

# Pinewood Panther School News



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**December 2021**

"Better Together"

## From the Principal:

Pinewood Families,

Welcome to December! The holiday season is a time of gratitude, and it's also a time for all of us to purposefully appreciate the great things we have in our lives, such as our children and how inspiring they can be. As we head into the month of December and the holiday season, I see many things at Pinewood that makes me thankful to be here working with your children. They inspire me daily and make Pinewood a place I want to be.

- ◆ I appreciate how your children demonstrate respect and kindness to each other.
- ◆ I appreciate how your children care for and support each other making us "Better Together"!
- ◆ I appreciate the passion and excitement for learning your children bring to class.

Families, I also would like to thank you for your incredible partnership with us to ensure that your children are coming to school every day, ready to learn, and engaged so that they have successful experiences. I constantly hear students expressing how much they love being at school, which is a significant indicator of your modeling. Thank you!

Pinewood is always here to support our families, and we know the long-term impact of COVID may have affected some in securing basic needs like food and shelter. Please reach out to us if you need any help or access to basic needs during the holiday season. We are always willing to discuss all options and possible resources. You can reach out to our school counselor Martha Porteous or to me.

Please take the time to enjoy the winter holiday season with your loved ones. And as a reminder, Friday, December 17 will be a regular early-release Friday, dismissal at 12:30 p.m. Winter Break will be December 20 through December 31.

Again, what a joy and pleasure it is to have your children at Pinewood every day. I wish you all the best in the holiday season.

Warmly,  
Principal Mica Harasek



**Happy Holidays!**

### Upcoming Dates

December 17th  
Early Release 12:30 p.m.

December 20th-31st  
Winter Break/No School

January 17th  
Martin Luther King Jr Day  
No School

February 18th  
No School

February 21st  
President's Day/No School

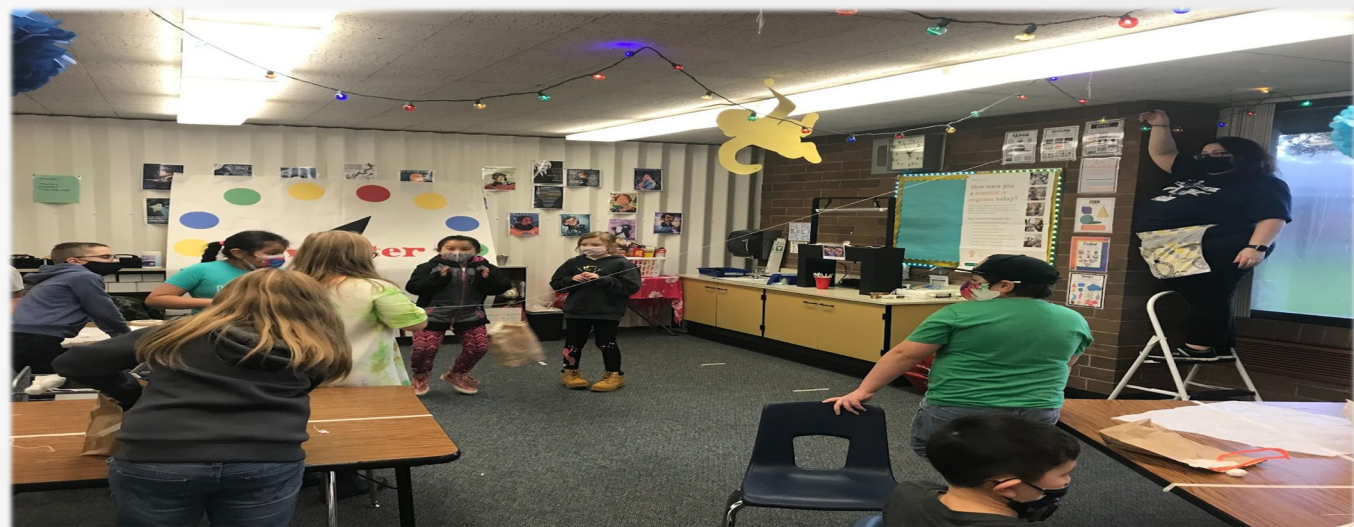
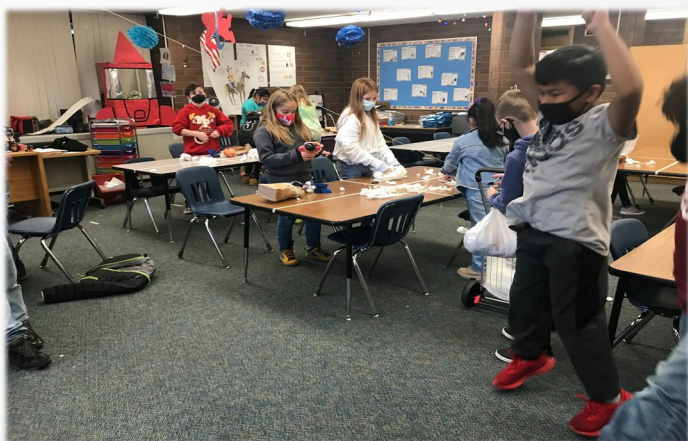
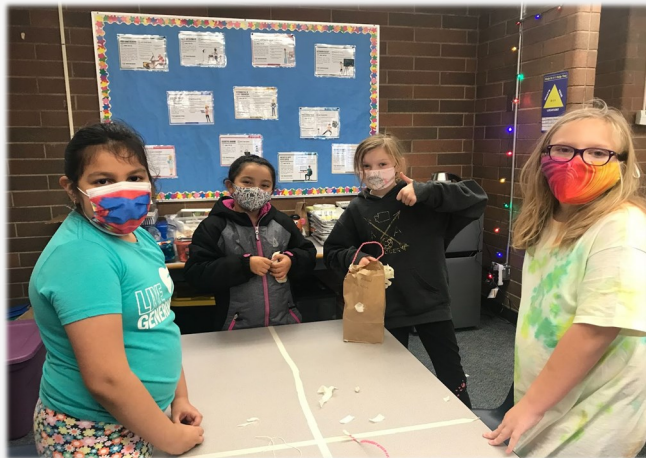
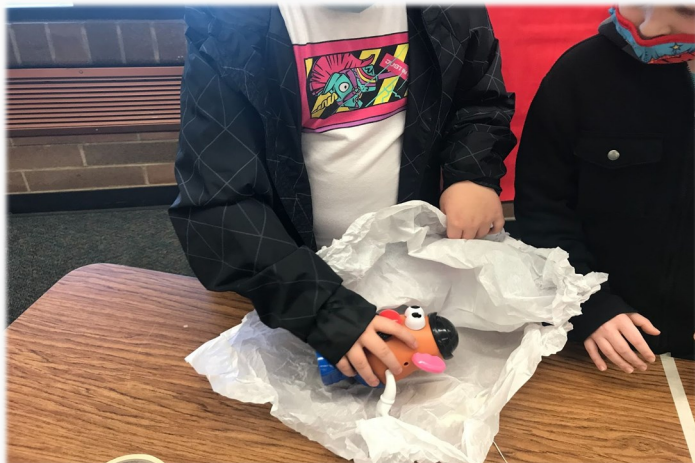


**December 17th  
Early Release 12:30 p.m.**

Assistant Principal Corner  
Pinewood Elementary  
December 2021

Dear Families:

In this week's principal corner, Ms. Brisbin's third-grade class was learning about the forces of gravity and drag as they created a vessel that would carry Mr. Potato head to safety while riding down a zipline! Once a group was successful in using a paper bag as a vessel, they were challenged to not use that bag. The students took on the challenge and many made a second carrier that worked just as well. As you can see, student cheers and a few dance moves became indicators of victory and celebration. Students learned concepts such as gravity, air resistance, and friction as they worked to develop vessels that would carry their potato head safely to the bottom of a zipline. Next, students will learn more about these scientific concepts through their analysis of hand gliders. What a great way to learn about gravity, friction, and drag! Congratulations, Ms. Brisbin's third grade scientists and engineers.





## Counselor Corner December 2021

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

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### Counselor Corner by Martha Porteous

From December to February I will be teaching lessons in all 2nd and 4th grade classrooms. These lessons will focus on social inclusion/ problem solving and child safety. If you have a child in 2nd or 4th grade please check their Monday envelope for a more detailed letter

If you have an application for Operation School Bell, please return it to Pinewood soon! I will bring our final round of applications to Operation School Bell early in the new year.

[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 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**

*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.



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(ren)s 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(ren)s 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.ms25.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.

### HIV/AIDS and Growth and Development units.

Beginning in 5<sup>th</sup> 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](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.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LRDvV5E2yke87UezXrsZ5b-6C9b3H3lc/view?usp=sharing>  
<https://www.ms25.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.



Check the  
Lost & Found  
All items donated  
at the end 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: <http://payments.ms25.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



**REMINDER for staff and families:** If you or your child is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or generally not feeling well, stay home, report the absence, and complete the COVID Health and Symptom Reporting form at <https://bit.ly/MSDHealthReportingForm2021>

The health room is in desperate need of children's pants and sweatshirts. If you have any used clothing you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office. If your child has borrowed clothing, please have them return them.

Thank you kindly,  
Mrs. Nemra



### 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

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](mailto:gregg_kuehn@msd25.org), 360-965-0110; Title IX Officer – Tracy Souza, Executive Director of Human Resources, [tracy\\_souza@msd25.org](mailto:tracy_souza@msd25.org), 360-965-0071; Section 504 Coordinator, Andrea Wyatt, Director of Categorical Programs, [andrea\\_wyatt@msd25.org](mailto:andrea_wyatt@msd25.org), 360-965-0053; ADA Coordinator – Brad Roden, Director of Secondary Special Education, [brad\\_roden@msd25.org](mailto:brad_roden@msd25.org), 360-965-0175. Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270. Website: [www.msd25.org](http://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.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.org), at your school, or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.