



APRIL

NEWSLETTER

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DON'T MISS THIS!

- April 1-5 Spring Break
- April 8 Kinder- Enrollment (2024-2025)
- April 19 Spring Music Program (K - 1)
- May 7 Kinderpalooza 5-6:30p.m.

IMPORTANT INFO

SCHOOL HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
8:45am- 3:25pm

Wednesdays are Early Release at 1:55

LUNCH TIMES

Kinder-2nd grade- 11:40 to 12:10
3rd-5th grade- 12:10 to 12:40





A Message From Our Principals

Dear Parents,

I still can't believe that we have entered the month of April, how can that be?! Spring is upon us and growth is all around. Our students are blooming with their academics, friendships, and relationships as the world is constantly changing.

April is a time of year when we start seeing our students blooming with the knowledge that has been building since the beginning of the school year. Students are finding their groove, ah-ha's, and feeling like things are clicking. To keep this momentum going, we encourage you to continue to have conversations around successes at school, along with challenges they might be facing. Please remember to reach out to their teacher with any questions you might have. Open communication between you and their teacher is critical for the growth of your child. As we continue to grow and navigate, we encourage you to support your child in demonstrating our 3 R's: Respectful, Responsible, and Resilient not only at school but also at home, on sports teams, extra curricular clubs, and at family gatherings.

Kindergarten update:

Do you have a child who's ready to start Kindergarten? If so, we would love to have them as one of our Blue Jays! Keep your eyes and ears open for when registration will officially open. Please mark on your calendar to attend Kinderpalooz May 7th.

Transitional Kindergarten update:

If you have a child who will be 4 years old next year and will attend Butler Acres, the application for Transitional Kindergarten is currently OPEN! Please visit the Kelso School District website and click on "Enroll" located at the top of the page.

SBA update:

Starting the week of May 16th, our 3-5th grade students will be taking our Washington State Smarter Balanced Assessment. During this time, please make sure your child is getting plenty of sleep and starting their day off with breakfast! As a reminder, we have breakfast offered to ALL students free of charge.

We hope you have a wonderful and safe Spring Break, spending time with your family and enjoying some rest. Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Dahl can't wait to see the smiling faces of our students and hear about all their adventures.

Dr. Connolly and Mrs. Dahl



April

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Spring Break No School	2 Spring Break No School	3 Spring Break No School	4 Spring Break No School	5 Spring Break No School	6
7	8 Kinder open Enrollment 2024-2025	9	10  1:55 dismissal	11	12	13
14	15	16	17  1:55 dismissal	18	19  Spring Music Program 9:30 and 1:30 (same Program) K-1	20
21	22	23	24  1:55 dismissal	25	26	27
28	29	30	31  1:55 dismissal			





EARLY LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES in Kelso

FREE

Preschool Pups

& TK (Transition to Kindergarten)

APPLY NOW - SPACE IS LIMITED

- VISIT bit.ly/ksd-early, or
- EMAIL early.learning@kelsosd.org



Kindergarten

REGISTER BEGINNING APRIL 8

- PICK UP A PACKET at your elementary school, or
- VISIT bit.ly/enrollatksd, or
- CALL your school office



kinder
★ palooza ★

Tuesday, May 7

5:00 - 6:30 pm @ Coweeman Middle School

- Meet Kelso kinder teachers
 - Board & ride a school bus
 - Class of 2037 photo booth
 - And MORE!
- Too young for kindergarten?
Come anyway & learn about:
- Transition to Kinder
 - Preschool Pups

Learn more: bit.ly/enrollatksd





Spring Music Program (K-1)

When: April 19

Times: 9:30 and 1:30

(same program for both times)

Spring Cleaning??



So far this year we have circulated 15,653 books in our Butler Acres Library!! That blows my mind. It's no surprise that some books get lost or misplaced.

When a library book is 30 days past its original due date it automatically gets marked LOST. This may affect your child's ability to check-out books from the library until it is found or the fine is paid. Usually most of the books aren't actually LOST but rather under a bed, in a closet, or deep in a backpack, desk or trunk of a car. When your lost book is found we **celebrate** and NO fine needs to be paid. Thank you so much for helping us take care of our books.



If a page has fallen out please don't try to repair it yourself. I have special tape and glue that is made especially for books. I understand that there is normal wear and tear on books and I am happy to fix them.

Happy "Spring Cleaning" and "Hunting" for lost library books!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Webb



Butler Acres Elementary

Improving Tomorrow by Learning Today

Dr. Mark Connolly, Principal • Sarah Dahl, Assistant Principal



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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Kelso School District is pleased to announce that we will begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System at Butler Acres to strengthen our program of campus safety for students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system will allow us to do that. The Raptor system will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present an ID such as a Driver's License, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian for any reason does not have a US government-issued ID, the school staff member can use any form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork.

The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor visitor management system allows us to quickly identify those that may present a danger to our students. Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our district.

Sincerely,

Butler Acres Office



PLAN FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER

2022-2023 Kelso School District

Snow, ice, and wind can impact our ability to conduct school activities as planned. Depending on the road conditions, any one of the following may happen:

- 1) **Buses are on snow routes.**
All schools and activities continue, but some routes are altered. Snow route details are on our Transportation web page.
- 2) **School is delayed two hours.**
Buses pick up students two hours later than normal; no breakfast or AM preschool.
- 3) **School is canceled for the day.**
All schools, activities, and athletics are canceled for the day.
- 4) **School is dismissed early.**
All activities and athletics are canceled.

HOW WE DECIDE

Before deciding to close schools, district officials consult county road crews and our own employees who are out driving the roads in the early hours of the morning.

Our district covers a large region with steep terrain in places. While roads may be passable in town, conditions may be different just a few miles away. Before we close schools we seek answers to the questions below:

- Can we ensure that buses can navigate streets safely?
- Will students be safe waiting for buses, driving, or walking to school?
- What are the predicted weather conditions later in the school day so we can also ensure students a safe return home?
- Will conditions be substantially improved if we start school late?
- Will we have heat and lights in our schools?

HOW WE INFORM YOU

We attempt to provide you with as much prior notice of school closures as possible. We make every effort to announce changes by 6 AM and we use a variety of methods to get the information to parents and staff.

KSD App

Download the Kelso School District app and enable notifications for the district and/or specific schools.

Text & Email

We'll use the cell phone number and email you have listed in Skyward. Please make sure your contact information is correct.

Flash Alert

Subscribe to FlashAlert to receive weather-related schedule changes by email and/or text. Push notification is available with the FlashAlert app. To subscribe, look under the "How do I" tab on our website: kelso.wednet.edu.

Radio/Television

Portland TV stations will carry basic information about school closures. For more detailed information, especially about changes in bus routes, please listen to local radio stations.

Social Media

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter @KelsoSchools for updates on school closures and bus routes.

For a recorded message of changes in bus routes and/or school closures, call: (360) 501-1990.

Remember:

No news is good news! We only make announcements when there are changes in normal routine.



Kelso School District Info Line: 501-1990

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SNOW ROUTES

Kelso Schools Transportation Department

2023-2024 -- AM SNOW ROUTES

*Only stops affected by snow routes are listed below, stop areas not listed will be serviced as usual
AM buses arrive at pickup location approximately 10 minutes before scheduled leave time

ROUTE	AREA	BUS PICKS UP HERE	REGULARLY SCHED LEAVE TIME		2 HOUR DELAY LEAVE TIME	
			HS/MS	ELEMENTARY	HS/MS	ELEMENTARY
1	Ostrander Rd	Ostrander & N. Pacific @ park-n-ride	7:10	8:20	9:00	10:05
3	Holcomb Acres Rd	Holcomb Loop Rd	7:05	8:20	9:05	10:10
4	Headquarters Rd	N. Pacific & Headquarters	7:00	8:10	8:50	10:00
6	River View, Mtn. View	South & Beulah	~~~~	8:05	~~~~	10:05
8	Hazel Dell Rd	Hazel Dell Rd @ Leckler Creek Rd	~~~~	8:20	~~~~	10:20
9	Hazel Dell Rd	Hazel Dell Rd @ Leckler Creek Rd	7:00	~~~~	9:15	~~~~
10	Scenic View, Mcmillan	Beacon Hill & Scenic View	~~~~	7:55	~~~~	9:55
14	Hausler, Highland Park/Vista	South Kelso Drive @ Hausler Rd.	7:20	8:10	9:20	10:10
	Alma	S. Kelso Dr. @ Alma	7:22	8:12	9:22	10:12
	Alma, Grim, Banyon	S. Kelso Dr. @ Russell	7:24	8:14	9:24	10:14
15	Mt. Brynion-All stops <u>ABOVE Hageman</u> :					
	Mt. Brynion above Hageman	Mt. Brynion & Hageman	7:15	8:15	9:15	10:15
	Johnson Ln	Mt. Brynion & Johnson Ln	7:18	8:18	9:18	10:18
	Williams-Finney	Mt. Brynion & Williams-Finney	7:20	8:20	9:20	10:20
	Minor Road & Theresa Way	Mt. Brynion & Minor Rd.	7:22	8:22	9:22	10:22
16	Carroll Rd	S. Kelso Dr. @ Carroll Rd.	7:20	8:05	9:20	10:05
17	P.G. Sweet Rd	Allen St. @ P.G. Sweet Rd	7:10	8:05	9:10	10:05
	Harris St	Allen St. @ Harris St	7:15	8:10	9:15	10:10
	Allen St. & Corduroy	Allen St. @ Corduroy	7:20	8:15	9:20	10:20
	Beschel Hts. & Sunrise	Butler Acres Elementary School	7:25	~~~~	9:25	~~~~

Kelso Schools Transportation Department

2023-2024 -- PM SNOW ROUTES

*Only stops affected by snow routes are listed below, stop areas not listed will be serviced as usual
AM buses arrive at pickup location approximately 10 minutes before scheduled leave time

ROUTE	AREA	BUS DROPS OFF HERE	BUS DROP OFF TIME		WED EARLY RELEASE DROP OFF TIME	
			HS/MS	ELEMENTARY	HS/MS	ELEMENTARY
1	Ostrander Rd, Rollingwood, Ballpark	Ostrander & N. Pacific @ park-n-ride	3:00	4:00	1:30	2:15
3	Holcomb Acres Rd	Holcomb Loop Rd	3:05	3:45	1:35	2:10
4	Headquarters Rd	N. Pacific & Headquarters	3:15	4:10	1:50	2:35
6	River View, Mtn. View	South & Beulah	~~~~	3:50	~~~~	2:30
8	Hazel Dell Rd	Hazel Dell Rd @ Leckler Creek Rd	~~~~		~~~~	
9	Hazel Dell Rd	Hazel Dell Rd @ Leckler Creek Rd	3:10	3:55	1:40	2:25
10	Scenic View, Mcmillan	Beacon Hill & Scenic View	~~~~	3:45	~~~~	2:15
14	Hausler, Highland Park/Vista	South Kelso Drive @ Hausler Rd.	2:50	3:45	1:20	2:15
	Alma, Grim, Banyon	S. Kelso Dr. @ Alma	2:55	3:50	1:25	2:20
	Alma	S. Kelso Dr. @ Russell	3:00	3:55	1:30	2:25
15	Mt. Brynion-All stops <u>ABOVE Hageman</u> :					
	Mt. Brynion above Hageman	Mt. Brynion & Hageman	2:55	3:40	1:25	2:05
	Johnson Ln	Mt. Brynion & Johnson Ln	2:57	3:42	1:27	2:07
	Williams-Finney	Mt. Brynion & Williams-Finney	2:59	3:44	1:29	2:09
	Minor Road & Theresa Way	Mt. Brynion & Minor Rd.	3:01	3:46	1:31	2:11
16	Carroll Rd	S. Kelso Dr. @ Carroll Rd.	2:50	3:50	1:20	2:25
17	P.G. Sweet Rd	Allen St. @ P.G. Sweet Rd	3:00	3:45	1:30	2:15
	Harris St	Allen St. @ Harris St	3:02	3:47	1:32	2:17
	Allen St. & Corduroy	Allen St. @ Corduroy	3:04	3:49	1:34	2:19
	Beschel Hts. & Sunrise	Butler Acres Elementary School	3:08	~~~~	1:38	~~~~

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!!!

Lunch Times

TK - 10:55am

Kinder - 11:20am

1st - 11:30am

2nd - 11:40am

3rd - 12:00pm

4th - 12:05pm

5th - 12:10pm

Spring Break

April 1-5

Butler Acres Before School Policy

For the safety of our students, please refrain from arriving before 8:15 AM as there will be no supervision.

Nurse's Corner

Mrs. Tasha says "Please remember to bring an extra set of clothes for this rainy weather and if you borrowed clothes from the health room don't forget to return Them"





KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458

2023-2024

Student School Calendar

AUGUST 2023

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
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20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

SEPTEMBER 2023

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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OCTOBER 2023

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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NOVEMBER 2023

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DECEMBER 2023

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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JANUARY 2024

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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STUDENT FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

August 30 First Day
June 12 14 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 DISMISSAL 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 (All but Rose Valley)
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 8:45 am – 3:25 pm
Wednesdays 8:45 am – 1:55 pm
2023/2024 Rose Valley
Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri 9:00 am – 3:40 pm
Wednesdays 9:00 am – 2:10 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 - SCHOOL IN SESSION
March 11 - SCHOOL IN SESSION
End of School Year

FEBRUARY 2024

Su	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
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25	26	27	28	29		

MARCH 2024

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APRIL 2024

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MAY 2024

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JUNE 2024

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JULY 2024

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MAKE-UP DAYS

DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER, SCHOOLS
WERE CLOSED JAN 10, 16, 17, 18

SCHEDULED MAKE-UP DAYS ARE BELOW

ALL SCHOOLS

EXCEPT WALLACE

WALLACE

JAN 26



JUNE 3

MAR 11



JUNE 17

JUNE 13



JUNE 24

JUNE 14



JUNE 25

IN THE EVENT OF FUTURE CLOSURES DUE TO WEATHER, ADDITIONAL MAKE-UP DAYS WILL BE COMMUNICATED



Lunch Menu



April 2024

Butler Acres Elementary
Elementary Lunch 23-24

01 Spring Break	02 Spring Break	03 Spring Break	04 Spring Break	05 Spring Break
08 Lunch Entree Goldkist Chicken Tenders <i>With</i> Seasoned Potato Bites Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	09 Pancakes <i>And</i> Breakfast Sausage Patty <i>With</i> Syrup Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	10 Lunch Entree Pepperoni and Cheese Calzone <i>With</i> Roasted Green Beans Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	11 Lunch Entree All Beef Hot Dog <i>With</i> Side of Chili Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	12 Lunch Entree Pizza Ripper Variety <i>And</i> Caesar Side Salad Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments
15 Lunch Entree Mozzarella Pizza Sticks <i>And</i> <i>With</i> Marinara Sauce Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	16 Lunch Entree BBQ Chicken Drumstick <i>With</i> Garlic Cheese Toast <i>And</i> Cut Green Beans Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	17 Lunch Entree Bean Burrito- Homemade <i>With</i> Frito Chips Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	18 Lunch Entree Lasagna Rollup <i>With</i> Kalama Sourdough Roll 2oz WW Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	19 Lunch Entree Homemade Cheese Pizza <i>And</i> Green Salad Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments
22 Lunch Entree Chicken Nuggets <i>And</i> Seasoned Potato Wedges <i>With</i> Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Grains Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	23 Cinnamon Glazed French Toast <i>With</i> Scrambled Eggs <i>And</i> Syrup Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	24 Lunch Entree Chef's Choice Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	25 Lunch Entree Macaroni & Cheese <i>And</i> Soft Breadstick Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	26 Lunch Entree Homemade Cheese Pizza <i>And</i> Green Salad Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments
29 Lunch Entree Beef Teriyaki Dippers <i>With</i> Quinoa Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments	30 Lunch Entree Chicken Parmesan <i>With</i> Garlic Cheese Toast Vegetables Fruit and Vegetable Variety Milk Milk Choice Misc. Condiments			



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: claudia.lopez@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)

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

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.



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.