



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 March and the start of spring later this month! I hope the winter weather is on its way out as we welcome warmer temperatures and the arrival of spring flowers. During these spring months, there is a push to ensure that every student is reaching the new academic standards for the grade level and therefore it is important that students be here at school every day. Regular attendance is an important contributor to student success.

During these challenging times, I want you to know that we, at Seaview, are focused on our vision of building a school where all children are Safe, Strive for Success, Work Together, Inspire Others, and Make a Difference.

Safety

At Seaview, we are diligent in our Safety Drills and trainings for students and staff. Each month we as a whole school complete a Safety Drill, reflect and assess, improving our proactive measures. In March we will have a Shelter in Place Drill. At the appointed time, I'll will announce our drill, all students will participate so they will understand what a Shelter in Place might sound and feel like. All students will report to the gym. We will take attendance of all students, staff and volunteers which is reported to me. This will allow us to locate "missing" students should the real thing happen. Our goal is to have all students accounted for and safe in the gym in 7 minutes. Following the drill, teachers will debrief with their students if they have any questions or concerns. It is vital for our students to have lots and lots of practice doing these drills (fire, earthquake, evacuation, etc.) so if/when the real thing happens, we can all assemble outside in an orderly manner and be safe. You might ask your son/daughter how this went for them. **Layne Erdman, the School District Safety administrator will be at our March 13th PTA at 7 pm meeting for a short presentation and to answer other safety questions.**

Visiting Campus

If you are visiting our campus, please make sure you sign in and wear a badge identification so all staff and students know you are visiting. We have all of the outside doors locked.

We have **New Family tours** scheduled for March 12, April 10, and May 7, from 8:00-9:00 am. There is no need to pre-register.

Jump Rope for Heart

The American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart Event @ Seaview Elementary 2018. Thank you for your support of the Jump Rope for Heart Event this year to benefit the American Heart Association. Students participated in Jump Roping events throughout the month of February and learned how jumping rope keeps their heart healthy. I encourage students to continue their Jump Rope practice throughout the school year even though our Jump Rope Unit is finished. Thank you to Mrs. Jackson, Physical Education Teacher

READ Across America Week: Book Exchange, Readers are Leaders!

Thank you families for donating gently used books for our book exchange on Feb. 28th. It is always a HUGE success, sending a variety of books home with all of our students. We appreciate 6th grade for hosting the event in their unit and to Mrs. Fortin our Librarian. Read Across America events included a week of wearing green, hats, backward clothes and a book character parade! Reading, and understanding what you read, is a skill that everyone needs to be successful. The best way to improve understanding is to read a lot. There is nothing like a challenging book to lift you up or take you to another world. Developing a love of reading will be an asset to your child in all areas of school and give him/her a jumpstart to a lifetime of reading!

Recent & Upcoming Events

Coming up this month we have three half days and no students on March 16th. These early dismissal days are for teacher planning on March 2nd and Spring Conferences on March 14th & March 15th. These Spring conferences are set aside for students who might be struggling in one or more areas as reflected on the mid-year report card. At these conferences, teachers will share specific strategies being used to support student learning at school as well as strategies that can be used at home to extend the learning there as well. If you have a specific concern about your student's progress in a particular area, and do not hear from the teacher, feel free to contact your student's teacher to set up a time to meet on March 14th or March 15th.

Thanks for all that you do to assist us in educating your children and supporting us in this very important work.

Have a great March!

All my best,

Heather Pickar, Interim Principal

PTA News

The next General PTA meeting is March 13, 2018 from 7:00-8:00pm in the library. We hope you can find a way to support your school and child this month. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer. Any questions please contact us at seaviewpta@gmail.com



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. This form is available in the office or on the Seaview website. 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 final decision for vacation applications.*** (Policy #8125)

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!

ATTENTION FIFTH GRADE PARENTS: Immunization Requirements for Incoming 6th Graders-Now is the time to plan ahead! If your student is 11 years of age or older, they will need a Tdap vaccination before beginning 6th Grade. We encourage you to obtain this vaccination this school year and report it to the school office. The information will be entered into the school database, which means you will then avoid getting a reminder letter over the summer months.

Meadowdale Middle will be hosting their annual 6th Grade parent Night from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 15th.

Meadowdale Middle School incoming 7th grade information night!

Date: March 15th
Time: 6:30 pm – 8: 00 pm
Location: Meadowdale Middle School

Purpose: The purpose of this event is to provide families with information about academic programs and the registration process.

Parking is limited so it is strongly suggested that you plan to arrive early to allow time to park and get to the school campus. Remember parking is also available at the Meadowdale Playfields, Meadowdale Elementary and Meadowdale High School.

MARCH CALENDAR

2/26-3/2	Read Across American Week	14-15	Early Release-11:00am -Spring Conferences
2	Early Release –11:00am	15	MMS Parent Info Night-6:30pm
6	1 st /3 rd /4 th Gr. Music Concert-1:30pm &7:00pm	16	Early Release-Teacher Prof. Dev. Day
12	New Family Tour – 8:00am	19-23	Coins for Kids Campaign
12	Principal Community Forum-6:00pm-7:30pm	22	Drama Club production-1:00pm & 7:00pm
13	PTA Meeting – 7:00pm	23	PTA Arena Sports Family Ent. Ctr-3:00pm-9:00pm

APRIL 2nd – 6th SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL