriculum includes a unit on Growth and Development. The units are designed to help students understand their changing bodies.

Any parent can opt out by completing the attached form.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1819kSAckD4aBOa8OQ0Vf5kXgB0n1xEBQ/edit?usp=sharing\_eil\_m&rtpof=true&sd=true&ts=617811f3

#### 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.



#### 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.

hhttps://drive.google.com/file/d/1LRDvV5E2yke87UezXrsZ5b-6C9b3H3lc/view?usp=sharing

ttps://www.msd25.org/page/social-emotional-mental-health-supports

#### 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.



## 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: <a href="http://payments.msd25.org/">http://payments.msd25.org/</a>

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 <u>WA State Department of Health</u> 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

Text or Phone: 360 799-5414 Online: http://1248.alert1.us

For Emergencies call 911

Non-Discrimination Statement: Marysville School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to address questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator - Gregg Kuehn, Risk Management Supervisor, gregg\_kuehn@msd25.org, 360-965-0110; Title IX Officer – Tracy Souza, Executive Director of Human Resources, tracy\_souza@msd25.org, 360-965-0071; Section 504 Coordinator, Andrea Wyatt, Director of Categorical Programs, andrea\_wyatt@msd25.org, 360-965-0053; ADA Coordinator – Brad Roden, Director of Secondary Special Education, brad\_roden@msd25.org, 360-965-0175. Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270. Website: www.msd25.org Marysville School District is a drug- and tobacco-free workplace. You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Civil Rights Coordinator, listed above. You also have the right to file a complaint. Note: Policies that address this issue are policy 3210 "Non-Discrimination" & 5010 – "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action." These Policies are available online at www.md25.org, at your school, or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.