

Pinewood Panther School News



Pinewood Elementary
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"Better Together"

Pinewood Office Hours

8:15am-4:00pm

September 2023

From the Principal:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that you and your families have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer break. As we prepare for the new school year, I wanted to share some important news with all of you.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the principal of our wonderful school this past year. It has been an incredible experience working alongside such dedicated teachers, staff, and parents.

However, I must inform you that this upcoming school year will mark a transition for our school community. After careful consideration, I have made the decision to step down from my role as the principal to pursue other work opportunities. I want to assure you that I will stay at Pinewood until the end of August to support the new leadership team during this transition period.

I am delighted to introduce our new principal, Teresa Iyall-Williams. Teresa brings a wealth of experience and a passion for education that will undoubtedly benefit our school. She has a proven track record of strong leadership and a commitment to fostering academic excellence. I have full confidence in her ability to lead our school forward and continue to provide an exceptional education for our students. I encourage you to extend a warm welcome to Teresa and offer your support as she takes on this important role.

Additionally, I am excited to introduce our new Assistant Principal, Danielle Atkins. Danielle's dedication and expertise make her a valuable addition to our leadership team. With her strong background in special education and student support, I am confident that she will work diligently to support our students and ensure their success. Please join me in welcoming Danielle to our school community.

As I prepare to say goodbye, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your support and trust during my time as principal. It has been an honor to be a part of your children's educational journey, even if only for a short time. I am proud of the progress we have made together and the positive impact we have had on our students' lives.

I have complete confidence in Ms. Iyall-Williams, Ms. Atkins, and the entire staff to continue providing an exceptional educational experience for your children. I encourage you to extend them the same support and cooperation that you have shown me this past year.

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. It has been a privilege to serve as your principal, and I wish you all the very best for the upcoming school year. Please take a moment to read Ms. Iyall-Williams and Ms. Atkins' biographies below to get to know them better.

Respectfully,
Erika Velasco



Upcoming Dates

Upcoming PTSA Sponsored
Events
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October 5th
Picture Day

October 13th
No School - State Professional
Development Day

October 30th-November 2nd
Fall Conferences
Early Release 12:40 pm

November 10th
Veterans Day - No School

November 22nd
Early Release 12:40pm

November 23rd-24th
No School - Thanksgiving Break

December 15th
Early Release

December 18th-January 1st
No School-Winter Break

Early Release
Fridays
2:15 pm



WELCOME BACK
PINWOOD PANTHERS!

Incoming Principal

Hello! I'm Teresa Iyall Williams, or as students call me- Mrs. Williams. I'm a retiree from Marysville School District, having retired from Cascade Elementary in 2018 after 15 years as principal at both Cascade and Tulalip Elementary.

I come to you with a passion for student success, a willingness to work hard this year to support your students to ensure they have a place that is safe, supportive and full of academic rigor!

I have 3 grandchildren- ranging in ages from 7 to 2! I have enjoyed volunteering in schools, serving on local committees and staying involved with educators through Western Washington University. I am so excited to serve as you principal this year. I can't wait to meet you and your fabulous students!

Sincerely,

Teresa Iyall Williams

Assistant Principal

My name is Danielle Atkins, and I am excited to join the Pinewood family as your assistant principal. Over the past 15 years, I have worked in the Oak Harbor School District. Throughout my journey, I have worn various hats including paraeducator, behavior specialist, teacher, and special education instructional coach. My commitment to learning and development drove me to obtain bachelor's degrees in both elementary education and special education.

Building on my classroom experience, I wanted to broaden my Impact, and I pursued a Master's degree in Educational Leadership and Administration from Western Washington University. I'm genuinely excited to be a part of the Pinewood Elementary community, my goal is to create an environment where every Student can thrive, learn, and grow to their fullest potential.

I'm looking forward to getting to know you and your children, and to all the wonderful moments and achievements that we'll share in the coming school year.

Danielle Atkins
Assistant Principal

Counselor Corner September 2023

Greetings from Pinewood's school counseling office!

Here are a couple of services in our community:

- **Food For Thought**, food bags that go home every Friday from the Marysville Food Bank
- **Operation School Bell**, a free bag of clothing and a pair of shoes for any child in need.

If you are interested in signing up for these programs please contact me at 360.965.1366 or martha_porteous@msd25.org

Over the year I will teach in each of your students' classrooms. Here is what to expect from your school counselor by grade. Each link will give you more information about the lessons. Please contact me if you have any questions about these lessons.

- [Kindergarten: Kelso's choices](#)
- [1st graders: Safety lessons and Kelso's Choices](#)
- [2nd graders: Safety lessons and MindUp](#)
- [3rd graders: Anti-bullying lessons](#)
- [4th graders: Safety lessons and a social inclusion unit](#)
- [5th graders: coping skills and a career unit](#)

Important Dates & Reminders

ABSENCES and TARDIES

Please call the ATTENDANCE LINE at 360.965.1301

If your student will be absent or late arriving to school for any reason, please call the attendance line. If not answered this line goes directly to voice mail, which makes it available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. When you know in advance that your child has a medical or dental appointment that will keep them out of school or arrive to school late, leave a message at this line. We are able to take the information in advance. If you do not leave a message and your child is not at school, an automated call will go out to attempt contacting you to ensure that your child is safe. Your child will be marked unexcused if contact is not made..

Please help us by calling in by 9:00 am. When your child is absent, please call or send a note with your child to excuse the absence within 3 days. Pre-arranged absences for family reasons need prior approval by the principal, provided that the absence will not adversely affect your child's progress in school. Absence approval forms are available in the school office. If your child arrives at 9:25 or later, please check in at the office for a tardy slip to minimize disturbance in the classroom.

How Does Your Child Go Home?

There may be days when your child is uncertain of the manner by which they are expected to leave school. Some days a child may be picked up by a parent or other adult and other days they may ride the bus or walk. This may cause some confusion especially as we see the change of weather. Please help your child know in advance what is expected of them at the end of the school day. It may be a good idea to create a plan with your child, reinforcing each morning how they are to get home. Of course, emergencies do happen. When the plan changes during the day, the office is happy to send a parent message to the student by 3:00 PM. Our goal is to ensure that your child returns home safely and as quickly as possible.

Student Messages

We are receiving many messages for students concerning end of the day plans. In order to avoid interruption of instructional time, we ask that plans for after school be discussed before school each day. Please keep end of the day messages for emergency changes only!

**Pinewood Attendance H E R O
HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME**



Thank you Pinewood PTSA!

We appreciate everything you do for our school!



Pinewood PTSA News

Upcomg Events

September:

- 12- PTSA Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 13- Popcorn Wednesday
- 15- Movie Night 5-7pm in the Pinewood Gym
- 19- Skate Night 6-8 Pm at the Marysville Skate Center, \$8/Skater
- 25- Fall Fundraiser Starts
- 27- Popcorn Wednesday

October:

- 5- Picture Day
- 10- Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 11- Popcorn Wednesday
- 20- Movie Night 5-7pm in the Pinewood Gym
- 25- Popcorn Wednesday
- 27- Trunk or Treat at Pinewood 4-6pm

November:

- 8- Popcorn Wednesday
- 14- PTSA Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 17- Movie Night 5-7pm in the Pinewood Gym
- 27-1 Book Fair will be 3 dates during this week, **Actual dates times TBD
- 28- Skate Night 6-8pm at the Marysville Skate Center, \$8/Skater
- 29- Popcorn Wednesday
- 30- Photo Retakes

December:

- 12- PTSA Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 13- Popcorn Wednesday
- 15- Winter Movie Night 4-6pm in the Pinewood Gym

**Follow us
for more info at
Pinewood PTSA Facebook page**



Wendy Messarina (Hablo Español)

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[Comité de Equidad del Distrito Escolar de Marysville](#)
www.facebook.com/groups/MSD25Espanol

Escuelas y Horarios:

Lunes en Liberty (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Martes en Kellogg Marsh (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Miércoles en Allen Creek (8:30am a 12:30pm) y Grove (2pm 4:30pm)
Jueves En Pinewood (8:30am a 12:30pm) y Early Learning Center (2pm 4:30pm)
Viernes En el Distrito Escolar (8:30am - 4:30pm)
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RECURSOS E INFORMACION EN ESPAÑOL PARA FAMILIAS Y EMPLEADOS

Clases para padres: Liderazgo, Inglés, Disciplina con amor, Computación y otros

Voluntarios: Participe Activamente en la Educación de sus hijos(as) y ayude sus maestros y escuela a organizar eventos y actividades informativas y culturales para familias

Información/recursos de escuela y comunidad: Consejería, Ropa, Comida, y más
Tiene inquietudes, sugerencias? Contácteme!

"De acuerdo con estudios continuos de la **Asociación Nacional de Educación**, muestra que la participación de familias en escuelas mejora la parte académica del estudiante, reduce las faltas escolares y restaura la confianza de los padres en la educación de sus hijos. Los estudiantes con padres o tutores involucrados ganan calificaciones y notas más altas, tienen mejores habilidades sociales y mejoran su comportamiento. *Recuerde usted es el primer maestro de su hijo(a).* "No hay escuela que pueda trabajar bien por los estudiantes si los padres y maestros no actúan en nombre de los intereses de los niños"

Wendy Messarina (Hablo Español)

MSD25 Family Engagement Specialist

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www.msd25.org (Use google translator tool if needed)

Equity and Family Engagement Advisory Committee

www.msd25.org/page/equity-and-family-engagement

www.facebook.com/groups/MSD25Espanol

Schools and Schedules:

Monday at Liberty (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Tuesdays at Kellogg Marsh (8:30am - 4:30pm)
Wednesdays at Allen Creek (8:30am -12:30pm) and Grove (2pm - 4:30pm)
Thursdays at Pinewood (8:30am -12:30pm) and Early Learning Center (2pm 4:30pm)
Fridays at the Marysville School District (8:30am - 4:30pm)

RESOURCES AND INFORMATION IN SPANISH FOR FAMILIES AND STAFF

Classes for parents: Leadership, English, Computer, Customer Service and more

Volunteers: Help your teacher and your school with projects & Organizing Family events (Information and Cultural)

School & Community Resources: Food, Clothes, Counseling and more.

Questions Suggestions? Please contact me :)

According to the National Education Association, "Ongoing research shows that family engagement in school improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents' confidence in their children's education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior." "Remember, you are your child's first teacher." "No school can work well for children if parents and teachers do not act in partnership on behalf of the children's best interests"

Pinewood Choir 3-5th grade

The 2023-2024 Pinewood Elementary School Choir will begin practicing Thursday, September 21st, from 8:20 am- 9:10 am, in the music room. The fall session will run from September through December 14th. Practice will resume after winter break for the spring session on January 4th 2023 and run until May30th. Click [HERE](#) for more info.





Just a friendly reminder.....

Watch for more students walking to and from school.

-do not block driveways

- do not drive on wrong side of the road to enter school parking lot.

- be mindful of crosswalks and speed in the school zone.

Thank you!

Zones of Regulation

This is a video explaining Zones of Regulation as well as two coping tools students can use (breathing and affirmation)

Zones of Regulation is something we want to start aligning K-12.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1LRDvV5E2yke87UezXrsZ5b-6C9b3H3Ic/view?usp=sharing>
<https://www.ms25.org/page/social-emotional-mental-health-supports>

Family Access in Skyward (<http://family.marysville.wa-k12.net>)

Family Access is a great way for parents and guardians to access your child's grades, view attendance, discipline, meal account activity, and update your personal information such as phone numbers or emergency contacts. In some cases, the district will post forms in Family Access that require viewing and/or a signature. Family Access is part of our student data system. Each account is private and viewable only to those who have approved credentials and a login and password. For the protection of our students, this cannot be done over the phone

- **Setting up a Family Access Account:** In order to set up an account for Family Access, you will need to have an email in your child(rens) records in the data system. This is typically added when you enrolled your child(ren) in school but can become outdated over time. Follow these steps to get connected:
- If you have not provided an email, please contact your child(rens) school office and provide them with parent/guardian email addresses.
- If you have an email but do not have your login information or you need to create an account, go to <https://www.ms25.org/o/district/page/skyward-family-access--38> and choose Family/Student login under the resource column.
- Click on the "forgot username or password" link and follow the steps.
- You can also connect to the Family Access App once you have an established account. Search "Family Access" on your smart phone App store.

PAY ONLINE

Marysville School District's Point of Sale system has made it easy for families to pay for lunches, field trips, fines etc. without a transaction fee. This system is called Touch-Base and utilizes the same login as assigned to you for Skyward Family Access.

The login page may be found at: <http://payments.ms25.org/>

If you need help with your login, please feel free to contact our office.

Dogs at School?

Please do not bring your dog to school when picking up your students. Only certified service animals are permitted on District properties.



Report It!

SafeSchools Alert reporting system lets students, staff & parents confidentially report safety concerns, including bullying, weapons & threats of violence.

Email: 1248@alert1.us

Text or Phone: 360 799-5414

Online: <http://1248.alert1.us>

For Emergencies call 911

MSD Online Donation Site

The new online system makes it more convenient for those who wish to donate to their school, program, or District.

Donations that come in are typically earmarked for a specific purpose. Schools may receive donations to help cover the cost of a field trip for a child, a special project, or to meet the needs of a classroom.

The District often receives anonymous donations for children needing assistance with clothing, shoes, school supplies, fees, or other special purposes.

Click [HERE](#) to view the new site.

Health Room News and Information

The health room is in desperate need of children's pants and sweatshirts. If you have any used clothing you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

If your child has borrowed clothing, please have them return them .

Thank you kindly,
Mrs. Nemra



DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?



Volunteers must complete their volunteer packet, including criminal background check (every 2 years). Volunteer applications are available online - click [HERE](#).

There is an email set up for volunteers to send in their application (volunteer@msd25.org).

Student Conduct

The Marysville School District acknowledges that conduct and behavior is closely associated to learning. An effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment. The district requires that each student adhere to the rules of conduct and submit to corrective action taken as a result of conduct violations. The rules of conduct are applicable during the school day as well as during any school activity conducted on or off campus. Special rules are also applicable while riding on a school bus.

A copy of Policy 3240 "Student Conduct Expectations and Reasonable Sanctions" is available online at www.msd25.org or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.

Lost And Found

Lost and found items can be found in the gym. All lost & found items will be packed up the end of each month. All goods go to the Good Will on the last day of the month.



Pinewood's Values:

- Kindness
- Learning
- Passion
- Respect
- Teamwork

Pinewood's Vision Statement:

Pinewood embraces having a growth mindset and taking risks to learn from our successes, challenges, and mistakes. We believe anything is possible and look for solutions with an adventurous spirit through strong teamwork.

Pinewood's Mission Statement:

The Pinewood Elementary staff guides and inspires each student to grow into knowledgeable, responsible, compassionate, and resilient individuals.

Quality Service Standards:

Pinewood has adopted and adheres to our District's

[Quality Service Standards](#).

Weapon-Free, Drug-Free, and Tobacco-Free

The Marysville School District is a Weapon-Free, Drug-Free, and Tobacco-Free environment. You can find the standards and procedures set forth in Policy 4210 - "Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises" on the District's web-site at www.msd25.org. The document describes the regulation for which corrective action or punishment (i.e., discipline, suspension, and expulsion) may be imposed. Paper copies may be requested in the office of your child's school or at the receptionist's desk in the School District's Service Center, 4220 80th Street NE.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Marysville School District complies with all federal and Washington State rules and regulations and will provide equal employment opportunity and treatment for all applicants and staff in recruitment, hiring, retention, assignment, transfer, promotion, and training. Such equal employment opportunity will be provided without discrimination with respect to race, creed, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, marital status, 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. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. The following employees have been designated to address questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

- Civil Rights Coordinator: Gregg Kuehn, gregg_kuehn@msd25.org, (360) 965-0110;
- Title IX Officer: Tracy Souza, tracy_souza@msd25.org, (360) 965-0071;
- Section 504 Coordinator: Stephanie King, stephanie_king@msd25.org, (360) 965-0175;
- ADA Coordinator: Stephanie King, stephanie_king@msd25.org, (360) 965-0175, and Gregg Kuehn, gregg_kuehn@msd25.org, (360) 965-0110.

You can report discrimination and discriminatory harassment to any school staff member or the district's Civil Rights Coordinator, listed above. You also have the right to file a written complaint. Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270. Website: www.msd25.org. Marysville School District is a drug- and tobacco-free workplace.

Please Note: Policies that address this issue are Policy 3210, "Non-Discrimination" & 5010 - "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action." These Policies are available online at www.msd25.org, at your school, or the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.