



## 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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Dear Families,

**December is here!** Cooler temperatures... disappearing daylight. The upcoming weeks can become quite overwhelming as families prepare for family gatherings, special travels, and perhaps some shopping outings in preparation for special traditions. As much as we'd all like to feel that we are organized and well-prepared for the upcoming weeks, each family deals with the stress of the holidays in different ways. Oftentimes, children fall victim to later bedtimes, hectic trips to the store for that last item, and sometimes experience first-hand the financial stress that plagues many families during this time of the year. Routines often fall to the wayside along with daily reading practices, consistent homework support, and even family meals. At times families need to make a concerted effort to see that the rush and stresses of the holiday season do not seep into their child's daily routine and need for consistency. On a positive note, time with family is always value-added: laugh, play, read, create a new family custom and enjoy each adventure! Each minute is precious, our children grow up so quickly!

In a time where the hope for a peaceful and tranquil holiday season is sought and the act of giving is contagious, our amazing **Seaview PTA** has organized our **Neighbors Helping Neighbors** program giving back to our Seaview families! If you would like to donate please take a look at our PTA link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948A5A82DABF49-neighbors1>

Our **Leader In Me** assembly will be held on Dec. 13th at 1:35. First grade will be leading **Habit 3: Put First things First (work first, then play)** and **Habit 4: Think Win-Win**. We will recognize student leaders who are making good choices in each grade. Parents and extended families are always welcome to attend, however, we do know that many of our families work and may not be able to attend.

### **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 to:

1. Provide positive male role models for students, by being present and showing that education is important
2. To give an extra set 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 the Seaview office (425- 431-7383) or email Mrs. Bennett @ [bennettl@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:bennettl@edmonds.wednet.edu) or Mrs. Kelliher @ [kellihere@edmonds.wednet.edu](mailto:kellihere@edmonds.wednet.edu) and get your date reserved on the calendar.

As we end 2019, 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 2020 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 20th!**

All my best,  
Heather Pickar, Principal



Scholastic  
**Arctic Adventure Book Fair**

It's going to be **SNOW** fun!

**Sale Times:**

\*TUESDAY- THURSDAY:

1<sup>st</sup> Recess- 9:45-10:20 (With \$\$)

\*MONDAY- THURSDAY:

2<sup>nd</sup> recess 11:25-12:15 &

after school 2:30–3:00pm

\*FRIDAY:

9:40-10:30

You'll laugh your *sled* off over these great deals!

Treat with Book Purchase!!

Thursday December 12th

(Lunch and Afterschool)

**Cozy Cocoa Night**



**Come to our GRAND Book Fair Night!**

Thursday, December 12th

6:00pm – 7:30pm

We will have a Hot Cocoa Bar!

**ONLINE SHOPPING!**

Through the online shopping component of your school's Scholastic book fair, you can now earn rewards for your school all year long:

- Earn 25% in rewards for your school during your book fair:
  - Begins 5 days before your in-school fair starts, for a total of 14 days. During this time period, when you enter The Scholastic Store through your school's book fair homepage, your purchase earns 25% in rewards for your school.

**Start Shopping December 1<sup>st</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> ! <https://tinyurl.com/svbookfairw19>**

**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!



**Neighbors Helping Neighbors**

Tis' the season to huddle inside and enjoy time 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 as well.

In general, we will be collecting gift cards, clothes, and new, unwrapped gifts to go to families in need at Seaview. You can simply go to the following link to sign up for items to donate:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0948A5A82DABF49-neighbors1>

If you would rather not sign up, gift cards to Fred Meyer are also appreciated!

Donations to Neighbors Helping Neighbors can be dropped off unwrapped and labeled with the title of the item you signed up for in the wrapped box in Shark Hall, and are due by Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your support of this important program!

If you have any questions please contact:

Andrea Spencer- [aspencer724@gmail.com](mailto:aspencer724@gmail.com) 425-772-5813 Or Mira Ho- [mirahoho@gmail.com](mailto:mirahoho@gmail.com) 408-667-5149



**Join us Monday, February 10, 2020**

**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 2020, please plan on attending!**

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

**Online**—[www.edmonds.wednet.edu](http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu)

**Call**—Shelley Roehl 425-431-7176

**DECEMBER CALENDAR**

11/25-		17	Equity Team Meeting – 2:40-Library
12/16	Neighbors Helping Neighbors campaign	19	Green Team Meeting – 2:40-Library
9-13	Book Fair-Library	20	Early Release – 11:00am
12	Book Fair open-6:00-7:30pm		
13	LIM Assembly – 1:35pm		
16	Neighbors Helping Neighbors items due		

**12/23/19-1/3/20- NO SCHOOL-WINTER BREAK  
(school resumes Monday, January 6, 2020)**

