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Totem Middle School Newsletter - August 2019

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Dates to Remember:

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8/28 Open House (all students)

9/4 First Day for 6th grade

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Welcome to 2019-2020!!

6th grade:

**School starts Wednesday,
September 4th**

7/8th grade:

**School starts Thursday,
September 5th**

**School Hours:
8:15am - 2:50pm**

Principals Message

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year!

It is my distinct honor to start my fourth year as principal of Totem Middle School, and my 12th year in the Marysville School District. Our dedicated staff looks forward to working together in partnership with you as we get to know, support, and engage your child(ren).

This summer, MSD has been hard at work painting and refurbishing Totem Middle School in preparation for the 2019-2020 school year. We are excited to share our school with you. All families are invited to join us on August 28 from 4:30-6:30pm for an open house here at the school. During this time, you will have an opportunity to meet your teachers, tour the school, purchase yearbook, ASB card, spirit wear, and PE clothes.

I also want to thank and acknowledge the support we receive from our families and the communities of Marysville and Tulalip. Each student, family, and community member possesses strengths and cultural knowledge that benefits their peers, educators, and school. Our commitment to creating an environment where everyone, from all backgrounds are welcome, drives achievement and connects us to the communities we serve. We are stronger together.

Enjoy the last beautiful days of summer. I look forward to an exciting and successful year at Totem Middle School!

Angela Collins, Principal

-- FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA --

FACEBOOK : @TotemMiddle -- TWITTER: @TMS_MSD25

On the Web: www.msdsd25.org; navigate to schools, Totem --
Device App: Marysville School District, WA



ANGELA COLLINS, PRINCIPAL -- KERI LINDSAY, ASST. PRINCIPAL -- LISA RADFORD, DEAN



Open House 2019-2020

**Wednesday, August 28th
4:30pm - 6:30pm**

Families and students are invited to our start of the year Open House! Join us to meet your Administrators and Staff, take a self guided tour of our school, and get to know us!

- Access class schedules
- Tour the school & meet staff
- Update emergency information
- Complete Free/Reduced lunch forms
- Sign up for PTSA
- Look up bus information
- Obtain Family Access login
- Purchase ASB cards, yearbooks, PE clothes, lunch credits (all items may be purchased at a later date as well or online.)

Important Information for the First Day of School 2019-2020

The Marysville School District will have a special first day of school at **Marysville-Getchell HS, Marysville-Pilchuck HS, Cedarcrest MS, Marysville MS, and Totem MS.**

6th and 9th graders in these buildings will have an orientation day where staff and older students guide them through a series of activities to help them feel more welcome at their new school. **The Link Crew** program at the high schools and the **Web Leaders** program at the middle schools will begin the orientation with each incoming 6th/9th grader being assigned to a group with 8-10 other students, and a team of student leaders. The leaders will guide their groups through a series of activities that will help the 6th/9th graders get to know their peers and teach them specific strategies they'll need to succeed in middle and high school. Every 6th/9th grader is instantly connected to other students, personally welcomed into their school, and given some concrete ideas about how to start their middle/high school careers on a positive note.

10th Street MS, Heritage HS, and Legacy HS will have a normal 1st day where ALL students attend.

Transportation will be provided on normal bus routes for each school.

Start and stop times have not been changed.



TOTEM MIDDLE SCHOOL CELL PHONE POLICY

Phones are to be off and away during the day. Students can use them in the lunchroom during their designated lunch time. Please support your student and encourage them to turn their phones off during the day.

If you or another guardian or contact person needs to get a hold of your student during the school day please call Totem MS Main Office at 360-965-0500.

We appreciate your support in what seems like the biggest distraction in the classroom and socially with our students.

We would also like to share the age requirements for some applications...

Your student must be 13 to have access or their own account for each of the following apps; snapchat, Instagram, facebook and youtube.

We are asking for your support to monitor your student's social media and to encourage safe, productive and positive communication on social media, text messages and photo/video capabilities.

If you have any questions regarding this information please contact Lisa Radford, our Dean of Students 360-965 0507 or via email lisa_radford@msd25.org.

Attendance Line

In the event that your student is unable to attend school due to illness or other reason, please report your student's absence as soon as possible.

You may call our automated attendance line and leave a message:

360-965-0501



Medication at School

Marysville School District requires a new request for the administration of medication to be completed **each year**. This applies to both prescriptions and over-the-counter medications. Please request a parent and doctor permission form or independent medical form.

We need your student's prescription medication to be brought in with the original container with pharmacy label. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Health Room Assistant in person or at 360-965-0510.

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ^{CT}

WHO IS YOUR STUDENTS COUNSELOR?

Kristel Hollick 8th grade & 7th grade (L-Z)
(360) 965-0520
kristel_hollick@msd25.org

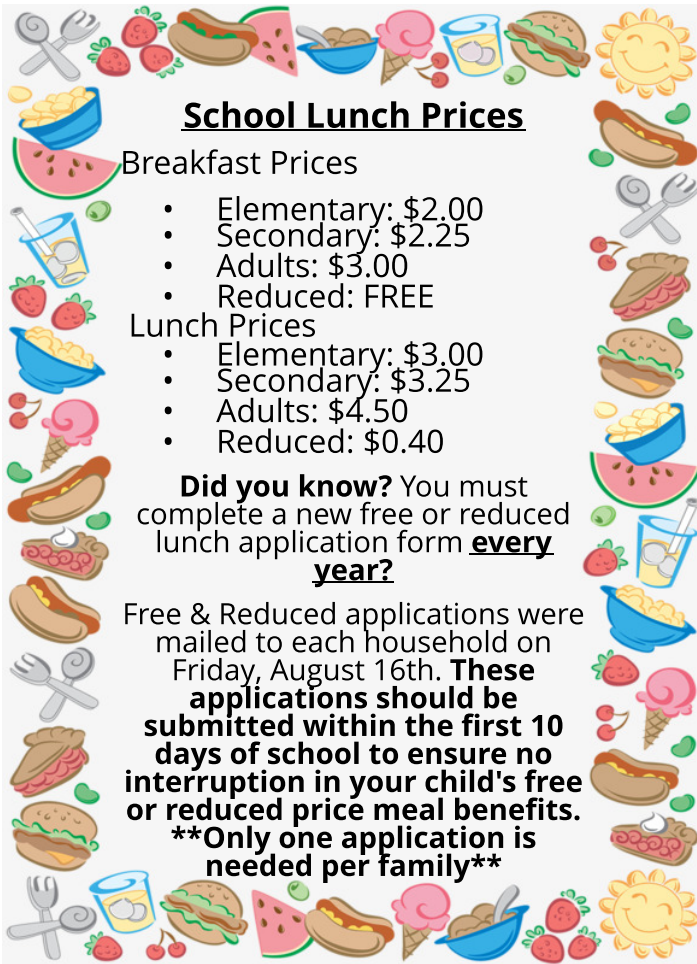
Serena Meidinger 6th grade & 7th grade (A-K)
(360) 965-0532
serena_meidinger@msd25.org



Transportation

We encourage families to look up bus schedules prior to the start of school on either the District website or in the Back to School Newspaper. This will help to eliminate confusion for your student on their first day of school.

<https://www.msd25.org/o/district/page/transportation--70>



School Lunch Prices

Breakfast Prices

- Elementary: \$2.00
- Secondary: \$2.25
- Adults: \$3.00
- Reduced: FREE

Lunch Prices

- Elementary: \$3.00
- Secondary: \$3.25
- Adults: \$4.50
- Reduced: \$0.40

Did you know? You must complete a new free or reduced lunch application form **every year?**

Free & Reduced applications were mailed to each household on Friday, August 16th. **These applications should be submitted within the first 10 days of school to ensure no interruption in your child's free or reduced price meal benefits.**
****Only one application is needed per family****

 www.msd25.org

Interpreters available in every school
(More than 200 languages)

Línea de Información del Distrito en ESPAÑOL 360.965.0254
www.msd25.org/espanol-spanish
 Facebook/MSD25Espanol Twitter:MSD25Espanol

ЛИНИЯ ШКОЛЬНОГО ОКРУГА НА РУССКОМ ЯЗЫКЕ 360.965.0253
www.msd25.org/russian

Resources in Different languages for Parents and MSD Staff
www.msd25.org/equity-diversity-indigenous-education



Skyward Family Access

The MSD website includes lots of useful information, videos, and tutorials regarding Skyward. This is a great resource for parents! Be sure to check it out!

www.msd25.org/skyward-family-access--38



If you are in immediate danger or your tip is in regards to a life-threatening emergency, call 911!

To report an unsafe situation anonymously:

Call or text your message to (360) 799-5141

Online at: <https://1248.alert1.us>

Email at: 1248@alert1.us

RESOURCES for Families & Students

Care Crisis Line (425) 258-4357

24 Hour Crisis Line (800) 584-3578

National Suicide Prevention (800) 273-TALK

(800) 273-8255

Chat available via the web at:
www.866teenlink.org

Crisis Text Line:

text "HELP", or "HELLO" or any other introductory short word to 741741

Non-Discrimination

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, Nancy Smith, Director of Categorical Programs, nancy_smith@msd25.org, 360-965-0051; ADA Coordinator - Ginger Merkel, Executive Director of Special Education, ginger_merkel@msd25.org, 360-965-0174. 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.

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



TOTEM FALL SPORTS

7/8th grade Cross Country:

Coach: Matt Koenigs

First day of practice: Sept 4, 2019

Location: Meet in the gym

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

8th grade Football:

Coach: David Enick

First day of practice: Sept 4, 2019

Location: Meet in the gym

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

7/8th grade Fastpitch Softball:

Coach: Adam Edinger

First day of practice: Sept 5, 2019

Location: Meet outside the girls locker room everyday at 3:00 pm dressed and ready to go. We will walk as a team to the Totem softball field next to the football field.

Time: 3:00 - 5:00 pm

More information including equipment needs and instructions for filling out the online Athletic Registration Packet** can be found online at:

<http://www.ms25.org/o/totem-middle-school/page/athletics--162>

**Athletic Registration Packet is done online thru Skyward Family Access using your parent login.



2019-2020 PTSA Board Members

President: Mike Pettruzzelli

Treasurer: Lori Snyder

Secretary: Keri Lindsay

Please join us!!

**Meetings are held in the Totem Library
from 2:30-3:30pm**

Upcoming Meeting Dates

September 10 October 1

November 5 December 3

January 7 February 4

March 3 April 14

May 5 June 2

**Exciting
News!**



ONLINE PAYMENTS

for Fines, Fees, Lunch Payments, Chromebook Insurance, and More!



Debit, Credit, and EFT.

No Convenience Fees.

Every Student & Every School.

**login online at
payments.ms25.org**

Marysville School District has a new online payment system, TouchBase, making it easy for parents/guardians to pay student fines, fees, make a food service payment and Chromebook insurance all in one place. As a parent, this new application allows you to access your child's account online using a computer or your favorite mobile device, and the same username and password from Skyward Family Access.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FEATURE:

- 1** Visit the site online at payments.ms25.org
- 2** Contact your child's school, beginning August 21st.
- 3** Contact the Service Center at [360] 965-0094

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 handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Civil Rights Coordinator - Gregg Kuehn, Risk Management Supervisor, gregg_kuehn@msd25.org, 360-965-0110; Title IX Officer - Jason Thompson, Deputy Superintendent, jason_thompson@msd25.org, 360-965-0004; Section 504 Coordinator, Nancy Smith, Director of Categorical Programs, nancy_smith@msd25.org, 360-965-0051; ADA Coordinator - Ginger Merkel, Executive Director of Special Education, ginger_merkel@msd25.org, 360-965-0174. Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270. Website: www.ms25.org Marysville School District is a drug- and tobacco-free workplace.



Excused absences

Absences due to the following reasons can be excused:

- ◆ 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

A school principal or designee **has the authority to determine if an absence meets the above criteria for an excused absence**. Districts may define additional categories or criteria for excused absences.

Unexcused absences

Any absence from school is unexcused unless it meets one of the criteria provided above WAC [392-401-020](#).

When you are absent a parent/guardian has three days to report the absence or it will remain as "Unexcused".





TOTEM MIDDLE SCHOOL
**BACK TO
 SCHOOL
 SUPPLY LISTS**

6TH GRADE

- 3" 3-Ring Binder
 - College Ruled Lined Paper
 - Binder Dividers
 - 4 College Ruled Composition Books
 - Spiral Notebook, Single Subject
 - 3-Prong Plastic Folders
 - #2 Pencils, Erasers, Sharpener
 - Colored Pencils & Markers
 - Black Fine-tipped Sharpies
 - Pencil Pouch
 - Glue Stick
 - Scissors
 - Index Cards
 - Ruler
 - PE Uniform: Grey/red/black shirt, shorts/sweats. May be purchased in school office. Athletic Shoes.
- Highlighters
 - Sticky Notes
 - Scientific Calculator
 - Plastic Bag, Gallon
 - Sno-Isle Library Card

7TH GRADE

- 3" 3-Ring Binder
 - College Ruled Lined Paper
 - Binder Dividers
 - 5 College Ruled Composition Books
 - 3-Prong Plastic Folders
 - #2 Pencils, Erasers, Sharpener
 - Colored Pencils & Markers
 - Black Fine-tipped Sharpies
 - Pencil Pouch
 - Glue Stick
 - Scissors
 - Index Cards
 - Ruler
 - Sno-Isle Library Card
 - PE Uniform: Grey/red/black shirt, shorts/sweats. May be purchased in school office. Athletic Shoes.
- Highlighters
 - Sticky Notes
 - Scientific Calculator
 - Plastic Bag, Gallon

8TH GRADE

- 3" 3-Ring Binder
 - College Ruled Lined Paper
 - Binder Dividers
 - 3-Prong Plastic Folders
 - #2 Pencils, Erasers, Sharpener
 - Colored Pencils & Markers
 - 2 Graph Paper Comp. Books
 - 5 College Ruled Composition Books
 - Black Fine-tipped Sharpies
 - Pencil Pouch
 - Glue Stick
 - Scissors
 - Index Cards
 - Ruler
 - Sno-Isle Library Card
 - PE Uniform: Grey/red/black shirt, shorts/sweats. May be purchased in school office. Athletic Shoes.
- Highlighters
 - Sticky Notes
 - Scientific Calculator
 - Plastic Bag, Gallon