

Pinewood Panther School News



Pinewood Elementary
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"Better Together"

Pinewood Office Hours

8:15 am-4:15 pm

April 2023

From the Principal:

Hello Pinewood Families,

This month we would like to focus on how our families can get involved in school and how important that is.

First, it's important because students with engaged families are more likely to:

- Earn higher grades and test scores
- Graduate from high school and attend post-secondary education
- Develop self-confidence and motivation in the classroom
- Have more advanced social skills and classroom behavior

So how do you become involved? Here are some ways to partner with us!

Our PTSA will kick off our Panther Fun Run on April 10th and have our event on April 19th. If you are interested in volunteering for this event, please ensure you fill out your volunteer packet and turn it into the office for Ruth to process.

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

Marysville School District sends out the Panorama Survey to our families twice a year. This perceptual survey gives us your perspectives, which we use as an improvement tool and develop action steps from your feedback. You can take this [Family Panorama Survey](#) through April 21. Pinewood is shooting for feedback from 100% of our families!

In advance, thank you for taking the time to share your feedback.

Respectfully,

Erika Velasco
Principal

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!



Upcoming Dates

Upcoming PTSA Sponsored
Events
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April 13th
Spring Picture Day

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

May 29th
Memorial Day/No School

June 16th
Last Day Of School
Early Release 11:25 am



**Important Information From
Assistant Principal
Cassandra Jackson**

Any time a student is absent from school, they miss important instructional experiences that help them to be successful. In addition, frequent absences can have a long-term impact, including reducing the chance of on-time graduation. Because our goal is to help your student to succeed in school, we have outlined some information that can help to explain the changes in the law and how we can help your child to maintain regular, on-time attendance!

Excused v. Unexcused: What's the big deal?

When students are not in school, they miss out on instruction, so our goal is to have students attend as much as possible to maximize their chances for on-time graduation.

What are Excused Absences?

An excused absence is defined by the state legislature. The following are reasons for excused absences:

- ☐ Illness, health condition or medical appointment
- ☐ Family emergency
- ☐ Religious or cultural
- ☐ Court, judicial proceeding, court-ordered activity, or jury service
- ☐ Post-secondary, technical school or apprenticeship program visitation, or scholarship interview
- ☐ State-recognized search and rescue activities consistent with RCW [28A.225.055](#);

- ☐ Absence directly related to the student's homeless or foster care/dependency status;
- ☐ Absences related to deployment activities of a parent or legal guardian who is an active duty member consistent with RCW [28A.705.010](#);

- ☐ Absences due to suspensions, expulsions or emergency expulsions imposed pursuant to chapter [392-400](#) WAC if the student is not receiving educational services and is not enrolled in qualifying "course of study" activities as defined in WAC [392-121-107](#);

- ☐ Absences due to student safety concerns, including absences related to threats, assaults, or bullying;
- ☐ Absences due to a student's migrant status

What are Unexcused Absences?

Any absence from school is unexcused unless it meets one of the criteria provided above WAC [392-401-020](#). Family vacations are not included as an excused absence.

So, what does this mean?

Any time your student is absent, whether planned or unplanned, parents/guardians should contact the school to inform that the student will be absent and the reason for absence. Parents can call the school and leave a message on the attendance line, but the law requires us for parents to verify the reason for absence in writing, so an email or a written note should be submitted to the office, even if parents call or leave a message.

The principal (or assistant principal) will then *excuse or unexcused the absence according to the law.*

Regardless of whether the absence is excused or unexcused, the parent must notify the school within **three days**, or it will remain as unexcused in the system.

So does this mean I can't take our planned vacation?

Families should not schedule vacations or travel while school is in session. However, if a family vacation or travel *must occur while school is in session, we ask families to notify the school's attendance prior to the absence. The absence(s) will not be excused, however, if your student has good attendance outside of this planned absence and there are efforts to make up missed work, then the impact will be minimized.*

We understand that this is a change for many of you, however, *on-time, regular attendance is one of the most important ways to ensure students get the high-quality education they deserve.*



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 April 2023

Martha Porteous, School Counselor

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

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

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.](#)

Our Navy liaison will be hosting a celebration in honor of the Military Child on April 20th before school at 9:05-9:25.

[Please use this link](#) (or call Marty at 360.965.1366) if you would like your child to attend this event.

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 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

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.

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

Upcomg Events

APR 3-7-SPRING BREAK

**APR 10-19 -BOOSTERTHON FUN
RUN FUNDRAISER**

APR 13-SPRING & CLASS PHOTOS

APR 14-POPCORN FRIDAY,

FREE MOVIE NIGHT 5-7pm,

SESSION 3 OF ENRICHMENT CLUBS START

APR 19-FUN RUN

APR 20-SKATE NIGHT 6-8PM

MARYSVILLE SKATE CENTER \$7/SKATER

APR 28-POPCORN FRIDAY

MAY 1-5- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK & BOOK FAIR

MAY 12-POPCORN FRIDAY & FREE MOVIE NIGHT 5-7PM

MAY 19-POPCORN FRIDAY & SPRING DANCE 4-5:30PM

MAY 29-NO SCHOOL

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

**Follow us for more info at
Pinewood PTSA Facebook page
www.facebook.com/PinewoodElementaryPTSA**



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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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Equity and Family Engagement Advisory Committee
www.msd25.org/page/equity-and-family-engagement
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.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.

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.ms25.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.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.

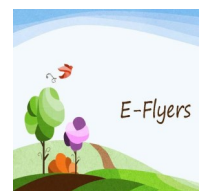


Marysville School District provides non-profit agencies the opportunity to promote their events using the E-Flyer process.

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

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

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!

Welcome to 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>

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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, (360) 965-0110;
- Title IX Officer: Tracy Souza, tracy_souza@msd25.org, (360) 965-0071;
- Section 504 Coordinator: Stephanie King, stephanie_king@msd25.org, (360) 965-0175;
- ADA Coordinator: Stephanie King, stephanie_king@msd25.org, (360) 965-0175, and Gregg Kuehn, 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. 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, at your school, or the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.