

February 16, 2018

Panther Cub Press



Our Panther Way! Be Safe, Be Responsible & Be Respectful

Upcoming Events

Student of the Month Assembly 2:00	2/27
Pizza with the Principal	3/02
Read Across America	3/02
Dr. Seuss Day/week Dress up week	3/02-05
Snow Make-up day (we have SCHOOL)	3/05
Mid Winter Break NO School	03/06

Dear Families and Students,

At our school board meeting this week, the board approved 3 make up days for our snow days and flood day. They are Thursday March 5th, Friday June 12th, and Saturday June 13th. Please mark your calendars and stick a note on the fridge to remind yourself that we now are scheduled to have school on those days. Our district will be seeking a waiver for one of those days, but we have to wait and see how the process plays out. As of today, we're going with those three days.

Mary Proffit from the Mountain View Library will be here on Monday and Tuesday with sign up sheets for the Imagination Library. Imagination Library is a great service that sends a free book every month to kids under the age of 5. Mary will be here from 11:15-11:45am on Monday, and 10-1045am on Tuesday.

Those are the pick up and drop off times for our pre-school kiddos, but anybody who has a kiddo from ages 0-4 is welcome to swing by and sign up for Imagination Library.

Looking ahead, our student of the month assembly is next Thursday, 2/27, at 2:15pm. I hope to see you there as we recognize our students!

Kind regards,

Nathan Coutsoubos

Principal

White Pass Elementary School

The MORE
that you read,
the MORE things
you will know.
The MORE that you
LEARN,
the MORE places you'll go.



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

Hello everyone!

I hope you all found your summer break to be relaxing as well as full of fun and exciting activities. This summer was definitely a hot one! I enjoyed working on small house projects with my family and being outside as much as possible with my kids. As for my summer coming to an end, I am beyond excited for my new position as your White Pass Elementary School Counselor and I can't wait to meet each and every one of you on a more personal level. I am ready to jump into the school year with an overabundance of excitement and passion that I will carry throughout the entire school year.

As some of you may or may not know, our previous counselor, Ashley Parrish, has accepted a new counseling position near her home town and she will not be returning for the 2017-18 school year. Ashley sends her love and support to all of White Pass Elementary parents, students, and staff members and we only wish her the absolute best in the years ahead for her. As for myself, I plan to continue the amazing work and love that Ms. Parrish has provided for our school district and continue to seek guidance from her to provide the best support for our students in the upcoming school year.

For this school year, our staff will continue our monthly character traits starting off with RESPECT for the month of September in which students will be nominated by their homeroom teacher. As the counselor, I will be continuing classroom guidance lessons from our Second Step guidance curriculum as well as working individually with students and providing additional group work activities. Also, our leadership teams will continue and I'm eager to incorporate new roles and responsibilities for our students. It will definitely be an exciting year.

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. Let's get this school year started off with a bang!

Best Wishes,

Chantél Merriman

Elementary School Counselor

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Butterfly Poster Contest Winners



1st Place Winners

Kindergarten— Karson Merriman

1st Grade— Uma Jakubowski

2nd Grade— Miah Morgan

3rd Grade— Maddy Coleman

4th Grade— Kohen Ingalsbe

4th Grade— Savannah Dufrain

5th Grade— Isabella Loucks

5th Grade— Laura Roundy

6th Grade— Teagan Heath

2nd Place Winners

1st Grade— Allison Evans

2nd Grade— Laith Pelletier

3rd Grade— Alyvia Marquez

4th Grade— Emma Barnes

4th Grade— Kyra Bowen

5th Grade— Sarah Mommer

5th Grade— Richard Willeford

6th Grade— Taylor Wicks

