

Pinewood Panther School News



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"Better Together"

February 2022

From the Principal:

Hello Pinewood Families,

"The capacity to learn is a gift; the ability to learn is a skill; the willingness to learn is a choice." -Brian Herbert

This is a quote from Washington author Brian Herbert that I believe speaks to the many learning opportunities provided at Pinewood Elementary to better our students for their future. Being responsible for your learning is an expectation and philosophy at Pinewood. For academics, the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) are the roadmap to teaching and learning and our staff are working effortlessly in its implementation.

To make sure our students are hitting their target, the CCSS, we consistently assess students to see what their specific learning needs are. We just finished the i-Ready and STAR assessments to see where each student is in math and literacy. Students who speak two languages at home are currently taking the WIDA, an English language proficiency test given annually to make sure we are supporting all students. Also, our teachers and students are starting to prepare for the Smarter Balanced Test, which will be administered to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students this year during the month of May. We will be sending the Smarter Balanced Assessment Calendar as it is completed and approved sometime in March. This assessment helps us as a school see where our gaps are and how we can improve as educators.

At Pinewood, we continue to extend our professional learning and student achievement with our School Improvement Plan and collaboration opportunities, because if we grow then students grow. Currently we are focusing heavily on phonics and phonemics around the new Dyslexia law implemented in Washington State, as well as reading strategies, and learning our new math curriculum.

I want to thank our hard working teachers and staff for their on-going dedication to learning and to the care for our children. Teachers are working hard to teach students to be advocates of their own learning to the best of their potential. Grade levels are meeting on a regular basis to review student performance on assessments and make good instructional decisions for our students. Our support staff makes Pinewood run in a way that is positive for our students and families. February is a great time to reflect on learning. Please make it a priority to say thank you to our teachers and staff for all the hard work they do.

Lastly, Pinewood Families, thank you for your continued partnership!

Warmly,
Principal Harasek



Upcoming Dates

WIDA Testing Window
January 31st-March 25th

Monday, February 14th
Valentine's Day (see page 3)

AVID Family Night
February 16th
5:00-6:30 pm
MMS Cafeteria (see page 5)

Friday, February 18th
No School

February 21st
President's Day/No School

March Into Kindergarten
Tuesday, March 29th
6:00-7:00pm (see page 3)

Early Release Fridays
2:05 pm

Assistant Principal Corner
Pinewood Elementary
February 2022

Pinewood Families,

Are you familiar with stop motion animation movies like *Fantastic Mr. Fox* and *Chicken Run* and thought how talented those filmmakers must be? Now, with help from our STEAM teacher, Mrs. Eastman, Mrs. Shier's 5th graders are putting their own talents to work as they try their hand at creating and filming their own stop motion shorts. Here are a few more stop motion titles in the works: *Polar Bears in the Desert*, *School is Fun*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Dodgeball*, *Fish on Land*, *Horses*, and *Banana Dance* among others!

The filmmaking process included planning on a storyboard, collecting and creating characters, creating backdrops, putting together sets, filming and editing.

Here are some ways the act of filmmaking addresses STEAM goals:

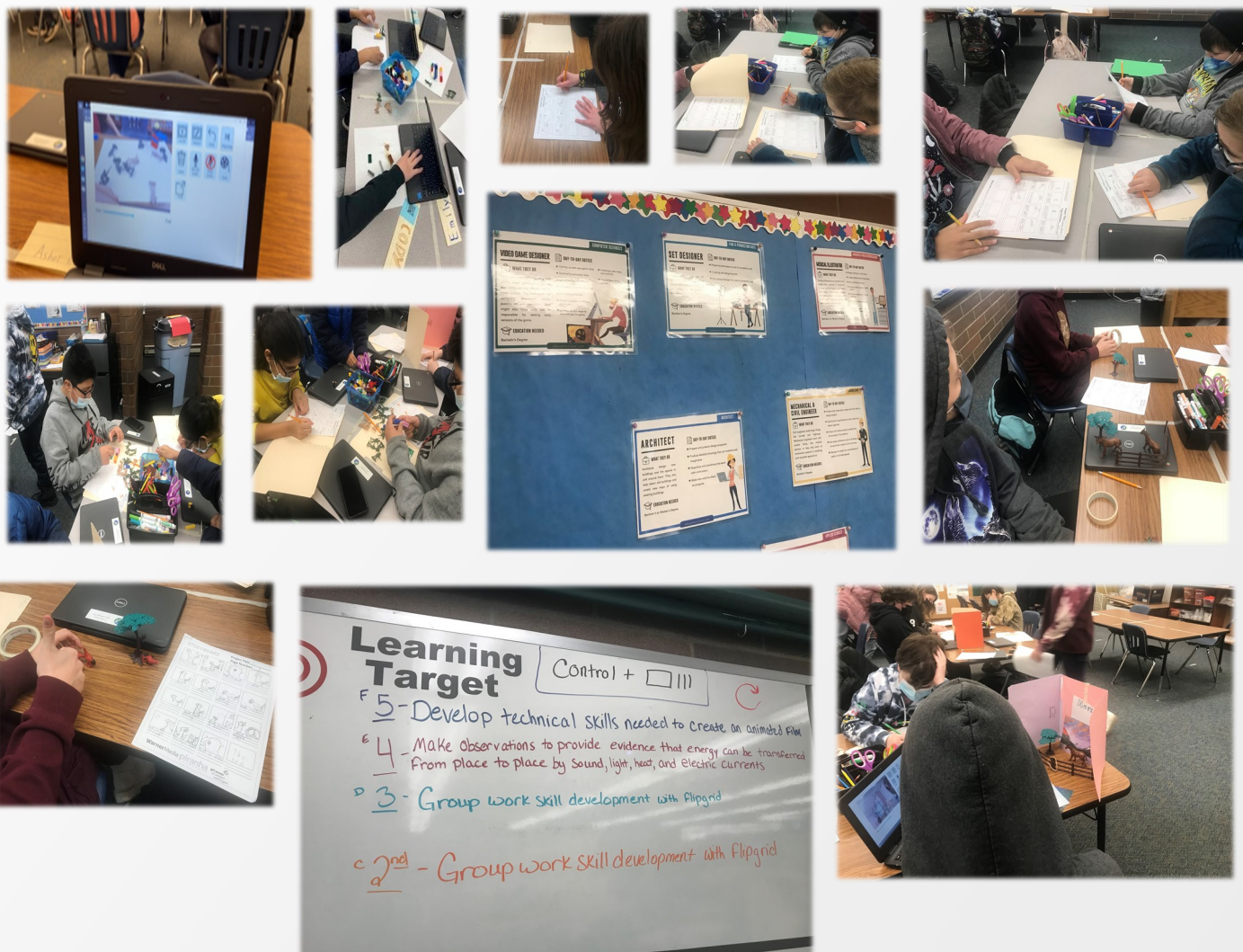
S(cience): observational skills

T(echnology): cameras, chromebook features

E(ngineering): planning for frame length, creating sets

A(rt): combining storytelling, set design, props creation

M(ath): length of movie, length of frames, number of frames, camera angles & lighting



Assistant Principal
Marian Gonzales



Counselor Corner February 2022

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

martha_porteous@msd25.org or call 360-965-1366

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 about these upcoming lessons.

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](#).

In December a flier went home with all students advertising a free caregiver course offered through our district's community wellness/prevention specialists. Unfortunately the scannable registration link did not work. If you were interested in the course, you can use this link to register <https://forms.gle/EDwSRrJKbuVMLAfH7>

If you have any questions contact either

- community prevention/wellness coordinator, Kate Kilroy, at kate_kilroy@msvl.k12.wa.us 360-965-0043
- school counselor, Marty Porteous, at martha_porteous@msd25.org 360-965-1366



We look forward to our Future Pinewood Panthers attending this fall!

Kindergarten information night will be held during conference week on Tuesday evening, March 29th
Pinewood Elementary 8600 52nd NE Marysville, WA

- Information Session will be from 6:00-6:30pm in A-2
- Campus Tours are available from 6:30-7:00pm
- Check in at the office

This is for adults only; a summer event will be held for students.

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Valentine's Day Cards & Treats

Students will need to bring in their Valentine cards, with or without candy, by Friday, February 11th. The Valentine cards will sit over the weekend and then teachers will hand it out with gloves to put in each student's Valentine bag. These items will be taken home with students at the end of the day. Snacks brought into the classroom, must be store bought and it is preferred individually wrapped.

Valentine's Day Through an Equity Lens

At an elementary level we have generally marketed Valentine's Day as friendships, instead of love interests. So, let's continue to market it as "Friendship is in the air."





Let's talk about
ATTENDANCE!

ABSENCES and TARDIES

Please call the **ATTENDANCE LINE** at **360.965.1301**

If your student will be absent or late arriving to school for any reason, please call the attendance line. If not answered this line goes directly to voice mail, which makes it available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. When you know in advance that your child has a medical or dental appointment that will keep them out of school or arrive to school late, leave a message at this line. We are able to take the information in advance. If you do not leave a message and your child is not at school, an automated call will go out to attempt contacting you to ensure that your child is safe. Your child will be marked unexcused if contact is not made.. Please help us by calling in by 9:00 am. When your child is absent, please call or send a note with your child to excuse the absence within 3 days. Your child will also need to make up all work that has been missed during the absence.

Pre-arranged absences for family reasons need prior approval by the principal, provided that the absence will not adversely affect your child's progress in school. Absence approval forms are available in the school office.

If your child arrives at 9:25 or later, please check in at the office for a tardy slip to minimize disturbance in the classroom.

How Does Your Child Go Home?

There may be days when your child is uncertain of the manner by which they are expected to leave school. Some days a child may be picked up by a parent or other adult and other days they may ride the bus or walk. This may cause some confusion especially as we see the change of weather . An example of such confusion is when it is lightly raining and a student is informed by their parent the student will be picked up when it is raining. It may not be raining where the parent is located and the student waits in the office.

Please help your child know in advance what is expected of them at the end of the school day. It may be a good idea to create a plan with your child, reinforcing each morning how they are to get home.

Of course, emergencies do happen. When the plan changes during the day, the office is happy to send a parent message to the student by 3:00 PM. Our goal is to ensure that your child returns home safely and as quickly as possible.

Student Messages

We are receiving many messages for students concerning end of the day plans. In order to avoid interruption of instructional time, we ask that plans for after school be discussed before school each day. Please keep end of the day messages for emergency changes only!

Thank you for your continued support!

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(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.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.

HIV/AIDS and Growth and Development units.

Beginning in 5th 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. Pinewood 5th graders will study this unit February 22nd-24th. More info coming soon.

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

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.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.



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.msd25.org/>

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

Join Us For

AVID FAMILY NIGHT

16 FEBRUARY 2022 • 5:00P - 6:30P
MARYSVILLE MIDDLE CAFETERIA
4923 67TH ST NE, MARYSVILLE, WA 98270

ALL FAMILIES ARE WELCOME TO OUR AVID FAMILY NIGHT. COME ENJOY A NIGHT OF ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION BOOTHS FROM 3 MIDDLE SCHOOLS (MMS, CMS, TMS), HIGH SCHOOL OPPORTUNITIES FOR AVID, ICE CREAM, AND GAMES! ALL AGES ARE WELCOME.



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



If you need a **COVID test**, they are available at the MSD Office at 4220 80th St NE.

Testing is no longer available at Pinewood.

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](#).

[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

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