

Pinewood Panther School News



Pinewood Elementary
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Office Hours 8:15 am - 4:15 pm

"Better Together"

January 2023

From the Principal:

Hello Pinewood Families,

Welcome back from Winter Break and Happy 2023! I hope you had a wonderful time with your family and friends during the holidays. We are so pleased to have our Panthers back in school again and are off to a busy start to this New Year!

January is a time for taking stock and setting goals. Most people make some type of New Year's resolution. Then two weeks later many realize that they haven't followed through. Kids are no different. Why not make this the year that your children learn how to achieve the goals they set for themselves?

When your children set a goal, help them choose one they can reach in a short time frame. Encourage them to be specific. For instance, "Be smart" is too broad. "Learn multiplication facts," however, can be observed and measured.

Then help your children follow these five steps for achieving the goal:

1. **State the goal.** "My goal is to learn my multiplication facts." They should write it down and post it where they will see it.
2. **Plan how to meet the goal.** "I will make flashcards and study them for 15 minutes every night. I will ask Mom to quiz me on Fridays."
3. **Talk about the goal with others.** This builds commitment to the goal. Your children should tell their teachers what they plan to do.
4. **Do each step in the plan, one at a time.** If problems come up, talk about possible solutions. Perhaps they are too tired after doing his homework each night to review their flashcards. Maybe they could study them in the mornings while they eat breakfast instead.
5. **Motivate and celebrate.** Praise your children for their effort each step of the way. "I am proud of you for studying your multiplication facts this morning." And when they achieve their goal, celebrate how their hard work paid off!

*The Parent Institute® www.parent-institute.com

In January, our students will have the opportunity to take the iReady math and iReady reading diagnostic tests again. These tests are on the computer and adapt as students answer questions. So please encourage your student(s) to go slow and double check their work so their instructional pathways are accurate, and our staff will do the same.

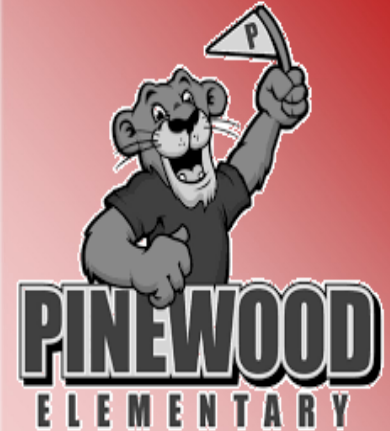
In addition, our students will continue to hear and learn about our three school-wide expectations: Be respectful, Be responsible, Be safe. All Pinewood Panthers will also be resetting expectations in all areas of the school after our long winter break.

Report cards will be finalized during the last week of January and handed out in classrooms during the first week of February. Report cards will come home with your student(s).

As I reflect on this school year so far, I am amazed to see how much growth and progress we have made together. I sincerely thank you for continuing to work with us, your children, and their teachers to patiently find a solution when faced with challenges. As always, please know we are here to serve you! If you have questions please do not hesitate to call or stop by.

Respectfully

Erika Velasco
Principal



Upcoming Dates

January 9th
Chipotle Fundraiser
4:00-8:00 pm

January 10th
Hearing Screening Day

January 13th
Family Movie Night
6:00-8:00 pm

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

January 30th
Teacher Work Day
No School

January 25th-27th
Grading Days 1st Semester
Early Release 12:40 pm

January 31st
PTSA Membership Meeting
6:00-7:00 pm

February 16th
Family Skate: Night
6:00-8:00 pm

February 17th -No School

February 20th
President's Day/No School

March 27th-31st
Spring Conferences
Early Release 12:40 pm

April 3rd-7th
Spring Break/No School

January 2023

A message from our Assistant Principal

Hello Pinewood Families.

As a reminder, we take recess outside every day that it is possible. When conditions are not ideal for outdoor recess, the district directs us to cancel outdoor activities. Rarely will we cancel recess outdoors for typical Washington rainfall.

Please make sure students come to school dressed appropriately for the weather. This is especially important as we move to our more cold and more rainy months of the year.

Warm Regards,

Cassandra Jackson
Assistant Principal
Pinewood Elementary



Counselor Corner January 2023

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

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

Greetings from school counselor, Marty Porteous. I teach in each of your students' classrooms. **Beginning in January I am rolling out lessons in 2nd, 4th and 5th grades.** If you have students in those grade bands, now is a great time to read up on what your school counselor brings into those classes. The links below offer more information about my lessons. Please contact me if you have any questions.

- [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.](#)

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



Important Dates & Reminders

Pinewood Office Hours

8:15 am-4:15 pm



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

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.msd25.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.

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.msd25.org or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.

Pinewood PTSA News

- Chipotle Fundraiser - January 9th, 4:00-8:00 pm (online ordering code: CQMZNCD)
- Family Movie Night - January 13th, 6:00-8:00 pm
- PTSA Membership Meeting - January 31st, 6:00-7:00 pm
- Family Skate Night - February 16th, 6:00-8:00 pm

Follow us for more info at Pinewood PTSA Facebook page and Parents of Pinewood Facebook page



Wendy Messarina (Hablo Español)

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[Comité de Equidad del Distrito Escolar de Marysville](#)
www.facebook.com/groups/MSD25Espanol

Escuelas y Horarios:

Lunes en Liberty (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Martes en Kellogg Marsh (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Miércoles en Allen Creek (8:30am a 12:30pm) y Grove (2pm 4:30pm)
Jueves En Pinewood (8:30am a 12:30pm) y Early Learning Center (2pm 4:30pm)
Viernes En el Distrito Escolar (8:30am - 4:30pm)
ok.com/groups/MSD25Espanol

RECURSOS E INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL PARA FAMILIAS Y EMPLEADOS

Clases para padres: Liderazgo, Inglés, Disciplina con amor, Computación y otros
Voluntarios: Participe Activamente en la Educación de sus hijos(as) y ayude sus maestros y escuela a organizar eventos y actividades informativas y culturales para familias
Información/recursos de escuela y comunidad: Consejería, Ropa, Comida, y más
Tiene inquietudes, sugerencias? Contácteme!

"De acuerdo con estudios continuos de la **Asociación Nacional de Educación**, muestra que la participación de familias en escuelas mejora la parte académica del estudiante, reduce las faltas escolares y restaura la confianza de los padres en la educación de sus hijos. Los estudiantes con padres o tutores involucrados ganan calificaciones y notas más altas, tienen mejores habilidades sociales y mejoran su comportamiento. *Recuerde usted es el primer maestro de su hijo(a).* "No hay escuela que pueda trabajar bien por los estudiantes si los padres y maestros no actuan en nombre de los intereses de los niños"

Wendy Messarina (Hablo Español)

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www.facebook.com/groups/MSD25Espanol

Schools and Schedules:

Monday at Liberty (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Tuesdays at Kellogg Marsh (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Wednesdays at Allen Creek (8:30am -12:30pm) and Grove (2pm - 4:30pm)
Thursdays at Pinewood (8:30am -12:30pm) and Early Learning Center (2pm 4:30pm)
Fridays at the Marysville School District (8:30am - 4:30pm)

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION IN SPANISH FOR FAMILIES AND STAFF

Classes for parents: Leadership, English, Computer, Customer Service and more
Volunteers: Help your teacher and your school with projects & Organizing Family events (Information and Cultural)
School & Community Resources: Food, Clothes, Counseling and more.
Questions Suggestions? Please contact me :)

According to the National Education Association, "Ongoing research shows that family engagement in school improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents' confidence in their children's education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior." "Remember, you are your child's first teacher." "No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests"



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

Winter Weather Bulletin

Please review the winter weather bulletins linked below so you are prepared in the event transportation and/or school schedules are impacted due to the weather: [Parent/Family Bulletin](#)

The District is prepared in the event ice or snow creates conditions that are unsafe for buses and other vehicles traveling on the roadways. Transportation staff starts physical road checks at 3:00 am. The Transportation Director reviews staff reports and contacts other school districts in the region. A report is then made to the Superintendent who will make the decision on whether schools will start late or be canceled. The decision is based on many factors including the morning report from the Transportation Director, road conditions, the forecast, and the safety of students and staff.

If there is a change to the school schedule the District will notify families and staff through multiple communication platforms by 6:00 am. The information will also be posted on local news channels and the District website at www.ms25.org.

Please review the bulletins linked above for important information and stay connected through the social media channels (Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram) and the website for updates and information.

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.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.

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.

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.

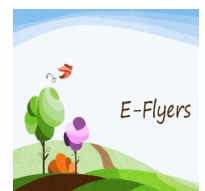


Marysville School District provides non-profit agencies the opportunity to promote their events using the E-Flyer process.

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

<https://www.ms25.org/documents/community/e-flyers/11369>

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



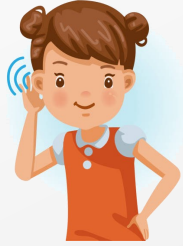
Health Room News and Information

Pinewood Families,

If your child is sick, please keep them home.

If they are experiencing any COVID, Flu, or RSV symptoms, please complete the health form below.

Click [HERE](#) to access form



**Hearing Screening Day
Tuesday, January 10th**

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



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 buildings!



Thank you Pinewood PTSA!



We appreciate everything you do for our school!

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.msd25.org, at your school, or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.