



Panther Cub Press



Upcoming Events

Lifetouch Picture Re-take Day	11/25
Student of the Month Assembly	11/26
Thanksgiving Break	11/27-29
Pizza with the Principal	12/2
Food Drive Begins	
Winter Program	12/16
Student of the Month Assembly at 2:00	12/19
Festive Sweater Day	12/20
Winter Break	12/23-1/6

Dear Families and Students,

Our wonderful school counselor, Chantel Merriman, works so hard to help coordinate outreach to families and community members who might need a little help this time of year. Our wonderful White Pass community is so great about donating things that students might need, like coats and warm gear, food, school supplies, and more. And in addition to all the other parts of her job, Mrs. M makes sure that all those donations end up where they need to be.



Thank you to our generous donors, for their caring and kindness! This includes Bonnie & Jim Brazil, Arbor Health, Hampton, US Forest Service, The Forgotten Children's Fund, Shelli & Bob Bordeaux, Cary Matchett, and anyone else I've forgotten. I'm thankful that our community bands together like this.

Picture retakes are on Monday, 11/25. I got a haircut, and I'll try to remember to wear a tie and smile big on Monday. I know our kiddos getting retakes will be looking their spiffiest, too.

Finally, I hope that you have a wonderful Thanksgiving week. I love to spend time with my favorite people (family & friends!) and favorite foods (all of it!) this time of year. Remember that we have no school on Wednesday 11/27, Thursday 11/28, and Friday 11/29.

Kind regards,

Nathan Coutsoubos

Principal

White Pass Elementary School



From the Nurse



Welcome everyone!!! I am excited for the new school year and getting back to our normal routines. My name is Kim Inocencio and I am the School Nurse for the White Pass School district. I go by Nurse Kim to make it easy. I am usually at White Pass every Monday and Wednesday. Please feel free to contact me any times if you have questions.

Medications at school

If your child needs medications at school, we must have specific paperwork completed by the doctor before we can administer any medication.

Hand Washing

The Center for Disease Control states, "hand washing is the single most important means of preventing the spread of infection" It is very important to be diligent in washing your hands often, to prevent the spread of many illnesses. Please discuss the importance of hand washing, after sneezing, blowing your nose, recess and before eating a meal, with your child. This information will be reinforced at school periodically through the year.

Lice are very common, have been around since Egyptian times and can affect anyone. Lice are a huge nuisance but are not known to carry diseases and are not a health concern. They don't jump but do crawl away from light very fast. The best defense against these little critters is YOU!!!! The preferred way to prevent the spread of lice is for every family to be responsible and check their family members weekly, for head lice, especially during the school year. If they are caught and treated immediately they will be unable to be spread. This does mean making a commitment to prevention and diligent weekly head checks by the adults in the home. Please remind your children to not share hats, scarfs, jackets, barrettes, combs, etc. If a student is found to have live lice or nits (eggs) a call home will be made and the student will be sent home at the end of the day. If you or the school finds lice please know your child should return to school after appropriate treatment has been initiated. If the lice are identified at school an adult must bring the student in and have them checked before they can go back to class.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me at the school. I have information available regarding how to identify them and what to do if you do get them. Thank you very much for your time and efforts in helping our school to become lice free.

Kim Inocencio, RN

School Nurse

Counselor's Corner

I hope you all found your summer break to be relaxing as well as full of fun and exciting activities. I spent my summer living in a huge remodel project in our home. It finally feels like the dust and tools are finally gone to enjoy my house! If you don't remember, last summer we introduced Todd, our new chocolate lab into our family. He is a whole year older and likes to show us he misses us when we're gone by chewing up papers and food. He has a slight obsession with dragging out my dining room place mats and leaving them outside. I call him my little sour patch candy. So, I guess I'll never feel like my house is clean living with Todd! We also enjoyed spending time with family in Idaho and we planned a Silverwood trip while we were there! It was fun to have that experience with them. This summer seemed to speed by too fast! At the same time, I am eager to be back with our students, build relationships with new students, and make this year better than ever. Lastly, I have been working hard at diving deeper into creating guidance lesson curriculum for our students as well as organizing group lessons based on student needs. While our teachers will be implementing Second Step social emotional lessons in their weekly teaching, I will be supplementing with my own guidance lessons in each classroom.

For this school year, our classrooms are implementing new calm down spaces for students. This space is intended to provide students with a safe place to relax, regain their focus, separate from student conflict, and to rejoin class in a timely manner. This will be monitored by each classroom teacher. This is a great skill we are working on with students to recognize their emotions and effectively ask for breaks while also using calm down strategies on their own. This is a big focus in my own office for social emotional learning. I'm excited for new materials I have brought in to help teach students how to recognize one's own emotions and choosing effective calm down strategies.

Please know that I am a resource not only for staff and students, but also for parents and guardians as well. My goal is to be a strong support system for the entire family. My extension is provided below. I'm ready to kick off the 2019-20 school year!

Best Wishes,

Chantél Merriman

Elementary School Counselor

497-7300 ext 2014





Our Food Drive will be gone on December 2nd-18th. Each class will be having competition on which one can bring in the most non-perishable items. All food will be donated to our local food bank. Please help out if you can.

Christmas in Glenoma

Where: Glenoma Fire Department

Date: December 7th

Time: 3:00-6:00 pm.



All welcome to attend. Lots of fun activities such as cake walk, crafts, face painting, & a piñata. There will be door prizes, gifts and pictures with Santa. Live Band and Refreshments too!! For questions contact Heather Muir at (360) 496-8336.



**Picture
Re-Takes**

**are Monday,
November 25th**



LITTLE SHOPPERS SECRET HOLIDAY SHOP

Coming Soon.....

Our Little Shoppers Shoppe will be during school hours on December 16th, 17th, and 18th. We will be sending home an envelope for you to go over with your child to create a budget before shopping. Items at the shop will range in price from \$0.25 to \$10.00.