

# Pinewood Panther School News



Pinewood Elementary  
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Marysville, WA 98270  
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Attendance: (360)965-1301

"Better Together"

Pinewood Office Hours

8:15am-4:15pm

March 2024

## From the Principal:

Hello Pinewood Families!

I love the transition from winter to spring! A little snow, a little rain, and a little sun that feels oh so good! Unfortunately, it is also the time lots of coats come up missing. Please, please write your student's last name in their jacket. It is the only way we know who to return it to. There are at least 5 black coats that all look similar in the lost and found. When you come for conferences, please check for your child's belongings.

In an effort to ensure students get to class on time, and reduce the traffic jam we switched drop off back to the way it used to be. The unload zone is the entire area along the sidewalk and fence. It is marked with white slash marks. Students need to quickly unload from the car, on the passenger side, and enter through the nearest gate. An adult will no longer open the car door for your children. The drop off zone is not a place for conversations. As soon as your vehicle comes to a stop, your students need to unload. Please pull forward as soon as it is safe to do so. In both the pickup and drop off zones, please refrain from using phones and be alert. We want to make sure every child arrives and leaves safely. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

We are asking families to complete a Panorama survey. Mrs. Atkins and I use the information acquired to make decisions in how to best serve our students and community. [Panorama Survey](#) The survey is available until March 24th.

Conferences are the last week of March. We are so excited to meet with you and tell you all about the growth your student has made this year. Look for sign-up information to come from your teacher, soon.

Remember, every day your child is present at school is a day invested in their future success. Let's work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education!

With Gratitude,  
Twila Hammontree-Principal



## Upcoming Dates

Upcoming PTSA Sponsored  
Events (page 4)

March 14th  
Spring Photos

March 25th-29th  
Spring Conferences  
Early Release 12:40 PM

April 1st-5th  
Spring Break  
No School

Smarter Balanced Assessment  
(SBA) page 2

May 27th  
Memorial Day  
No School

June 12th-13th  
Grading Days  
Early Release 12:40 PM

June 14th  
Last Day of School  
Early Release 11:50 AM

**Our lost and found is overflowing again.  
If your child is missing any items, please have him  
check the lost and found. All items left at the end  
of the month, will be donated.**



**\*Early Release Fridays\*  
2:15 pm**

## Counselor Corner March 2024

Greetings from Pinewood's school counseling office.

This month I continue to teach self-regulation strategies in 2nd and 5th grade. I hope that you can talk to your students about what they are learning and what techniques they use to keep their minds focused and their bodies calm.

As I look to spring, I am reminded of the importance of outside time for children.

[Here is an article that highlights some of the important benefits of kids getting outside daily.](#)

We live in an area that is so wealthy in outdoor opportunities: local parks, creeks and beaches abound! It seems like every time I talk with students they tell me about the times they get to spend in nature with their families. Time outside is so often healthy, and meaningful. I hope you and your family get to spend some quality time outdoors this month.

As always, please let me know if you need any resources from the community like food and clothing, or if you would like to connect with me about your student. I am at 360.965.1366 or [martha\\_porteous@msd25.org](mailto:martha_porteous@msd25.org)

Martha Porteous  
School Counselor

[Click here for Pinewood's counseling resources](#)



Pinewood students in **3rd, 4th and 5th grade** will participate in the **Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA)** in May.



<https://bit.ly/3IC9Ph0>

Use the code or link above to access **Smarter Balanced** practice tests to become familiar with navigating the online

## 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



## Tips for Improving Attendance:

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**  
Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

WHEN A STUDENT MISSES 2 DAYS A MONTH.....	WHEN A STUDENT MISSES 4 DAYS A MONTH.....
They will miss 20 days a year.	They will miss 40 days a year.
They will miss 30 hours of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 hours of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 hours of Reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 hours of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 year of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 years of school by graduation.

- Establish a Routine: Set a consistent bedtime and morning routine to ensure your child is well-rested and ready for school each day.
- Communicate: If your child is unable to attend school due to illness or other reasons, please notify the school as soon as possible. Open communication helps us support your child's educational journey.
- Celebrate Success: Acknowledge and celebrate your child's achievements, both big and small. Positive reinforcement can boost their confidence and enthusiasm for learning.

Remember, every day your child is present at school is a day invested in their future success. Let's work together to ensure that every child has the opportunity to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.



**Thank You Pinewood PTSA!**



**We appreciate everything you do for our school!**

### **Pinewood PTSA News**

#### Upcoming Events

##### **March:**

- 2-Auction 3-5:00pm at MPHS Commons
- 6- Popcorn Wednesday
- 12- PTSA Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 15- Movie Night 5-7pm in the Pinewood Gym
- 19-Skate Night 6-8pm at the Marysville Skate Center, \$8/Skater
- 20- Popcorn Wednesday
- March 25-29 - Book Fair

##### **April:**

- 9- PTSA Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 10- Popcorn Wednesday
- 12- Spring Dance Time TBD in the Pinewood Gym
- 16- Game Night 5-7pm in the Pinewood Gym
- 24- Popcorn Wednesday
- 26- Movie Night 5-7pm in the Pinewood Gym
- 5-29- Book Fair, 3 dates during this week \*\*Actual dates and time TBD

##### **May:**

- 1- Popcorn Wednesday
- 14- PTSA Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 15- Popcorn Wednesday
- 17- Movie Night 5-7pm in the Pinewood Gym
- 21- Skate Night 6-8pm at the Marysville Skate Center, \$8/Skater
- 29- Popcorn Wednesday

##### **June:**

- 7- Carnival 5-7pm
- 11- PTSA Membership Meeting 6pm in the Pinewood Library
- 12- Popcorn Wednesday

*Thank you for supporting our PW Auction.  
It was a great success!*

*Follow us for more info at  
Pinewood PTSA Facebook page  
[www.facebook.com/PinewoodElementaryPTSA](http://www.facebook.com/PinewoodElementaryPTSA)*



**Wendy Messarina (Hablo Español)**

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[www.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.org) (Usar herramienta traductora si lo necesita)  
[Comité de Equidad del Distrito Escolar de Marysville](#)  
[www.facebo](https://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)  
[ok.com/groups/MSD25Espanol](https://ok.com/groups/MSD25Espanol)

**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 actuan en nombre de los intereses de los niños"

**Wendy Messarina (Hablo Español)**

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[www.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.org) (Use google translator tool if needed)  
Equity and Family Engagement Advisory Committee  
[www.msd25.org/page/equity-and-family-engagement](http://www.msd25.org/page/equity-and-family-engagement)  
[www.facebook.com/groups/MSD25Espanol](https://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"



*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](mailto: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



### 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](http://www.msd25.org) or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.

### **DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?**

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

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

### **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](http://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 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.

The following Marysville School District employees/departments are designated to address questions and complaints of discrimination:

Civil Rights: Dr. Courtney Hill, Executive Director of Equity and Family Engagement; [courtney\\_hill@msd25.org](mailto:courtney_hill@msd25.org); 360-965-0008

Gender Inclusivity: Dr. Courtney Hill, Executive Director of Equity and Family Engagement; [courtney\\_hill@msd25.org](mailto:courtney_hill@msd25.org); 360-965-0008

Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying

Employees: Alvin Cooper, Executive Director of Human Resources; [alvin\\_cooper@msd25.org](mailto:alvin_cooper@msd25.org); 360-965-0071

Students: Claudette Rushing, General Counsel/Executive Director of Legal and Risk Management; [claudette\\_rushing@msd25.org](mailto:claudette_rushing@msd25.org); 360-965-0020

Title IX: Claudette Rushing, General Counsel/Executive Director of Legal and Risk Management; [claudette\\_rushing@msd25.org](mailto:claudette_rushing@msd25.org); 360-965-0020

Section 504 and ADA: Dr. Michelle Roper, Executive Director of Special Education and Student Services; [michelle\\_roper@msd25.org](mailto:michelle_roper@msd25.org); 360-965-0174

Discrimination and discriminatory harassment may be reported to any school staff member or the district employee/department listed above by phone at (360) 965-0000. You also have the right to file a written complaint. Address: 4220 80<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Marysville, WA 98270.

Policies that address these issues are 3210 "Non-Discrimination," 5010 "Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action," 3205 "Sexual Harassment of Students Prohibited," 3207 "Prohibition of Harassment Intimidation and Bullying," 3211 "Gender-Inclusive Schools" and 2162 "Education of Students with Disabilities Under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973". These Policies are available online at [www.msd25.org](http://www.msd25.org) at your school or the District's Educational Service Center at 4220 80<sup>th</sup> Street NE, Marysville, WA, 98270.

### 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 items 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.