

KELLOGG MARSH ELEMENTARY

HOME OF THE BEARS

OCTOBER 2019

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CALENDAR

Fri. Sept. 27 ~ Release
2:05

Fri. Oct 4 ~ Release 2:05

Fri. Oct. 4 ~ Reptile
Man—6:30 in Gym

Thurs. Oct. 10 ~ PTA
Mtg. 4:30 to 5:30 pm Li-
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Thurs. Oct 10 ~ Cultural
Sharing Day

Fri. Oct. 11 ~ NO
SCHOOL

Wed. Oct. 16, 17, 18 5th
Grade Outdoor Camp—
Cedar Springs

Fri. Oct.18 ~ Release
2:05

Wed. Oct 23 ~ Parent
Review Night 6:30
Boardroom— Growth &
Development

Thurs. Oct. 24
School Picture Day

Fri. Oct 25 ~ Release
2:05

Fri. Oct 25 ~ Harvest
Dance 6 to 8 pm in the
Gym

Fri. Nov. 1 ~ Release
2:05

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Here you can listen to the monthly news in Russian and Spanish.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Kellogg Marsh Families,

Welcome to the new school year!!! I do believe we are off to a great start. Students have settled into their new classes and learning is taking place. Unfortunately, there were some transitions that took place after the start of the school year, but those changes were made to meet the learning needs of our students. The staff and I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding through this process. Students have settled into their routines and we are now on our way. We are very excited to have your children with us this school year. Please know that we cannot do this work without you. You are our partners and only together can we make a positive difference for each of our students.

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.

The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988, on the approval of Public Law 100-402.

The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively. Also, Columbus Day or Día de la Raza, which is October 12, falls within this 30 day period.



Eneille Nelson, Principal

5th Grade Outdoor Camp

5th grade will be attending Outdoor Education Camp at Cedar Springs in Lake Stevens October 16-18. We will be taking school buses from the school on the 16th at 9:30 am. Your child will not be able to ride their regular bus that morning with their bags, so they will need to be dropped off. Your child will also need a sack lunch, since the first meal served at camp will be dinner. They will return on Friday the 18th around 1 pm. Parents will need to pick them up at that time or make arrangements for them to get home. Again they will not be able to ride their bus with their bags. Medication that need to be given at camp needs to be in the Healthroom by October 10th. Please call the school nurse with questions. This includes over the counter medication that is medically necessary.

We are still looking for make parent volunteers to chaperone this trip. Please contact your homeroom teacher if you want to go.

FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH

Free and Reduced Meal Applications Expire on October 15th.

Each year we are required to have an application completed for participation within this program. If your child qualified for this program within the 2018-19 school year their eligibility will expire. You will need to complete a new application for the 2019-20 school year and turn it in to the office.

Please note that your child's status may change from last year based on the information provided on the application. Application are available at the KM Office or on the district website and can be dropped off at your child's school or at the Marysville School District, 4220 80th ST. NE.

HEALTHROOM NEWS

MMR Vaccine Exemption Law Change 2019

In May 2019, the State Legislature passed a bill that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and child care entry.

The bill took effect July 28, 2019 and applies to public schools and child care. The law removes the option for a personal/philosophical exemption to the MMR vaccine requirements for schools and child care facilities.

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/.../Schools/ImmunizationLawChange>

Growth & Development Preview

Fall Parent Preview Night
Wednesday, October 23rd
6:30 to 7:30 pm
District Office Boardroom

The district will be hosting a preview night for 5th grade parents to view the material and ask questions regarding the information. A flyer will be sent home in mid October with more information.

SCHOOL PICTURES
will be taken
Thursday, October 24th

White Emergency Contact Cards

If you haven't returned the emergency card that was in the Welcome Back Envelope the first day of school, please update the information and return the new card to the KM Office. This keeps your information current in case we need to contact you regarding your student.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS . . .

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?

Anytime 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 unexcuse 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 gets the high-quality education he/she deserves.

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HARVEST DANCE

Friday, October 25th
6 to 8 pm in the KM Gym

Come dressed in your favorite costume and enjoy the Harvest Dance. We will be holding a costume contest. Please remember that school guidelines will apply: no masks, or makeup or toy weapons no items that may scare other children.

Food and drinks will be available for a fee.
If you bring a donation for the food bank you will receive a FREE POPCORN !

DJ Mike will be here spinning the music so please plan on attending this fun event.
Come enjoy the evening!!

An adult must accompany with your students.



MUSIC DEPARTMENT INFORMATION . .

All 4th grade students will have the option to purchase a recorder for music class in October. A classroom set is provided. Letters will be sent home soon.

Also, for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders that are interested in participating in the choir information will be coming out soon.

No School—Friday, October 11

Safe school tip line -
Report Unsafe Situations
Anonymous - Toll Free 1-866-LIVE-TIP or
(866-548-3847)

PTA Bear Den ...

The Kellogg Marsh PTA welcomes
all our families to another
GREAT school year.

President ~ Jennifer Doll
Vice President ~ Marjorie Arketa
Secretary ~ Tiffany Pike
Treasurer ~ Dominique Valentine

Activities for the month:

- ♦ **Oct. 4th—Reptile Man— 6:30 pm in the KM gym**
- ♦ **Oct. 7th—Fundraiser Orders Due**
- ♦ **Oct. 10th—PTA Meeting 4:30 pm in the KM Library**
- ♦ **Oct. 24th—School Pictures**
- ♦ **Oct. 25th—Harvest Dance—6 to 8 pm in the KM Gym**

Contact: KMPTA15@gmail.com

Halloween Information

***No Masks, *No Weapons, *No Makeup, *No blood, or items that may scare others. If your child wears makeup to school he/she will be asked to remove it.**

Some classrooms may have a small celebration on Thursday, October 31st which may include costumes. Watch for information from your child's teacher. If you choose to send your child in a costume please be sure it is simple enough for them to get in and out of when they use the restroom and to play at recess and P.E.

Please check with your student's teacher regarding allergies and health concerns that may be in the classroom. We encourage healthy snacks like apple slices, rice crispy treats, and popcorn.

If your child does not celebrate Halloween, we will provide alternative activities.