



SEAVIEW SHARKWATCH

Seaview is a community school that nurtures children encourages responsible citizenship and inspires lifelong learning in an environment of mutual respect.

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Seaview Families,

Happy December!

We are entering a busy month concluding the calendar year and a month filled with many different cultural holidays and traditions. I hope your family has a wonderful winter break as you enjoy your family holiday celebrations. Even though students are away from school during the two-week break, it is a great time to continue practicing reading and math skills. Students, of all ages, love to be read to!

I can't believe we have just completed the first three months of the school year! Every day I visit classrooms observing students and staff setting goals, engaging in amazing hands on tasks and growing academically. Many of our parents are volunteering in our classrooms, thank you! Volunteers working with student groups increase contact time and learning for all students. A special thanks to our families for everything you do to support student learning at home as well. Staff appreciates the support you give in monitoring homework, encouraging reading at home, and all the other learning opportunities you provide for students on a regular basis!

Weather/Recess

We have had many rainy days this year and the temperatures have been pretty mild, however, winter is coming. Thank you for sending your students with warm coats, sturdy shoes and positive attitudes. We will send our students outside as much as the weather allows. We know that students benefit by taking a break for unstructured play. Recess increases focus for students. If you would like to join us for recess, please check in at the office. Parents are always welcome!

Leader In Me

We have continued to build student, staff, and community understanding related to the Leader In Me and 7 Habits work we are doing here at school. Staff have been providing direct instruction in their classrooms related to Habit 1: Being Proactive, to give students a deeper understanding of how they can demonstrate being proactive through their choices and actions. In October we had our first Coffee Chat and introduced our families to creating Family Mission Statements and Goals (WIGS). We also held a Leader In Me family Kindergarten Reading Night and celebrated the 7 Habits that are demonstrated in our library books! It was a fun event that was well attended by many families. The milk/cookie bar and free Pete the Cat book were a huge surprise! We look forward to doing another event like this later in the year so look for information on that after winter break. Thanks to all those that attended and a special thanks to Cory Fortin, Amy Rust, Kristina LaBore and Kristin Swanson for organizing this event. If you would like to join our Leader In Me Action Team, please contact our office.

Food Drive

A "BIG" thank you to all of our families that supported another successful food drive this year and to Mrs. Perry/Mrs. Losvar's sixth graders for organizing this event. It was impressive to see all of the boxes of food in Shark Hall to be donated to our local Edmonds Food Bank to help stock up prior to the busy Thanksgiving Holiday. As a school community we brought in just over 4000 items that will be used to support families in need right here in our Edmonds community.

Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)

Since kicking off this program we have had many fathers, grandfathers, uncles, and other father figures take a day out of their busy schedules to volunteer here at Seaview. Thanks to all of the fathers that have done this already as they have been able to support students by being in the classroom, working with small groups or individual students, being an extra set of eyes at recess and in the lunchroom, as well as a variety of other things.

The impact of this program has been outstanding and staff and students really appreciate the active involvement of father figures in our community to further enhance the educational environment here at Seaview. The goals of this program are:

1. Provide positive male role models for students, by being present and showing that education is important
2. To give an extra sets of eyes and ears to enhance supervision

The Watch D.O.G.S. program asks that father figures volunteer at least one full day at their child's/student's school during the school year. If you are interested and able to sign up for a day of volunteering we would be happy to have you supporting students here at Seaview. While we have had a great response thus far we have many days left in the school year that are in need of a WatchDOG and would like to fill as many days as we can. Simply call Michelle Kjolso, our WatchDOG coordinator (425- 431-1315) or e-mail her, at kjolsom@edmonds.wednet.edu and get your date reserved on the calendar.

As we end 2017, I want to extend appreciation to my entire staff for their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm since September to create a positive and supportive school environment. I have the best staff members who truly care about students- academically, socially and emotionally. We look forward to starting 2018 rested from winter break and ready to S.W.I.M. into Learning!

Have a wonderful month of December. I hope you are able to enjoy great family time over the winter break when it comes, but we have a couple more weeks of focused learning to do here before winter break begins on December 18th!

All my best,
Heather Pickar, Principal



Tis' the season to huddle inside and share warmth with family and friends. As you share this season with family and friends we hope you have some time to share with the community at Seaview.

Earlier this week, information went home with your students about the **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** program. More detailed information is available using Sign Up Genius. www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0948A5A82DABF49-neighbors.

In general, we will be collecting gift cards, clothes, and new, unwrapped gifts. Thank you for your support of this important program.

If you are able to help or have questions, please contact

Andrea Spencer- aspencer724@gmail.com 425-772-5813 Or

Mira Ho- mirahoho@gmail.com 408-667-5149

Donations for Neighbors Helping Neighbors are due by Friday, December 8th.

REMEMBER TO PREARRANGE THAT VACATION ABSENCE FOR YOUR STUDENT!

Parents, this is a reminder of the **Edmonds School District** policy stated in the Seaview Family Handbook; ***Families are to submit to the office a Request for Excused Absence form prior to vacation absences. The classroom teacher will note the student's current academic progress and whether the planned absence will have a negative impact on their learning. The principal will make the final decision for vacation applications.*** (Policy #8125). Please make sure to use the Request for Excused Absence form found on the Seaview website only (not the ESD website) or pick up a copy in the Seaview office.

We have families that take vacation time over winter and Spring breaks. If your student will miss school, those absences need to be arranged and approved ahead of time. This helps maintain consistent student learning and accurate attendance records. We appreciate your cooperation!



Howdy Cowpokes! Mosey on down to the Bookfair!
Friday December 1st to Friday December 8th!

Sale Times

Friday (12/1) - Friday (12/8)

1st Recess (*with \$\$*)

Lunch 11:25-12:15 (*with \$\$*)

After School 2:30–3:10pm

Buy a book wrangle a bag of Popcorn Event!

Wednesday December 6th

(Lunch and Afterschool)

City Slicker Hoedown Book Night!

Thursday, December 7th

6:00pm – 7:30pm

("Wildcat Katie Brown" production starts at 7:00 pm)



Kick OFF
to
Kindergarten



Join us Monday, February 5

An Informational Night for Parents

6:30-7:30pm at Seaview Elementary (must be your neighborhood/assigned school)

If you are the parent of a kindergarten student who will start school in the Edmonds School District in September 2018, please plan on attending!

“Kick Off to Kindergarten” This is an informational night for parents (child care for children aged 3-7 provided). More information:

Online—www.edmonds.wednet.edu

Call—Shelley Roehl 425-431-7176

DECEMBER CALENDAR

11/27-

12/8 Neighbors Helping Neighbors campaign

1-8 Book Fair-Library

6 Popcorn day for Book Fair

7 Drama Production-7:00pm-MPR

7 Book Fair open-6:00-7:30pm

8 Early Release-11:00am

8 Neighbors Helping Neighbors items due

9

Challenge Test-Gr.5-7 @ ESC

11

Equity Committee Meeting-2:30pm

15

7 Habits Assembly-1:35pm

12/18/17-1/1/18- NO SCHOOL-WINTER BREAK

(school resumes Tuesday, January 2, 2018)