

# Pinewood Panther School News



Pinewood Elementary  
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"Better Together"

Pinewood Office Hours

8:15 am-4:15 pm

March 2023

## From the Principal:

Hello Pinewood Families,

Happy Spring! It is amazing that it is already March. As we continue to move through the year, I would like to remind you and encourage you as a parent to keep reading with your child for at least 20 minutes a day. This is truly the best thing that you can do for your child as a parent. Not only is there a lot of power in reading as it supports their academic growth; but it also can be a nice quiet time together.

Of course, you will hear all about your students and their progress at our spring conferences. They will be held Monday, March 27 through Friday, March 31. This week is early release (12:40). Most teachers will stay late on Tuesday, March 28 and then not do conferences on that Friday. Watch for an invitation from your teacher to sign up for your conference soon.

It's also time to March into Kindergarten! If you have a student who is ready to become a Panther this year, it's time to register online. Or if you know of someone, help us spread the word. We will also have our office open during conferences on Tuesday evening, March 28. We will have computers set up so you can register as well. That night from 6:30 to 7:00 pm there will be an informational meeting for parents only.

Guess what else is coming up soon?! The Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) and the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). These tests are taken yearly to compare learning across states. It also helps us focus on what skills and standards to focus on for next year. Sample items and practice tests, as well as Information about how the writing portion is scored can be [found here](#). I encourage you to go over these resources with your 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The testing window for the SBA is March 6 - June 9 and for the WCAS the window is April 10 - June 2. And before we take these amazing assessments, we will enjoy Spring Break. Our break this year is Monday, April 3 through Friday, April 7.

Do you want to volunteer at Pinewood? WATCH D.O.G.S. is one of the nation's largest and most respected school-based family and community engagement organizations in the country. Who are Watch DOGS? Fathers, grandfathers, step-fathers, uncles, and other father figures who volunteer to serve at least one day a year in a variety of school activities as assigned by the school administrators. Please let the office know if you are interested!

Lastly, I want to thank you for voting and helping us pass our Levy. We appreciate your partnership and support and cannot thank you enough.

Respectfully,

Erika Velasco  
Principal



## Upcoming Dates

Upcoming PTSA Sponsored  
Events  
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March 20th  
Pinewood Choir Concert  
7:00 pm at MPHS

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

March 28th  
6:30-7:00 pm  
March Into Kindergarten  
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April 3rd-7th  
Spring Break/No School

May 26th  
Inclement Weather Day  
(February 28th) Make Up

May 29th  
Memorial Day/No School

June 16th  
Last Day Of School

Students shouldn't be arriving to school before 9:05 a.m.  
We are seeing students arriving too early in the morning.  
There is no staff to supervise before 9:05 a.m.

Thank you!



### 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.](#)

## Counselor Corner March 2023

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

[martha\\_porteous@msd25.org](mailto:martha_porteous@msd25.org) or call 360-965-1366

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

Greetings from school counselor,  
Marty Porteous.

There are several clubs and activities at Pinewood.

[You can read our club flier here](#) to find information on

### **Leadership, Safe Place and Choir.**

Over the year I teach in each of your students' classrooms. Here is what to expect from your school counselor by grade - I encourage each of you to talk with your students about these 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.](#)



## 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.



**Our STEAM class is in desperate need of two liter pop bottles. Thank you!**

### 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](http://www.msd25.org) or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.



### **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**

### **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](http://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.

## Important Dates & Reminders

### 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 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. 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!

Pinewood Attendance

**H E R O  
HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME**



**Thank you Pinewood PTSA!**

**We appreciate everything you do for our school!**



## Pinewood PTSA News

MAR 6-10 - CLASSIFIED STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK  
MAR 7- IHOP NIGHT 4-9PM  
MAR 10- POPCORN FRIDAY  
MAR 13- CHICK-FIL-A NIGHT 5-8PM  
MAR 17- POPCORN FRIDAY AND FREE MOVIE NIGHT 5PM-7PM  
MAR 21- PTSA MEETING 6-7 PM, VOTING FOR NEXT YEAR OFFICERS  
MAR 24- POPCORN FRIDAY  
MAR 27-31- SPRING CONFERENCES, EARLY RELEASE @ 12:40  
APR 3-7 SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL  
APR 10-19 - BOOSTERTHON FUN RUN FUNDRAISER  
(DETAILS COMING SOON!)  
APR 19 - SPRING FUN RUN!  
APR 12 - SPRING AND CLASS PHOTOS  
APR 14- POPCORN FRIDAY AND FREE MOVIE NIGHT 5-7PM  
APR 20- SKATE NIGHT 6-8PM \$7/SKATER  
APR 28- POPCORN FRIDAY



Follow us for more info at  
Pinewood PTSA Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/PinewoodElementaryPTSA](http://www.facebook.com/PinewoodElementaryPTSA)

FUNDRAISING FATIGUE? WHILE IT MAY SEEM ITS A NEVER-ENDING CYCLE OF FUNDRAISERS, WE WANT TO PROVIDE FAMILIES WITH MANY OPTIONS TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT IN WHATEVER WAY THEY WANT TO. REMEMBER, THERE'S NO WRONG WAY TO PTSA.

PINEWOOD PTSA OFFERS FAMILIES AND STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MANY OF OUR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU ARE IN NEED.



### Wendy Messarina (Hablo Español)

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[www.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.org) (Usar herramienta traductora si lo necesita)  
[Comité de Equidad del Distrito Escolar de Marysville](#)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/MSD25Espanol](http://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](http://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)

MSD25 Family Engagement Specialist  
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[www.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.org) (Use google translator tool if needed)  
Equity and Family Engagement Advisory Committee  
[www.msd25.org/page/equity-and-family-engagement](http://www.msd25.org/page/equity-and-family-engagement)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/MSD25Espanol](http://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"

### 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.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.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.

### 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-6C9b3H3Ic/view?usp=sharing>  
<https://www.msd25.org/page/social-emotional-mental-health-supports>

### 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.

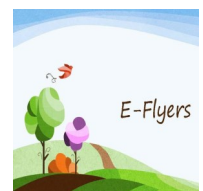


Marysville School District provides non-profit agencies the opportunity to promote their events using the E-Flyer process.

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

[www.msd25.org/documents/community/e-flyers/11369](http://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

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

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](mailto: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!

## March into Kindergarten



If you have a child who will turn five years old by August 31, 2023, now is the time to register for Kindergarten. Bring your child's immunization information and original birth certificate to Pinewood and we will help you with the registration process. You may also register online. Click the link below to go to the registration page.

<https://www.msd25.org/page/register-for-school>

Please join us here at Pinewood on  
Tuesday, March 28th, from 6:30pm-7:00pm  
Room A-2  
to learn more about kindergarten at Pinewood!

## Welcome class of 2036!



## NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Marysville School District complies with all federal and Washington State rules and regulations and will provide equal employment opportunity and treatment for all applicants and staff in recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion, and training. Such equal employment opportunity will be provided without discrimination with respect to race, creed, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. The following employees have been designated to address questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

- Civil Rights Coordinator: Gregg Kuehn, [gregg\\_kuehn@msd25.org](mailto:gregg_kuehn@msd25.org), (360) 965-0110;
- Title IX Officer: Tracy Souza, [tracy\\_souza@msd25.org](mailto:tracy_souza@msd25.org), (360) 965-0071;
- Section 504 Coordinator: Stephanie King, [stephanie\\_king@msd25.org](mailto:stephanie_king@msd25.org), (360) 965-0175;
- ADA Coordinator: Stephanie King, [stephanie\\_king@msd25.org](mailto:stephanie_king@msd25.org), (360) 965-0175, and Gregg Kuehn, [gregg\\_kuehn@msd25.org](mailto:gregg_kuehn@msd25.org), (360) 965-0110.

You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or the district's Civil Rights Coordinator, listed above. You also have the right to file a written complaint. 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.

**Please 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 the District Office: 4220 80<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.