



## **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 think we're all ready to 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.

### **Parent Pick Up Parking Lot**

During our cold, wet and sometimes snowy days we typically have several extra parent pick up drivers in our drive through lane. Thank you for remembering this is a drive through and you cannot leave your car unattended in the lane. If you would like to park, please do so in a parking space. We are unable to maneuver cars around other cars for safety reasons. Our bus lane is not for parking as well. These are fire lanes and must be kept free of standing traffic in case of an emergency.

### **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 2, April 13, and May 4, from 8:00-9:00 am. There is no need to pre-register.

### **Report Cards: Here are a few kind suggestions that will make Mid-Year reporting a productive time of the year:**

- Find genuine ways to celebrate your child's efforts. Genuine praise or listening to your son or daughter delight in explaining his or her successes works better than extrinsic rewards—it's authentic and cheaper!
- Choose one or two key areas for improvement and calmly set a course of action. Goals should be realistic and achievable. Write them down and refer to them periodically with your child.
- Consult with your child and his or her teacher when seeking report card clarity. If necessary, arrange a teacher/parent/student meeting. Be sure to support each other. This is a team effort. Remember, grades belong to students, not parents. They are a means by which we can teach personal responsibility, natural consequences, and the value of hard work, good study skills and affirmative social skills.  
Resist comparing a child's grades with those of siblings or neighbors.
- Each child is unique and deserves to have grades kept confidential.
- Stay positive, and don't forget:  
March is indeed a conflicted month.  
Neither warm nor cold.  
Sleeping and stretching awake.  
Mad and merry.  
It commands—March forward—stay optimistic—spring is on the horizon!

**Spring Conferences:** Coming up this month we have two half days and no students on March 13<sup>th</sup>. These early dismissal days are for Spring conferences on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. The 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 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sharing and Celebrating Our Cultures**

**Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020 6pm - 8pm**

Seaview Elementary is hosting a night of food, fun and sharing for all to attend. The evening is an opportunity for us to celebrate our families' histories and traditions. This event is free and there will be pizza and a craft project along with all the wonderful things brought by families.

We're hoping that families can bring something to share at this event! You can share food, displays of photos and information, a craft or game, a performance! You can sign up in Shark Hall or return the flyer that went home with your student and we can include your culture/country information in our Sharing Culture Passport! If your family, student or student group would like to share, please contact me at [jmilletpetty@gmail.com](mailto:jmilletpetty@gmail.com). (it's also OK to just bring items at the last minute). Bring anything that represents your family traditions and/or culture, hope to see you there!- *Seaview Equity Team*

## **New Superintendent for the Edmonds School District**

After two days interviewing seven candidates to become the next superintendent, the Edmonds School District Board of Directors has narrowed the search to two finalists. Students, families, staff and community members are all encouraged to hear from the top candidates on the evening of Monday, March 2.

Community forum at Meadowdale High School (6002 168th St. S.W., Lynnwood):

- Finalist #1 5:30 p.m.
- Finalist #2 6:30 p.m.

**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, Principal**

## **PTA News**

The next General PTA meeting is March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 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](mailto:seaviewpta@gmail.com)

## **Meadowdale Middle School incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade information night!**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
**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.

Registration materials are due by March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Leader in Me Parent Information** (Source: [Leader in Me Parent's Guide](#) and [The 7 Habits of Highly Effective Families](#))

**Habit 3: Put First Things First** means to decide what is important and to take care of that first. Thinking about what needs to be done tomorrow or by the end of the week can be overwhelming, especially for children. Learning to think of which things are the most important and taking care of them first allows children (and adults) to be less stressed. If your child uses a planner at school, then he or she has a great organizational tool to Put First Things First. By writing down his or her responsibilities and planning ahead, last minute trips to the store, missed events, or missed homework are avoided. If your child does not use a planner, having a weekly log would also be helpful. This could simply be a piece of paper that is used each week. Modeling this behavior is one of the best ways to teach children.

### **Younger-Child Activities**

1. Create a list of things your child needs to accomplish throughout a week. With your child, rank the tasks in importance. Then rewrite the list in order of importance. Use a planner or calendar to schedule time so that the important things are done first.
2. Role-play with your child about the consequences of forgetting to study for a math test. How will your child feel? What are the consequences? Then role-play how it will feel to be well prepared and get a great math score!
3. Encourage your child to design or decorate his or her own planner or weekly activity log.
4. Big Rock Analogy: Big rocks are the most important things to do in a week. Such as soccer practice, piano lessons, swimming, attending a friend's party, and doing homework. Little rocks are all the other things we do in a day that are not the most important. Little rocks do take time and may take away the time needed to do the big rocks. To create the analogy, walnuts or marshmallows can be used for the big rocks, jelly beans can be the small rocks. Place the big rocks into a bowl. If there is still room (time) the little rocks can be filled in.

**Habit 4: Think Win-Win** is the belief that everyone can win. It's not me or you – it is both of us. It is a belief that there are enough good things for everyone; it is an abundant way of thinking. Think Win-Win is being happy for others when good things happen to them. As a parent, not everything is negotiable, but if you go into discussions with your child with a win-win mindset, you'll find a lot less resistance.

## Younger-Child Activities

1. Play a game with your child(ren) that has a definite winner. Explain how competition is okay when you play a game, but it is not okay in relationships. Discuss how tense it would be in your home if every situation had to have a winner. A better way to think is win-win. This means we think of solutions that we can all feel good about when there is a problem. The more we Think Win-Win, the fewer problems there will be. You may want to display a chart listing the days of the week. When someone is “caught” thinking win-win, he or she gets to write his or her name on the chart for that day.
2. Encourage win-win solutions to sibling disputes. Don’t always be the mediator; let them work out a solution and be sure to lavish children with praise when they do.
3. Think of an ongoing conflict you tend to have with your child (homework, cleaning his or her room, feeding the dog) and then discuss a win-win solution to the conflict. Write down the solution and then remind each other of it the next time the situation arises.
4. Select an issue that has created a struggle between you and your child(ren). It could be something such as a swing set they want badly, visiting an amusement park, or doing something you’re not sure you want them to do. Sit down and discuss it. Lay all cards on the table. Determine what would constitute a win for each person involved and try to come up with a true win-win solution. Discuss together how you feel when the solution is reached.



### **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!

### **MARCH CALENDAR**

Coins for Kids Campaign-All Month

2	Activity Photos 12:30pm	17	Equity Team Meeting – 6:30pm
2	New Parent Tour – 8:00am	18	MMS 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Info Nite-6:30pm
4	Enrollment opens-all grades	19	Equity Team Multi-Cultural Pot Luck-6:00pm
9-12	Classified Employees Week	26	Last MOVE 60 for session 2
10	PTA Meeting – 7:00pm	27	PTA Skate Party @ Lynnwood Bowl & Skate
11-12	Early Release-11:00am-Spring Conferences		
13	NO SCHOOL		
17	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert-7:00pm		

**APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> SPRING BREAK – NO SCHOOL**