

Pinewood Panther School News



Pinewood Elementary
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"Better Together"

Pinewood Office Hours

8:15 am-4:15 pm

May 2023

From the Principal:

Hello Pinewood Families,

This month we celebrated our wonderful volunteers with a school luncheon! Thank you for supporting our students and teachers. Thank you to the WatchDog volunteers who have been coming to our school. The students love to see you in the cafeteria and out on the playground.

We also had our first "Day of the Child Celebration." We had an assembly to celebrate our students. Thank you to all the teachers and community members for making this day special. Also, thank you to our wonderful PTSA for providing popsicles for all our students.

May 8- May 12 is Educator Appreciation Week; I hope all families will join me in letting our Pinewood staff know they are appreciated. You can do this with a simple note thanking them for the amazing work they do every day.

May also brings our required state testing for grades 3-5. Please make sure your students attend on testing days so we can limit the number of make-up tests we need to organize. Also, make sure your students get a good night's sleep and eat a healthy breakfast either at home or offered at school. We want students to do their very best to demonstrate we have worked hard to learn and grow!

Looking ahead to the end of the year we will host our Kindergarten Graduation on June 8th, our School Carnival on June 9th, 5th Grade Ceremony on June 13th, and the last day of school on June 16th.

Respectfully,

Erika Velasco
Principal

We

Our Teachers & Staff!



Upcoming Dates

Upcoming PTSA Sponsored Events
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May 1st-June 9th
Spring Testing
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May 8th-12th
Teacher Appreciation Week

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

May 29th
Memorial Day/No School

June 8th
Kindergarten Graduation

June 9th
School Carnival

June 13th
5th Grade Ceremony

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



**Important Information From
Assistant Principal
Cassandra Jackson**

Dear Parents/Guardians of Pinewood Elementary School Students,

This spring, from May 1 - June 9 (please see below for our school schedule), 3rd through 5th grade students will take the Smarter Balanced tests in Math and English Language Arts (ELA). These tests include a Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) and a Performance Task (PT). Students in 5th grade will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS) in science.

The results from these tests will give a more accurate picture of whether students are on track to be ready for college and career readiness.

It can be difficult and disruptive to schedule make-up sessions, we ask that you make every effort to ensure your child is in school, on time, during each of the testing dates. Testing will begin promptly each morning. Students should stay home if they are ill, but doctor appointments and other events over which you have control should not be scheduled during the school day on these test dates. Please see the attached testing schedule which shows dates your child will be testing.

Important testing tips for kids:

- Go to bed early and get plenty of rest each night.
- Eat a nutritious breakfast each morning.
- Be at school on time, every day, ready to show what you know.
- Do your best, but do not worry or be overly anxious about the test.

For more information about the tests, visit: <https://www.k12.wa.us/student-success/testing/state-testing-overview>, and click on the name of the test.

To try out an online Smarter Balanced practice test visit: [Smarter Balanced Sample Items](#)

Please call or email your child's teacher, our Assessment Coordinator, Aprill Wogsland-Ingalls (aprill_wogslandingalls@msvl.k12.wa.us) or Assistant Principal Cassandra Jackson (cassandra_jackson@msvl.k12.wa.us) if you have questions.

Thank you for continuing to work with us to make sure your child is successful. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to better support your child. We want your child to leave us with a solid foundation of skills and a future full of opportunities.

Teacher	Test	Test Dates
5th Grade - Mrs. Shier, Mrs. Wicklund, Mrs. Davis, & Mr. Perkins	WCAS (Science)	May 9th
3rd Grade - Mrs. James 4th Grade - Ms. Blades	ELA	May 9 & May 11
3rd Grade - Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Brisbin & Mrs. Cody	ELA	May 15 & May 17
5th Grade - Mrs. Shier, Mrs. Wicklund, Mrs. Davis, & Mr. Perkins 4th Grade - Mrs. Andrus & Mrs. Jones	ELA	May 16 & May 18
3rd Grade - Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Brisbin & Mrs. Cody	Math	May 22 & May 24
5th Grade - Mrs. Shier, Mrs. Wicklund, Mrs. Davis, & Mr. Perkins 4th Grade - Mrs. Andrus & Mrs. Jones	Math	May 23 & May 25
3rd Grade - Mrs. James 4th Grade - Ms. Blades	Math	May 30 & June 1
Make ups	WCAS	May 12, 26
Make ups	ELA & Math	May 19, 26, 30, 31 June 1, 2

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 May 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 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

May 3rd-5th, Spring Book Fair
May 8th-12th, Teacher Appreciation Week
May 12th, Popcorn Friday and Family Movie Night 5-7:00 pm
May 15th, Last day to purchase yearbooks
May 19th, Popcorn Friday and Spring Dance 4-5:30 pm
June 2nd, Popcorn Friday and Family Movie Night 5-7:00 pm
June 6th, PTSA Membership Meeting 6:00 pm
June 9th, Popcorn Friday and Carnival 5-7:00 pm
June 14th and 15th, Early Release 12:40 pm
June 15th, Family Skate Night 6-8:00 pm

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.facebo

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)

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"



Just a friendly reminder.....

Watch for more students walking to and from school because of the nicer weather.

-do not block driveways

- do not drive on wrong side of the road to enter school parking lot.

- be mindful of crosswalks and speed in the school zone.

Thank you!

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(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.

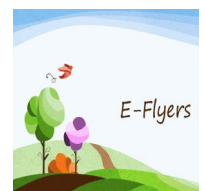


Marysville School District provides non-profit agencies the opportunity to promote their events using the E-Flyer process.

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

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.