



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER



24-25 Team Building Trips!

CHECK IT OUT!

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CALENDAR

SCHOOL & OFFICE HOURS

School Hours:
🕒 7:45 AM – 2:30 PM
Office Hours:
🕒 7:45 AM – 3:15 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

7th grade Hearing and Vision Screening will be
on October 15th! See Page 8

Arena Style Conferences

11/6 1:15-3:00 PM and 11/7 5:00-7:00 PM No
scheduling needed for conference times. Each
parent will have 2-3 minutes to check in with
teachers for a quick update!

11/22-NO SCHOOL

11/27-Early Release 1:00 PM

11/28-11/29-NO SCHOOL-Thanksgiving Break

12/20-Early Release 1:00 PM

12/23-1/3-Winter Break

School Staff



Kim Allais
Principal

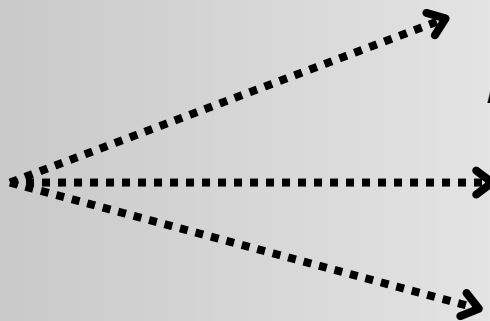


Chris Wiseman
Assist. Principal



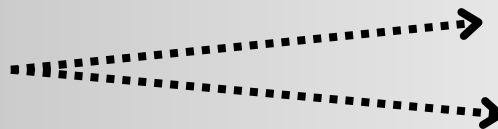
Rachelle Simmons
Dean of Students

Secretaries



Tiffany Phillips
Administrative Secretary
Jenny Parsons
Registrar
Holly Fraser
Attendance Clerk

Counselors



Christina Zepeda
Last Names A-L
Rebecca Viscuso
Last Names M-Z

Health Specialist



Alysha Vossen

MESSAGE FROM OUR ADMINISTRATION



MRS. ALLAIS



MR. WISEMAN



MRS. SIMMONS

Huntington Middle School - Safety Drills

Safety drills are routinely reviewed, revised, and practiced at Huntington Middle School. Some of these safety drills include earthquake, secure and teach, lockdown/barricade, and fire/evacuation. We practice all of these drills in succession multiple times throughout the school year.

During the school year students and staff also participate in table top discussions. These discussions involve students and staff teaming together to review various safety scenarios, brainstorming responses to the scenarios, and identify the responses that most promote safety. We encourage parents/guardians to ask their child about safety drills and appropriate responses to various situations. We are always looking for strategies to improve safety and organization within our school. If strategies, suggestions, or questions come up during these conversations with your child, we encourage you to pass them onto the HMS office.



HUSKY SPIRIT WEAR!

Show Your Husky Pride!

Order your Huntington Spirit Wear
online now and gear up in style! 🐾

Deadline to order: October 10th

Your order will be delivered directly to
your student, so they'll be ready to rock
their school spirit! Don't miss out—grab
your gear today!

[*Click Here to Order!*](#)

This is an ASB Fundraiser. Thank you for your support!

*** If this is a gift for your student, please let the office know. ***



Deadline to order: October 10th



SPORT SCHEDULES!

For the latest up to date sports schedule, please visit the [Huntington website](#) under Events!



Huntington Middle School

We Are Kelso

 wednet.edu

EVENTS | [See All Events](#)

Sep 3 — Sep 4

ALL DAY
Volleyball tryouts-7th and 8th grade.

Sep 11

ALL DAY
Football Away

Sep 14

ALL DAY
X-Country Rainier Invitational



24-25 SPORT SEASONS



Updated Dates!

Fall

Football- August 26, 2024
Volleyball- September 3, 2024
X-Country- August 26, 2024

Winter 1

Boys Basketball- October 24, 2024
Wrestling- October 28, 2024

Winter 2

Girls Basketball- January 27, 2025
Bowling- TBD

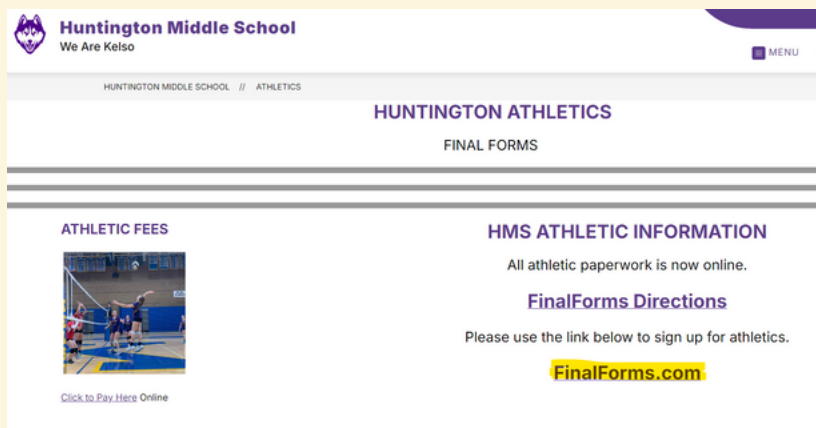
Spring

Track- April 14, 2025

Visit the
Huntington
website and
sign up with
Final Forms!



HOW TO SIGN UP





STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the 2024/2025 school year! I am the Student Assistance Professional here at Huntington Middle School and I want to take a moment to introduce myself and explain a little about the services that I offer our students. I am Mrs. Pullings, and I have worked throughout the Kelso School District in a variety of positions over the last eight years including at Kelso High, Butler Acres, Barnes, Coweeman, and as of this year Huntington as well! Most simply put, my job here is to provide a wide variety of support services to our students including but not limited to:

- Helping students build confidence and self-esteem as well as making positive choices.
- Teaching students the tools needed to develop and strengthen their coping skills.
- Helping to deal with any obstacles that may interfere with readiness to learn.
- Providing tobacco, alcohol & other drug awareness, education, and intervention if needed.
- Support and coping for students who may have use/addiction in their family.

Services will be offered mainly in group sessions during one class period per week for 8-12 weeks (depending on the group). We will meet on a rotating schedule so that students do not miss the same class period week after week. Individual sessions can be scheduled as needed and will also rotate so that students do not continually miss the same class. I also provide whole-school awareness/prevention activities (Red Ribbon Week, No Vape November, etc.), run a prevention club, participate in community prevention, and provide referrals to outside services as needed.

This program as well as all the services it offers are absolutely free and available to all Huntington students. My supports can vary widely and are mostly unlimited so please, do not hesitate to reach out to me if you would like your student to be able to benefit from these services over the course of the school year. You can reach out to me via email, phone, or even in person. I look forward to getting to know the Huntington families and helping our students be successful!

Sincerely,

Heather Pullings

Student Assistance Professional

Huntington Middle School

360-501-1389 | heather.pullings@esd112.org



ALYSHA VOSSEN
HMS HEALTH SPECIALIST

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH ROOM

Attention, 7th Grade Parents!

On **Tuesday, October 15th**, we will be conducting Hearing and Vision screenings for all 7th-grade students. Please ensure your student brings their glasses and/or hearing aids to school, especially on the day of the screenings. If you do not wish for your child to participate in either screening, please send an email to our Health Specialist at alysha.vossen@kelsosd.org by **Friday, October 11th**.

Hearing &
Vision
Screenings
Coming Up!

Husky Health Tips!

Flu season is just around the corner! Here are a few tips to help keep our Huskies healthy:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Avoid sharing drinks with others
- Try not to touch your eyes, nose, or mouth
- Get plenty of sleep each night
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with your elbow or sleeve
- Stay home if you're feeling sick or have a fever (Check out additional health guidelines)



REMINDER

Students that are leaving due to illness and/or injury must be released through the health room.

If your child is feeling unwell at school, please remind them to check into the Health Room before contacting a parent to leave. Our staff is here to assist and provide support. This helps us ensure students are properly cared for while at school and avoids unnecessary early dismissals.

SHOULD MY CHILD BE AT SCHOOL WITH THIS ILLNESS?

Here are guidelines for sending your child to school. If you have questions, please call the health specialist at your school or your health care provider.

Your child may go to school when he or she has ALL of the following:

- Only mild cold symptoms, or no cold symptoms.
- Normal temperature (under 100.4 degrees) for 24 hours or more.
- Enough energy to do school work.
- Can keep from spreading germs by washing their hands, throwing away used tissues, coughing onto their sleeve, and coughing away from other people.
- Has been taking antibiotics for MORE than 24 hours (or is not taking any antibiotics).

Your child may NOT go to school when he or she:

- Has a fever (temperature over 100.4 degrees) or needs fever-reducing medicine.
- Has swollen glands.
- Has been taking antibiotics for less than 24 hours.

VOMITING & DIARRHEA

Children must stay home for at least 24 hours after vomiting or having diarrhea (3 or more loose stools in a day). They must be able to eat and drink before coming back to school.

FEVER

Your child must have a normal temperature (under 100.4 degrees) for 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine (such as Tylenol) before returning to school.

HEADACHE

A child should stay home if their headache is bad enough that they cannot do school work, or if they also have other symptoms, such as fever.

EARACHE OR TOOTHACHE

A child does not have to miss school because of an earache or a toothache if they are getting medical care, have no other symptoms such as fever, and feel well enough to do school work.

RED EYES

Keep your child home if the white part of the eye is red and there is yellow or green crusty or gooey stuff in the eye.

RASH

Keep your child home if they have a rash over a large part of their body or if the rash is oozing or if it is contagious.

Thanks for helping to keep all of our children healthy!



KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 458

2024-2025

Student School Calendar

AUGUST 2024

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STUDENT FIRST AND LAST DAYS OF SCHOOL

August 28 First Day
June 12 Last Day

GRADUATION

June 7

STUDENT NON-ATTENDANCE DAYS

September 2 Labor Day
October 4 In-Service Day
November 11 Veterans Day
November 22 Trimester Break
November 25-27 Elementary School Conferences
(No School for Elementary Students ONLY)
November 28-29 Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23 – Jan. 3 Winter Break
January 20 MLK Day
January 27 Semester Break
February 17 Presidents' Day
March 7 Trimester Break
March 14 In-Service Day
April 7 – 11 Spring Break
May 26 Memorial Day

EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS

Elementary 1:55 pm, Secondary 1:00 pm
November 27* *Secondary Students Only
December 20
April 4

Last Day of School: Elementary 11:10 am
Secondary 10:05 am

TERM-END DAYS

Trimesters (Elementary and High School)

November 21 Trimester 1
March 6 Trimester 2
June 12 Trimester 3

Semesters (Middle School)

January 24 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 22
January 27
March 7
End of School Year

FEBRUARY 2025

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MARCH 2025

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JUNE 2025

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We Wear....

Wednesday

Husky Attire

or

Husky Colors

Thursday

COLLEGE
OR
CAREER WEAR

FRIDAY

KELSO FRIDAY

OR

BLUE AND GOLD

GOOD TO KNOW



Bus Routes

Information can be found [HERE](#) for bus routes.

Bell Schedule

Information can be found [HERE](#) for the bell schedule.

Lunch Menu

Information can be found [HERE](#) for the monthly menu.

Lost and Found

Lost and Found is disposed of monthly- please have your student check this area frequently.

Bus Pass/Early Release

If your student will be released early or riding a different bus home please call the office before 2pm to ensure there is adequate time to notify students.

For more information:

360-501-1700

ATTENDANCE

Late arrivals in the morning

- If your student is late to school please notify the office to have the tardy excused.

How to report an absence

1. Log into skyward family access- fill out absence request
2. Call the HMS main office- 501-1700
3. Email- holly.fraser@kelsosd.org- Attendance clerk

***Please make sure to call the office by 2pm (Wednesday's 12:30) for after school arrangements.**



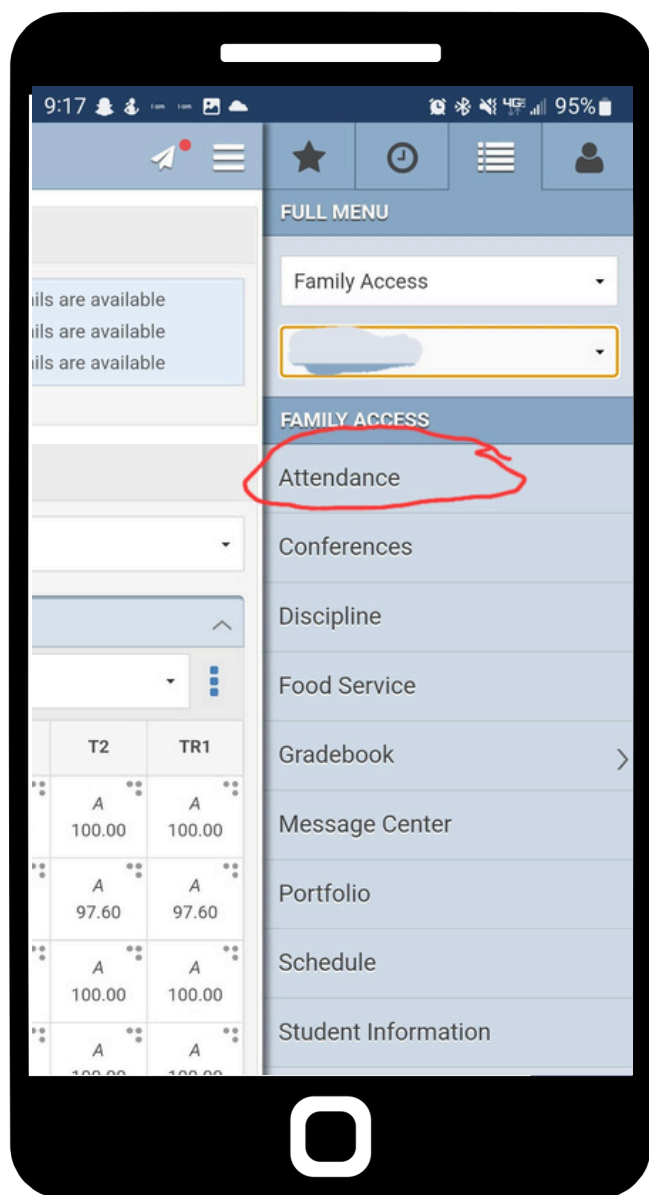


FAMILY MOBILE APP

All the benefits of Family Access on your phone

Entering your student's attendance

DOWNLOAD TODAY, AND STAY UP-TO-DATE
ON THE GO



How - To

- Log onto your Skyward account on the App
- Using the drop-down menu, choose your student
- Choose the date (date range if multiple days)
- If the absence will not be a full day, click off the toggle switch and fill in the time
- Using the drop-down menu, choose an absence reason
- Hit 'submit' when you are finished
- **THIS CAN BE DONE ON THE COMPUTER AS WELL.**

Find out more at the link below

<https://www.kelso.wednet.edu/o/ksd/page/skywardapp-attendance>



Attendance - Why it Matters!

Dear Parent/Caregiver, This year, Huntington is making a special effort to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly. Student attendance is an essential first step for students to learn. We want you to know that our school is committed to supporting your student(s) to attend and access their education. Your students' future is our first priority, and we want to partner with you to ensure their success.

DID YOU KNOW? - [Attendance - Why it Matters!](#)

- By being present at school, your child learns valuable social skills and has the opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other students and school staff.
- Absences can be a sign that a student is losing interest in school, struggling with schoolwork, dealing with a bully, or facing some other potentially serious difficulty.
- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences (excused and unexcused) can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (just two days a month or about 18 days in a year) increases the chance that your student will not read or master math at the same level as their peers.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- By 6th grade, absenteeism is one of three signs that a student may drop out of high school.
- By 9th grade, regular and high attendance is a better predictor of graduation rates than 8th grade test scores.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We miss your student(s) when they are not in school and we value their contributions to our community. We would like you to help ensure that your student attends regularly and is successful in school. If your student is going to be absent, please contact Holly Fraser, HMS attendance clerk at 360.501.1700.

Sincerely,

Klm Allais

Principal

Huntington Middle School

KSD SAFE SCHOOLS EMERGENCY INFORMATION



HOLD

ISOLATED EVENT/MEDICAL ISSUE

STUDENTS

- **CLEAR** hallways, stay in room
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

ADULTS

- **CLOSE/LOCK** the door
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



SECURE & TEACH

POTENTIAL THREAT OF HARM

STUDENTS

- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"

ADULTS

- **BRING** everyone indoors
- **LOCK** outside doors
- **INCREASE** awareness
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **CONTINUE** as usual
- **WAIT** for "all clear"



LOCKDOWN

DEFINITE THREAT OF VIOLENCE OR HARM

STUDENTS

- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/defend

ADULTS

- **RECOVER** students from hall if possible
- **LOCK** room doors
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **TURN OFF** lights
- **MOVE** out of sight
- **MAINTAIN** silence
- **DO NOT** open door
- **PREPARE** to evade/defend



SHELTER IN PLACE

HAZARDOUS OUTDOOR ATMOSPHERE

STUDENTS

- **USE** appropriate strategy

HAZARD STRATEGY

Tornado.....Get to shelter
Hazardmat.....Seal the room
Earthquake...Drop, cover, hold
Tsunami.....Get to high ground

ADULTS

- **LEAD** safety strategy
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people



EVACUATE

FIRE / INTERNAL THREAT

STUDENTS

- **LEAVE** items behind if needed
- **BRING** phone if possible
- **FOLLOW** instructions

ADULTS

- **LEAD** students to location
- **ACCOUNT** for students & adults
- **NOTIFY** if missing, extra, or injured people

KEY REMINDERS

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

HearMeWA Tipline

CALL 888-537-1634

TEXT

HearMeWA to 738477



EMERGENCY CONTACTS

911

SUICIDE HOTLINE

988

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 START to 88788

1.800.222.1222

POISON CONTROL

1.800.662.4357

DRUG/ALCOHOL

HOTLINE

All Kelso schools take the Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying (HIB) of students very seriously. According to the most recent Healthy Youth Survey, the majority of students in Kelso schools indicate that they feel safe at school. Any student, parent or other interested adult can report an incident of HIB using the Kelso Incident Report Form (which is available on the website and in the main office of all schools).

Harassment, Intimidation or Bullying (HIB) is an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

If you have any questions about this policy please contact the principal of your child's school, or the Director of Student Services, Gunnar Guttormsen, at the Kelso School District office.



Kelso School District #458 complies with all federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United

States Code. The following employee(s) has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, the school district's Title VII Officer and ADA Coordinator. People of disability may request reasonable accommodation in the hiring process by contacting, Holly Budge, Director of Human Resources, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 or (360) 501-1924.

Inquiries regarding compliance procedures regarding students may be directed to Don Iverson, Director of Student Services, the school district's Title IX Coordinator or Heather Ogden, Director of Special Programs, the school district's Section 504 Coordinator, 601 Crawford Street, Kelso, WA 98626 (360) 501-1900.

KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT IS A DRUG AND TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE