

January 10, 2020



# Panther Cub Press



## Upcoming Events

Dibels Testing	1/14-1/17
No School-MLK Day	1/20
Student of the Month Assembly	1/30
Pizza with the Principal	2/3
No School-Presidents Day	2/17

Our Character Trait for January is  
**Citizenship**

### 10 WAYS TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN

- 1 Volunteer to be active in your community.
- 2 Be honest and trustworthy.
- 3 Follow rules and laws.
- 4 Respect the rights of others.
- 5 Be informed about the world around you.
- 6 Respect the property of others.
- 7 Be compassionate.
- 8 Take responsibility for your actions.
- 9 Be a good neighbor.
- 10 Protect the environment.

Dear Families and Students,

Next week our school will conduct DIBELS testing. DIBELS stands for Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills, and it's a good way for us to take some data on the progress our students are making in reading. We have DIBELS testing times in the fall, winter, and spring, so we can track student growth over the course of the year and make adjustments to our instruction if needed. Each student needs only 10-20 minutes for the assessment, so it's a great way to get a lot of academic information in a short period of time.

The weather forecast suggests that next week will feature a good dose of winter! Please send your kiddo to school bundled up in warm gear, like coat, hat, gloves, and boots. Let us know if you don't have all the warm gear your child needs, and we'll see if we can help.

Remember that there are many ways to find out if we have weather delays or cancellations at school. We send out a robo-call and robo-text with weather updates. Or, check [www.whitepass.k12.wa.us](http://www.whitepass.k12.wa.us), or call us at (360) 497-7300. The Chronicle is at [www.chrononline.com](http://www.chrononline.com) or (360) 807-8203. We also update all the Seattle television stations. And, we send out updates to many radio stations, including Northwest Public Radio 88.9 FM, KMNT 104.3 FM, KELA 1470 AM, KITI 95.1 FM, KMAS 103.3 FM & 1030 AM, KAYO 96.9 FM, KGY 95.3 FM, KRXY 94.5 FM, and KXXO 96.1 FM

Finally, remember that the White Pass ski area will give a free season pass to 3<sup>rd</sup> graders! Our local ski area is great for family-friendly winter adventures like skiing, sledding & tubing, and snowboarding. Lessons are available for all ages. Go to [www.skiwhitepass.com/3rd-grade-free](http://www.skiwhitepass.com/3rd-grade-free) to check out the details on the free pass program for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.

Kind regards,

Nathan Coutsubos  
Principal

## A note from Mrs. Merriman.....

Hello everyone! I hope you enjoyed time off with family and friends over our winter break. I wanted to inform parents that I have new office hours for any parents/guardians who would like to speak with me for any matter. My office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:15 am to 9:00 am. If you would like to schedule a time that better suits your schedule, please contact me and I can schedule that at a separate time. This allows me to balance meeting with staff, students, and parents to best support everyone's needs. If I am not available at the above drop-in time due to student/staff needs, please leave a message at the front office so that I can be in contact with you as soon as possible. If it is an emergency, please notify our front office or an available staff member for assistance right away. I am glad to be back in school and missed all of our students. Thank you for entrusting us with them!

### Office Drop-In Availability:

Tuesday & Thursday – 8:15 am to 9:00 am.

Chantel Merriman,

WPE Counselor

360.497.7300 ext. 2014

[cmerriman@whitepass.k12.wa.us](mailto:cmerriman@whitepass.k12.wa.us)

Parents & Guardians,

Attached is our Winter Bus Route information. Please take a moment to look it over so you are prepared and know where the pick up drop off locations are if there happens to be buses on snow routes. Also, please make sure that your primary phone number is updated with our office. This will be the phone number that gets called if there will be any school delays. Thank you!

**MWP Youth Volleyball**  
**Coaches needed for**  
**grades 4-6th. Please con-**  
**tact Tammy Kelly at**  
**(360) 827-2361**

### **4-H Meeting**

**The next meeting will be on January 15th starting at 3:00 after school at the Methodist Church. Please call or send a note if your child will be attending and walking with Mrs. McMahan after school to the church.**

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To: White Pass School District Parents and Guardians  
From: Shane Dotson, Transportation Supervisor  
Subject: Winter Routes/ Emergency School Closure

In order to clarify questions about school buses and routes when weather is a problem, we are sending this notice home with students and including it on our District Website.

Our intent is to hold school whenever it is possible to do so. If we miss a day, we must make that time up. However, safety is our utmost concern and if the drivers and I agree that it is not safe, we will not run the buses.

Local radio and television stations will be notified of closures and late starts. Additionally, the District's Emergency Calling System will be utilized and notices will be posted on the school district website. You may also call the main school number (360) 497-3791 and press "1" for school closure information.

If you do not hear or see a White Pass School District closure or late start posted or broadcast by any of those methods, assume we will be having school at a normal time with buses on normal routes.

We will run WINTER ROUTES only when necessary. Students will meet the buses according to the following schedule when that happens.

## WINTER ROUTES

- RT # 2 Students living on Snyder Road will catch the bus at the Tatoosh Food Mart/Shell
- RT # 1 Students living on Skyline will catch the bus at Skate Creek Road
- RT # 7 Students living on Meade Hill will catch the bus at the intersection of Meade Hill and Anderson Road. If the bus cannot travel to Anderson Road, Students will be picked up at the intersection of Meade Hill Road and HWY 12 or at the Glenoma Bus Garage.
- RT # 1 Students living at Skate Creek Terrace will catch the bus at the intersection of Cannon Road and Skate Creek Road.
- RT # 3 Students living on Cline Road will catch the bus at the intersection of Cline Road and the 23 Road or the intersection of Cline Road and Bennett.
- RT # 8 Students living on Sands Creek Lane will catch the bus at the intersection of Kosmos Road West and Kosmos Road.
- RT #4 Students living in the Cispus Valley will catch the bus at the intersection of Spears Road and the 23 road.

If you have any questions about these processes or stops, please call the School Bus Garage at (360) 497-2298 or the District Office at (360) 497-3791. Thank you.

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The White Pass School District does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, nation origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, 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 in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Chuck Wyborney, P O BOX 188, Randle, WA 98377; (360) 497-3791. (Title IX/Section 504/ADA Coordinator/Compliance Coordinator for 28A.640 and 28A.642).