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November

November 6-14 - Skyward access open for parent/teacher conference sign-ups

November 6-7 - NO Explorer's Club after school program

November 8 - Picture Retakes

November 9 - Veterans Day Assemblies (9:30/1:30)

November 10 - NO SCHOOL
Veteran's Day Observed

November 13-16 - Canned Food Drive

November 16 - Turkey Trot

November 20th-22nd - NO SCHOOL
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

November 23rd-24th - NO SCHOOL
THANKSGIVING BREAK

November 27 - NO SCHOOL
Trimester Break

PARENT CONFERENCES

ELEMENTARY Parent Conferences are **Nov. 20-22!** Students WILL NOT come to school those days. Schedule your conference in Skyward Family Access from **Nov. 6-14!**





A Message From our Principals

Dear Butler Acres families,

We have enjoyed getting to know all of our new students this fall. Mrs. Dahl and I have taken the opportunity to have lunch with our newest Blue Jays over these last few weeks. It was wonderful to learn a bit about each of them and get their perspective on their new school.

The month of November is a busy one for our learning community. Our fourth and fifth grade students will perform their music concert for a Veterans Day celebration. We would love to have any veterans in our community attend and be recognized at this performance.

Another big activity at our school in this month will be parent teacher conferences. If you haven't done so already, please go online and sign up to meet with your child's teacher. Family access via Skyward opens on November 6th for conference registrations. This gives both parents and teachers a chance to review student learning through the lens of the report card as well as make plans for future growth goals.

At the conclusion of our conference week, we will celebrate my personal favorite holiday, Thanksgiving. Family, football, and friends... what could be better? I would like to convey to each of you my thankfulness for the Butler Acres learning community. I am blessed to be able to work with a talented and committed staff, a fun and enthusiastic collection of students, and a dedicated and involved group of parents. On behalf of our staff, I would like to wish each of you a happy Thanksgiving.

I would also like to invite you to participate in the activities that we will experience this month. I hope that November proves to be a meaningful month of learning and growing for your child. Our staff will continue to work hard to support and engage all of our learners. Thank you for your partnership in this important work. We truly value and respect your support. As always, please call on me or any of the other staff members with any questions, ideas or concerns.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mark Connolly

Principal, Butler Acres Elementary

360-501-1600

BLUE JAY REMINDERS



Spirit Days

COLLEGE WEAR WEDNESDAYS

Every WEDNESDAY, wear blue and gold, college or career wear to remind ourselves of our limitless futures.



BLUE JAY FRIDAYS



Every FRIDAY, wear Butler Acres, Coweeman or Kelso High School gear or blue or yellow shirts.
GO KELSO!!!

Canned Food Drive AND TURKEY TROT



The week of November 13-16 will be our annual canned food drive. We're so excited to see which class will win the competition for the most food donated this year! The Turkey Trot will be held during lunch recesses on November 16. (See Page 6)

BRRRRR-ing a Coat to school!



With the weather changing, please remember to send your student with weather-appropriate clothing.



**Daylight-Saving Time
Ends on
November
5th!**

No-School Days in November



Nov. 10 - Veterans Day
Observed

Nov. 20-22 - Parent/Teacher
Conferences

Nov. 23-24 - Thanksgiving

Nov. 27 - Trimester Break



BUTLER ACRES LOST AND FOUND



Our Butler Acres Lost and Found is OVERFLOWING! There are over 50 pieces of clothing- on the playground fence as well as inside the school downstairs. Parents, please check in at the office and then check these locations, or have your student look for their lost belongings. Unclaimed items will be donated to charity at winter break.

**COME BY AND CHECK
IT OUT DURING
PARENT TEACHER
CONFRENCES
NOVEMBER
20TH - 22ND!!!**



November



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  1:55 dismissal	2	3	4
5	6 Skyward Opens for Parent Conferences No Explorer's Club after school	7	8  Picture Retakes  1:55 dismissal	9  Veterans Day Programs 9:30am 1:30 pm	10 NO SCHOOL Veterans Day Observed	11 
12	13  Canned Food Drive	14 Skyward Closes for Parent Conferences	15 1:55 dismissal 	16  Turkey Trot Lunch recesses	17	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL Parent- Teacher Conferences	21 NO SCHOOL Parent- Teacher Conferences	22 NO SCHOOL Parent- Teacher Conferences	23  NO SCHOOL	24 Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL Trimester Break	28	29  1:55 dismissal	30		





Butler Acres Veteran's Day Programs

Thursday November 9
9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Part of our 4th and 5th grade Veterans day program will be to individually honor our community members, family and friends who served in the military. We will be sharing pictures and names of those who were or are still in service in a slideshow. The deadline for sending in pictures for the program will be Friday, November 3rd.

Email olivia.barella@kelsosd.org with the following information:

1. Name
2. Picture
3. Military Branch
4. Years served
5. Connection to Butler Acres.



There is no limit to how many Veterans we can honor, so feel free to send in multiple pictures. Only 4th and 5th graders are performing during this program.



TURKEY TROT



Thursday November 16

K-2 races start at 12:10

3-5 races start at 12:40

The Butler Acres Turkey Trot is a fun fitness event where racers and walkers alike get to enjoy our fantastic nature trail. Students in **grades K-3** will race **one lap equaling a 1/2 mile** and **grades 4-5** will race **two laps equaling 1 mile**. This fun event will take place during lunch recess and is open to any student who wants to participate. The trot will happen rain or shine, so please have your child dress accordingly!!

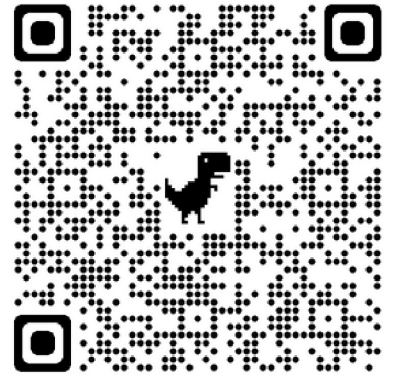
** Parents are invited to come cheer on their student!*



***Canned food drive contest
during the week of
November 13-16.**

COUNSELORS CORNER

Is your family in need of supports this holiday season (*food, holiday meals, gifts for your children*)? Is your family looking to help another family this holiday season? If your answer is yes to either of these and you would like our school counselor to reach out to you, please fill out this brief survey (scan the code to the right) by 11/17/2023 or contact Mrs. Fiecke (school counselor) at **360-501-1603** or sarah.fiecke@kelsosd.org



PICTURE RE-TAKES



**Wednesday,
November 8th**

All grades re-takes and all
Transitional Kindergarten students

Here is the link to order pictures for our
Butler Acres re-takes:

<https://vando.imagequix.com/g1001065566>

This link is LIVE now and will expire 2-3 days
after November 8. Your code word is **makeup**

(TK students have been given a picture packet.)



Announcing: Parent / Teacher Conferences!

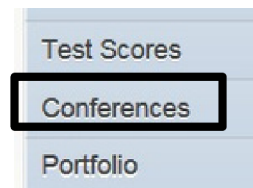
Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher conferences are now being scheduled. We will have THREE days available for conferences in November. The conference dates are November 20-22. **Students will NOT COME TO SCHOOL on those three days.**

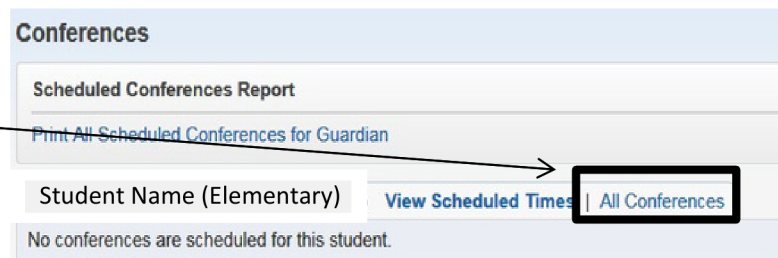
We are using our **ON-LINE SCHEDULING** system through Family Access. Parents will need use Family Access, between Nov 6th - 14th , to schedule their conference. Directions to schedule your conference are listed below. If you **DO NOT have internet access**, please contact the school office at 501-1600 to schedule your conference time.

1. Before you go online you will need to have your own **Family Access** login and password. If you do not have these, please go to the Family Access Login – www.kelso.wednet.edu, click on Quicklinks at the top left, click on Family Access Login, and then click *Forgot Your Login/Password*. Your information will be sent to your email address that you have on file with the school. Please note that you must login using your parent login, you cannot schedule conferences using your child's login.
2. Go to www.kelso.wednet.edu , click on Quicklinks and then click "**Family Access Login**".

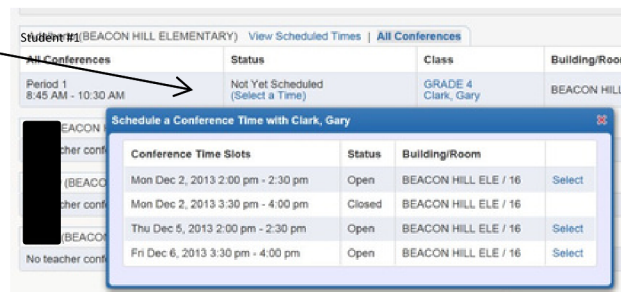
3. Click on **Conferences**,
on the left-hand side of the screen.



4. Click on **All Conferences** next to your student's name

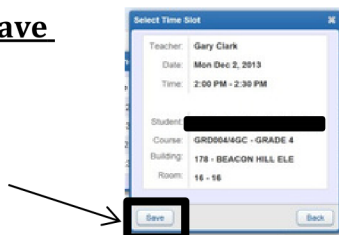


5. Click on **(Select a Time)**

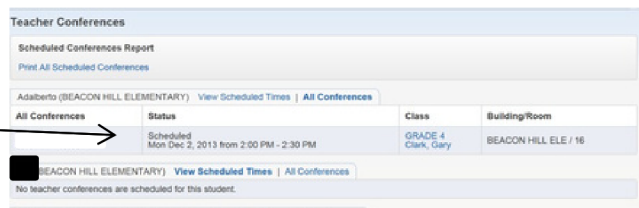


All conference times will be listed for that teacher. Click **Select** to choose a time that is available from the list.

6. Confirm your time by clicking **Save**



7. Your conference time has now been scheduled. You will see the date and time **Student #1** below your student's name.

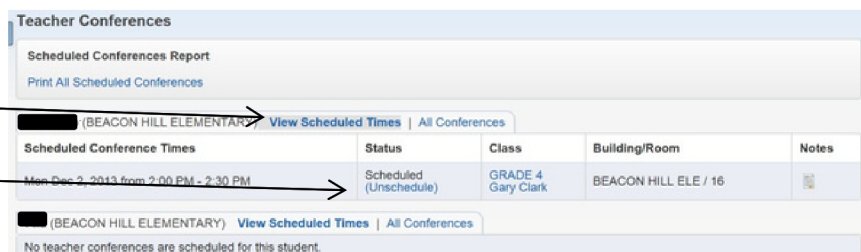


All Conferences	Status	Class	Building/Room
Scheduled Mon Dec 2, 2013 from 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM		GRADE 4 Clark, Gary	BEACON HILL ELE / 16

8. To **CHANGE** your conference time:

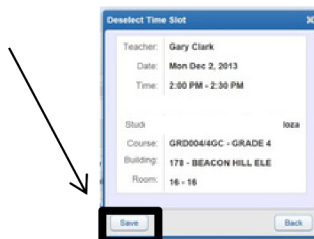
Click **View Scheduled Times**

Click **(Unschedule)**



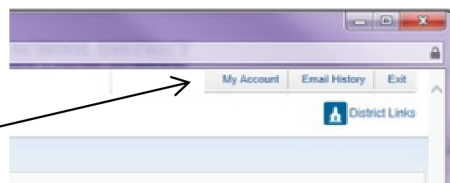
Scheduled Conference Times	Status	Class	Building/Room	Notes
Mon Dec 2, 2013 from 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Scheduled (Unschedule)	GRADE 4 Gary Clark	BEACON HILL ELE / 16	

9. Confirm your cancellation by clicking **Save**



10. To schedule your next student start again at step #5.

11. The system will email you reminders 3 days before and the day before your conference. Please make sure your correct email address is listed under the **Account Info** in the upper right hand corner.



Remember the **Conference** scheduler will be open from Nov. 6th - 14th. If you need to make changes after Nov.

14th, please contact your child's teacher directly or the school office.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you at conferences.

Butler Acres Staff

KSD SAFE SCHOOLS EMERGENCY INFORMATION



LOCKDOWN

DEFINITE THREAT OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

- **CLOSE/LOCK** external entrances
- **CLOSE/LOCK** classroom doors - stay out of sight
- **HEAD COUNT** & collect students
- **BARRICADE** / defend / run
- **MONITOR** communications



SECURE & TEACH

POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM

- **CLOSE/LOCK** classroom doors
- **HEAD COUNT** & collect students
- **CONTINUE TEACHING** as usual
- **MONITOR** communications
- **PREPARE** to upgrade response
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



SHELTER IN PLACE

HAZARDOUS OUTDOOR ATMOSPHERE

- **SHELTER** in a safe area
- **ISOLATE** your environment
- **SHUT OFF** HVAC / air systems
- **HEAD COUNT** & collect students
- **MONITOR** communications
- **PREPARE** to evacuate
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



EVACUATE

FIRE / INTERNAL THREAT

- **EXIT** building to nearest rally point
- If **RALLY POINT** is unsafe, go to a safe area
- **HEAD COUNT** & collect students
- **PREPARE** to reunify

KEY REMINDERS

- **NO PROPPED OPEN DOORS**
- **MAINTAIN ADULT VISIBILITY**
- **SEE or HEAR SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING**

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911

SUICIDE HOTLINE	1.800.273.8255
COWLITZ CO. CRISIS LINE	360.425.6064
KELSO POLICE	360.423.1270
SHERIFF	360.577.3092
SEXUAL ASSAULT HOTLINE	1.800.656.4673
CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE	360.501.2600
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE	1.800.799.7233 or text LOVEIS to 22522
POISON CONTROL	1.800.222.1222
DRUG/ALCOHOL HOTLINE	1.800.662.4357



STRONG SCHOOLS STRONGER COMMUNITY



Renewal Levy Information

On Tuesday, **February 13, 2024**, Kelso School District residents will vote on an issue affecting children in our community: a four-year **RENEWAL educational program and operations levy**.

- 1 The renewal education & operations levy is not a new tax.** It replaces the expiring levy.
- 2 This renewal levy will be on the February 2024 ballot** and, when approved, would be for four years from 2025 to 2028.
- 3 All schools in the district will benefit from this levy.**
- 4 Local levy dollars make up 12.6% of the KSD budget.**
- 5 Passage of the levy provides an additional \$3.4 million in Local Effort Assistance to Kelso School District from the State of Washington.** Receiving these funds is contingent upon the local levy passing.
- 6 The estimated average rate is \$2.08 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, or \$6.87 per month in the first year for the owner of a median-valued home.**
- 7 The levy will not be used to build new school buildings.** This levy is not a bond. Bonds build buildings, levies are for learning.
- 8 Local levies bridge the ongoing gap** between what the state funds and what it actually costs to deliver a high-quality education, safety, and resources for well-being.
- 9 This levy helps pay for staffing and operations that are unfunded, or underfunded, by the state, such as:**
 - School safety and security
 - Sports & extracurricular activities
 - Electives (visual & performing arts, music, world languages)
 - Dual credit, advanced courses
 - Early learning
 - Smaller class sizes
 - Special education
 - Nurses, counselors, and behavioral health specialists
 - Family & Community Resource Center
 - Maintenance of facilities
 - Instructional materials, technology

STAFFING FUNDED BY LEVY DOLLARS

2024-25 percentages after COVID-19 related ESSER funding ends.

100% SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY



100% SPORTS & ACTIVITIES



100% FAMILY & COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER



48%

COUNSELING & NURSING SUPPORTS



12.3%

TEACHERS & INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT STAFF



YOU make a difference!

Register to vote at:
voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx

Learn more at WeAreKelso.org

Look for your ballot in the mail in late January, and please vote!



Developmental Screenings

3 -5 Year Old Child Find Process

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

We Are Kelso!

What Happens?

Your **three to five year old's** development will be screened by a team of school district professionals in the following areas: communication, hearing, gross and fine motor skills, pre-academic concept formation, adaptive behavior (self-help skills), and social-emotional behavior. The screening process takes approximately one hour and will take place at a school district facility. One to two other similarly aged children will be screened alongside your child. The screening results will help investigate whether your child's abilities are developing appropriately for age, or if a potential delay exists and further evaluation is recommended.

Results from the screening will be mailed to your address one week after the screening. If further evaluation is recommended, you will be contacted by phone about next steps in approximately two weeks after the screening.

Who may be working with my child?

- Speech-language Pathologist
- (SLP) Occupational Therapist
- (OT) Physical Therapist (PT)
- School Psychologist
- Interns

Contact Us

Kelso School District
601 Crawford Street
Kelso, WA 98626
Special Programs 360-501-1904

*Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines,
<https://www.digitalarchives.wa.gov/GovernorGregoire/priorities/education/read/guidelines.pdf>*

Why Screen?

- You're unsure if your child's development is normal / typical for age.
- You're worried about your child's development and think s/he may need special education services to support growth and development.
- You were referred to the school district for a special education evaluation by an outside provider (pediatrician, therapist, etc.).

2023 – 2024 Developmental Screening Dates:

Screenings occur at **9:00 and 10:00 am** on the following dates:

- September 20, 2023
- October 25, 2023
- November 29, 2023
- January 10, 2024
- March 6, 2024
- April 17, 2024

To schedule a screening of your child's development, call the preschool psychologist at **360-501-1672**. Leave your name, your child's name, your reason for calling, and your phone number.

Screening is FREE of charge!

Lunch Menu



November 2023

Butler Acres Elementary
Elementary Lunch 23-24

		01 Lunch Entree Nachos with Beef Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	02 Lunch Entree Grilled Cheese Sandwich <i>And</i> Tomato Soup Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	03 Lunch Entree Pizza Ripper Variety <i>And</i> Caesar Side Salad Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments
06 Lunch Entree Popcorn Chicken <i>And</i> Garlic Cheese Toast Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	07 Lunch Entree Chicken Teriyaki <i>With</i> Chow Mein Noodles Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	08 Lunch Entree Cheeseburger <i>And</i> Cut Green Beans Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	09 Lunch Entree Chicken n' Waffles Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments Syrup	10 Veterans Day
13 Lunch Entree Chicken Corn Dog <i>And</i> Vegetarian Beans Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	14 Lunch Entree Orange Chicken <i>And</i> Long Grain Brown Rice Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Grains Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	15 Lunch Entree Chicken Burger Sandwich <i>And</i> Roasted Green Beans Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	16 Lunch Entree Turkey & Gravy <i>With</i> Mashed Potatoes Tea Roll Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	17 Lunch Entree Pizza Ripper Variety <i>And</i> Green Salad Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments
20 ELEMENTARY CONFERENCES	21 ELEMENTARY CONFERENCES	22 ELEMENTARY CONFERENCES	23 Thanksgiving Break	24 Thanksgiving Break
27 Snow Make Up Day	28 Lunch Entree Drumstick <i>And</i> Whole Grain Soft Pretzel <i>With</i> Cheese Dipping Sauce Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Grains Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	29 Lunch Entree Bean & Cheese Burrito <i>With</i> Taco Tots Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	30 Lunch Entree Chicken Alfredo <i>And</i> Garlic Cheese Toast Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Grains Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458

2023-2024

Student School Calendar

AUGUST 2023						
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STUDENT FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

August 30 First Day

June 12 Last Day

GRADUATION

June 8

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS

September 4 Labor Day

October 6 In-Service Day

November 10 Veterans Day Observed

November 20-22 Elementary School Conferences
(No School for Elementary Students ONLY)

November 23-24 Thanksgiving Break

November 27 Trimester Break

Dec. 21 – Jan. 2 Winter Break

January 15 MLK Day

January 26 Semester Break

February 19 Presidents' Day

March 8 In-Service Day

March 11 Trimester Break

April 1 – 5 Spring Break

May 27 Memorial Day

EARLY DISMISAL DAYS

Elementary 1:55 pm, Secondary 1:00 pm

November 22 Secondary Students Only

December 20

March 29

Last Day of School

Elementary 11:10 am, Secondary 10:05 am

TERM END DAYS

Trimesters (Elementary and High School)

November 22 Trimester 1

March 7 Trimester 2

June 12 Trimester 3

Semesters (Middle School)

January 25 Semester 1

June 12 Semester 2

SCHOOL HOURS

Elementary Schools

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:45 am – 3:25 pm

Wednesdays 8:45 am – 1:55 pm

Secondary Schools

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 7:50 am – 2:30 pm

Wednesdays 7:50 am – 1:00 pm

MAKE-UP DAYS

November 27

January 26

March 11

End of School Year

FEBRUARY 2024						
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Butler Acres Contacts



Office

Phone: 360-501-1600

Email: brittney.rister@kelsosd.org

Health Room

Phone: 360-501-1602

Email: natasha.harkleroad@kelsosd.org

Attendance

Phone 360-501-1633

Email: lisa.payne@kelsosd.org

Transportation

Phone: 360-501-1350

Email: ksdtransportation@kelsosd.org

Food Services

Phone: 360-501-1807



School Hours



Breakfast: 8:15 - 8:40

(Do not drop off students before 8:15)

School Starts: 8:45

Lunches & Recesses: 11:40 - 1:10

School Ends: 3:25

(Early dismissal every Wednesday at 1:55)

After School Plans

All students should have a “usual” way home. If there are any changes to this plan (going home with a friend, riding a bus, walking to practice, etc.) please send a note or call the office before 2:00 PM (before 12:00 PM on Wednesdays) and we will send a note informing your student of the change.



Skyward Family Access

Go to www.kelso.wednet.edu and click on “Skyward/Family Access Info” under the Families tab.

- Food Services
- Report Cards
- Contact Information
- Parent/Teacher Conference Scheduling
- Attendance



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Late to School

If your student will be late to school and will be eating a school lunch, please call the office by 9:30 AM to get one ordered.

When your student arrives late to school, an adult is required to walk them to the office and sign them in!

Please do not drop students off after school starts without following this important safety procedure!!

School Menus

Our school menus are also available online:

<https://www.myschoolmenus.com/organizations/789>

Updating Contact Information

If there are any changes to address, phone number, work phone, cell phone, or emergency contacts for your student, please contact the office to update the information. It is extremely important that we have the ability to contact parents/guardians for all students in our care.