

# Totem Middle School



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**12/11-15 - Spirit Week**

**12/14 - Family Posada 5:30-7:30pm**

**12/15 - Early Release 11:45am**

**12/18-1/2/24 - Winter Break**

**1/15 - No School**

**1/24, 25 & 26 - 11:45 Release**

**1/26 - End of Semester 1**

Hello Phoenix Families,

As we approach the end of this calendar year, I wanted to take a moment to extend my warmest wishes to each and every one of you.

First and foremost, I want to express my gratitude for your ongoing support, dedication, and collaboration throughout this semester. Your commitment to your child's education and our school community has been truly remarkable. November conferences were so encouraging to both students and staff members. I saw many smiles as students shared their success.

Our Band Concert had a phenomenal turnout which required pulling more than 50 chairs from the closet at the last minute. It was amazing. We will be better prepared in the future now that we know how the class of 2030 families are showing up!

As we head into the winter break, I hope that this time provides an opportunity for relaxation, joy, and connection with your loved ones. Whether you're planning to travel, engage in festive activities, or simply take a well-deserved rest, I encourage you to cherish these moments and create beautiful memories with your family and friends. No homework!

Lastly, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your unwavering support and cooperation. Your involvement in your child's education plays a pivotal role in their success, and I am grateful for your continued partnership.

Wishing you all a peaceful, joyful, and rejuvenating winter break. May the upcoming new year bring happiness, success, and prosperity to each and every one of your families.

With warm regards,

Keri Lindsay  
Principal



# SPIRIT WEEK

**December 11th - 15th**

**Dec. 11**

## **Pajama Day**

**Get comfortable and wear your PJs!**

**Dec. 12**

## **Students and Teachers switch roles Day**

**Students dress like Teachers and Teachers dress like students!**

**Dec. 13**

## **Pink Day**

**we wear pink on Wednesday's!**

**Dec. 14**

## **Sports Day**

**Wear your favorite sports team jersey!**

**Dec. 15**

## **Candy Cane Day**

**wear Red or White!**

★ **Spirit Assembly on Thursday 14th**

★ **Dress up each day to enter the raffle for Spirit Takis**





# XELLO IS HERE

HIGH SCHOOL & BEYOND PLANNING FOR EVERY  
MARYSVILLE STUDENT GRADES 6-12

## WHAT IS IT?

Xello is an engaging, fun-to-use software students can access online, even from their phones. It helps them create their very own, unique roadmap for future success in career and college planning.



## BUILD SELF KNOWLEDGE

Through a series of interactive assessments, your child uncovers their unique interests and skills. Assessments are scientifically valid, reliable, and student-friendly.



## EXPLORE OPTIONS

Students explore thousands of careers, schools, and majors. From interviews with professionals to campus demographics, the information is presented in an engaging, informative way.



## CREATE A PLAN

Your child can create dynamic, actionable plans that outline the steps needed to achieve school, career, and life goals. Xello is there every step of the way. You can see their progress in Xello if you join!



## JOIN US: WATCH FOR YOUR INVITATION OCTOBER 1st

You will receive a *Welcome to Xello!* activation email to the address that we have on file. Once you click Activate Account, you will be redirected to Xello and asked to create a password. This will grant you access to view your student's progress and demo lessons.



For more information visit: [Parent/Guardian Xello Support](https://www.xello.org/parent-guardian-xello-support)



# XELLO ESTÁ AQUÍ

ESCUELA SECUNDARIA Y MÁS ALLÁ DE LA  
PLANIFICACIÓN PARA CADA ESTUDIANTE DE MARYSVILLE  
GRADOS 6-12

## ¿QUÉ ES?

Xello es un software atractivo y divertido de usar al que los estudiantes pueden acceder en línea, incluso desde sus teléfonos. Les ayuda a crear su propia hoja de ruta única para el éxito futuro en la planificación profesional y universitaria.



## CONSTRUYE CONOCIMIENTO PROPIO

A través de una serie de evaluaciones interactivas, su hijo descubre sus intereses y habilidades únicos. Las evaluaciones son científicamente válidas, confiables y fáciles de usar para los estudiantes.



## EXPLORE LAS OPCIONES

Los estudiantes exploran miles de carreras, escuelas y especializaciones. Desde entrevistas con profesionales hasta datos demográficos del campus, la información se presenta de forma atractiva e informativa.



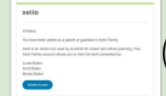
## CREE UN PLAN

Su hijo puede crear planes dinámicos y prácticos que describan los pasos necesarios para lograr las metas escolares, profesionales y de vida. Xello está ahí en cada paso del camino. ¡Podrás ver su progreso en Xello si te unes!



## ESPERA TU INVITACIÓN EL 1 DE NOVIEMBRE

¡Recibirás una *Bienvenida a Xello!* correo electrónico de activación a la dirección que tenemos registrada. Una vez que haga clic en Activar cuenta, será redirigido a Xello y se le pedirá que cree una contraseña. Esto le otorgará acceso para ver el progreso de su estudiante y las lecciones de demostración. Para obtener más información, visite: [Soporte de Xello para padres/tutores](https://www.xello.org/soporte-de-xello-para-padres-tutores)



## INTRODUCING

# A New Digital Volunteer Application!

[www.msd25.org/volunteer](https://www.msd25.org/volunteer)

We have simplified our volunteer application process for improved accessibility.

APPLY  
**TODAY!**

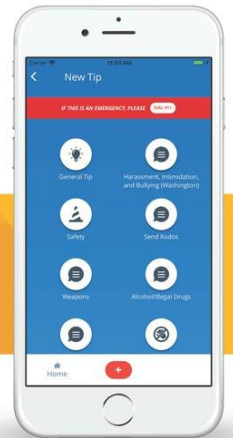


Marysville School District

# Report It

Vector Alert is our district's tip reporting service. If you have information about a threat to our safety, do your part and report it! And remember, you can remain anonymous.

## SUBMIT USING OUR APP



## FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL 911

### EASY WAYS TO REPORT



Visit the website  
<http://1248.alert1.us>



Email your Tip to  
[1248@alert1.us](mailto:1248@alert1.us)



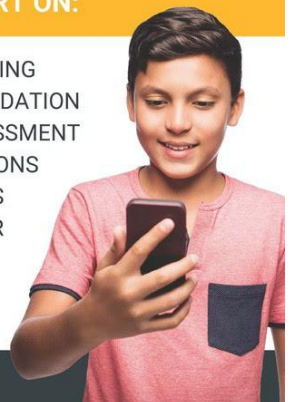
Call to report your tip  
**360.799.5414**



Text your Tip to  
**360.799.5414**

### REPORT ON:

- BULLYING
- INTIMIDATION
- HARASSMENT
- WEAPONS
- DRUGS
- OTHER



**Our District Code is: 1248**

All tips submitted are taken seriously and will be acted upon. Please be responsible with your submissions.



### Apply to Serve on Totem Parent Advisory Team Today!

Help our school develop strong school-family-community partnerships and promote the active participation and engagement of parents/guardians, family, and community members in the achievement and well-being of students!

Consider applying to serve on our Parent Advisory Team!

Go to <https://forms.gle/Qbhbcj6Za3qor3TW7> to apply.



### Updated Bus Pass Procedure

Starting January 2, 2024 the following bus pass procedure will be in place:

Please send a written note or email from the guardian's email address to the school with your student's full name, bus number they will be riding and with who they are riding with. We will also accept a phone call but it must be from the guardian's phone number we have documented in Skyward which office staff will use to verify. This is for safety and security reasons.

We request that all bus pass requests be submitted prior to lunch time in order to get it processed and delivered to your student before dismissal.

Thank you so much for your help in keeping our students safe!

As part of the Marysville School District's ongoing efforts to improve safety and security in our schools, we have installed "video doorbells" at our school entrances. Also called a buzzer system, a video doorbell is a connected camera at the school office entrance that notifies school officials when someone requests entry into the building.

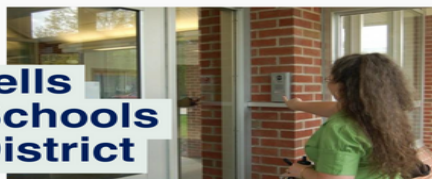
The new entry system will change how parents, guardians, guests, and visitors access the school during regular school hours when children are present. In addition to the continuation of all exterior doors being locked, the school's front door will also be locked, and those requesting entry will be checking in using the new system.

During the times before and after school when many students enter and exit the building under adult staff supervision, the front door access will be open but locked when school is in session.

The video doorbell systems installed at schools across the district are funded from a past voter-approved capital levy.

If you have any questions about the safety and security of our schools or the video doorbell systems, please contact Greg Dennis, Director of Safety and Security, at [greg\\_dennis@msd25.org](mailto:greg_dennis@msd25.org) or call (360) 965-0076.

### Video Doorbells Installed at Schools Across the District





Hello families!

It's that time of year again when head lice cases begin to increase. Please take a moment to check your child for head lice. If you suspect your student has lice, begin treatment and start to disinfect. Things that would need to be washed on a hot cycle and cleaned are stuffed animals, bedding, beanies, hats, clothes, jackets and anything else that comes into contact with your student's hair (If it cannot be washed in a washer, bag it up and store it away for a few weeks - lice will die off with no food supply). Please let the school know if you need any resources or have any questions!

Is your student (or you) addicted to screens and/or social media?

Here are some warning signs:

- Lack of attention or focus
- Anger and aggression
- Poor grades
- Tantrums or a short fuse
- Avoids social interaction
- Anxiety when away from phone
- Speech delays or other learning problems
- Sleep problems
- Poor self esteem or body issues
- Loss of interest in family activities
- Depression

These are just a few of the issues caused by too much time on screens and social media. You can help by limiting their screen time and monitoring what they are watching.

Is your student prepared for cold weather?

Winter is coming! With cold weather comes the need for warmer clothes, jackets and shoes. If you need help providing the appropriate winter clothing for your student please call your school office for assistance.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS

**Attendance:** Andrea Avalos  
360-965-0503

**Registration:** Zach Painter  
360-965-0518

**Health Room:** Robin Edmondson  
360-965-0510

**Native Liaison:** Terrance Sabbas  
360-965-0573

**Native Advocate:** Lisa Fryberg  
360-965-0573

**ASB/ Yearbook:** Melissa Erwin  
360-965-0519

**Attendance Line # 360-965-0501**  
**General School # 360-965-0500**  
**Transportation # 360-965-0300**

**Counselors:**  
*Last Name Alpha A-L:*  
Serena Meidinger 360-965-0521

*Last Name Alpha M-Z:*  
Leanne Koenigs 360-965-0520

**Administrative Team:**

**Principal:** Keri Lindsay

**Assistant Principal:** Lisa Radford

**Dean of Students:** Jason Hippe

**Dean of Academics/ Librarian:**  
Roger Johnson

## 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.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

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, promo, 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.

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  - 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

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The Marysville School District is a drug-and tobacco-free workplace.