

Pinewood Panther School News



Pinewood Elementary
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"Better Together"

September 2022

From the Principal:

Dear Families,

Thank you for joining us in August during Back to School Night. This provided an opportunity for you to meet your student's teacher and receive information on your student's educational program this school year. Please be sure to reach out to your student's teacher if you have not done so already. We are here to support you!

During the first month of school we aim to build learning stamina and literacy skills in our classrooms. You can help us in this endeavor by: reading with your student at home, encouraging that your student read 15-20 minutes before bedtime, and challenging your student to do their best on homework assignments. Furthermore, understanding that stamina in young learners is necessary for all areas in: reading, writing, math, sitting, listening, etc. Students need to grow the ability to do all tasks while staying focused and without giving up. Please be sure your student is well rested before coming to school, review nightly homework assignments, and stay in communication with your student's teacher. We are here to support you and your students this school year. We appreciate your partnership in your student's learning success!

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 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. To reduce this time even more, it would be helpful if you make sure your student knows how they are going home each day and stay as consistent as possible. If your student is expecting to be picked up in a car, set the expectation that they are watching for you at the end of the day and listening for their name to be called. Please continue to have the placard up high and visible so we can call students up. We expect improvements as we get to know students and their cars.

Please be aware and courteous to our neighbors surrounding Pinewood during pickup and drop-off times. We ask that you do not park in such a way that you block home driveways. We want to grant access to our neighbors and their driveways during pick up time. Please be courteous to our neighbors. Thank you for your help!

Go Panthers!

Erika Velasco
Pinewood Principal



Upcoming Dates

October 14th -No School

October 31st-November 3rd
Fall conferences
Early Release -12:40 pm

November 1st
Evening Conferences

November 11th
Veterans Day -No School

November 24th-25th
Thanksgiving -No School

December 19th-January 2nd
Winter Break-No School

January 16th
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
No School

January 30th
Teacher Work Day
No School

February 17th -No School

February 20th
President's Day-No School



Did you know?

Every Friday is a 90-minute
Early dismissal? Students will
be dismissed at 2:15 each
Friday.

**Assistant Principal Corner
Pinewood Elementary
September 2022**

A Message from our NEW AP...Cassandra Jackson

I am overjoyed to join Pinewood Elementary as the Assistant Principal this year! This is my first full year in building level administration. I have a great deal of career leadership experience in building level roles and as the principal of special education summer programming for PreK - 12th grade students for the past two years for Northshore School District.

I have been in Washington only 3 years, but came with over a decade of teaching experience from my home state. I attained a dual BSE degree in Early Childhood Education and Special Education, a MSE as Instructional Specialist in Special Education, and an EdS in Educational Leadership all from Arkansas State University.

I am excited to get to know everyone, build relationships, provide guidance and support to foster a healthy learning environment, and serve our students and families. I look forward to meeting all the amazing Pinewood students and families!

Cassandra Jackson
Assistant Principal
Pinewood Elementary



Counselor Corner September 2022

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

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

Greetings from Pinewood's school counseling office!

Here are a couple of services in our community:

- **Food For Thought**, food bags that go home every Friday from the Marysville Food Bank
- **Operation School Bell**, a free bag of clothing and a pair of shoes for any child in need.

If you are interested in signing up for these programs please contact me at 360.965.1366 or martha_porteous@msd25.org

Over the year I will teach in each of your students' classrooms. Here is what to expect from your school counselor by grade. Each link will give you more information about the lessons. Please contact me if you have any questions about these lessons.

- [Kindergarten: Kelso's choices](#)
- [1st graders: Safety lessons and Kelso's Choices](#)
- [2nd graders: Safety lessons and MindUp](#)
- [3rd graders: Anti-bullying lessons](#)
- [4th graders: Safety lessons and a social inclusion unit](#)
- [5th graders: coping skills and a career unit.](#)

Important Dates & Reminders

Pinewood Office Hours

8:15 am-4:15 pm

School Picture Day

Thursday, October 6th

More information coming soon.



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

Students Eat for Free

Students eating lunch and/or breakfast will be able to eat for free again this year.

An income census for all families will be sent home to complete and return. Please do this by October 1, 2022.

This payment waiver will last for four years!



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.



Student Conduct

The Marysville School District acknowledges that conduct and behavior is closely associated to learning. An effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment. The district requires that each student adhere to the rules of conduct and submit to corrective action taken as a result of conduct violations. The rules of conduct are applicable during the school day as well as during any school activity conducted on or off campus. Special rules are also applicable while riding on a school bus.

A copy of Policy 3240 "Student Conduct Expectations and Reasonable Sanctions" is available online at www.msdsd25.org or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.

Weapon-Free, Drug-Free, and Tobacco-Free

The Marysville School District is a Weapon-Free, Drug-Free, and Tobacco-Free environment. You can find the standards and procedures set forth in Policy 4210 - "Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises" on the District's web-site at www.msdsd25.org. The document describes the regulation for which corrective action or punishment (i.e., discipline, suspension, and expulsion) may be imposed. Paper copies may be requested in the office of your child's school or at the receptionist's desk in the School District's Service Center, 4220 80th Street NE.



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. 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 you 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 . 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

H E R O

HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



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>

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

VOLUNTEER



DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

All volunteers must meet the following requirements in order to be eligible to volunteer:
Per the Governor's vaccine mandate, all school volunteers are required to show proof of vaccination.

Volunteers must complete their volunteer packet, including criminal background check (every 2 years). Volunteer applications are available online - click [HERE](#).

There is an email set up for volunteers to send in their application (volunteer@msd25.org). Since vaccination status will need to be included with the paperwork, it will go directly to the COVID department for processing.

Volunteers will be allowed to work in classrooms at the discretion of the teacher and must follow all DOH Health and Safety Guidelines for schools. Additionally, there may be limits on the number of daily volunteers allowed in a classroom based on physical distancing requirements.

We hope that this is just one of many steps toward a broader sense of normalcy in our schools. It will be great to have parents and families back in our

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.

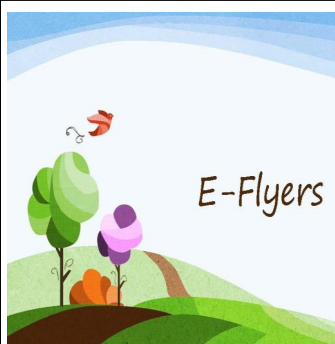
PAY ONLINE

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.

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.



Marysville School District provides non-profit agencies the opportunity to promote their events using the E-Flyer process.

Link to E-Flyers: MSD > MSD > MORE > COMMUNITY >

<https://www.msd25.org/documents/community/e-flyers/11369>

Camps, Community Services and Resources, Educational, Performing Arts, Special Events, Volunteer Opportunities, Youth Sports and Scouting

Health Room News and Information

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://forms.gle/jD6kmxxaf4Dif1S66>



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



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