



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 Seaview Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year!

What a great start we've had so far! The children are so excited to be back and starting a new school year. I am especially proud of our new kindergartners – what a smooth transition! Our students are settling into their classrooms and their school routines and it has been very exciting to get to meet each of them and see them already growing here at Seaview Elementary! Thank you for partnering with us in establishing those important routines of earlier bed times, eating breakfast for a great start to their school day, and getting to school on time. Together, we make a great team!

We continue to build student Leadership as a Leader In Me school, where we set out to specifically teach behaviors for successful student academic work and interactions with each other. Students are taught how to work together in the classroom, play safely on the playground, transition between classrooms in the building, eat lunch respectfully while visiting with classmates and picking up their own trash at the end of the lunch period. Teachers have been busy teaching classroom routines and procedures as well as beginning the academic work of the curriculum. You will hear your child mention the 7 Habits which include 1. Being Proactive. 2. Begin with the End in Mind 3. Put First Things First 4. Think Win-Win 5. Seek First to Understand, Then be Understood 6. Synergize and to 7. Sharpen the Saw!

We will continue our Parent Coffees that will provide a dual purpose: to give parents a brief opportunity to learn more about the 7 Habits/Leader In Me and a space for parents to ask questions and share feedback. We will post future dates in our SV Parent Weekly Bulletins. It is our desire to work closely with you to achieve maximum learning success for your child. I look forward to meeting with each of you in some way this school year. Please feel free to contact me at any time. Seaview staff is committed to providing a safe, supportive, and inspiring learning environment for all students. We frequently recognize students for making positive choices with our Super Shark awards. We are having our first Super Shark Principal luncheon with students and we will take a group picture for Shark Hall.

I would also like to put in a reminder about our PTA donation drive that is currently underway. The PTA funds help us to support many programs and events here at Seaview and staff really appreciate the support that parents provide through the donation drive. We hope your fundraising support is underway, and we thank you in advance for the funds generated as they will have lasting impact throughout the year!

Lastly, please read the October 16th update for our Automated Absences Management System for the Edmonds School District. All schools within the district currently transitioning to support our families efficiently and in a timely manner.

We look forward to working closely with you this school year.

Sincerely,
Heather, Principal
S.W.I.M. like a shark, Go SHARKS!

Seaview Elementary would like to notify you of a change in procedure for ABSENCES

It is important for you to be aware that we are planning to start on October 16th, an automated phone call system for absences. IF your child is not at school AND you have not reported the absence you will receive a phone call around 11:00 AM to let you know that your child was marked absent and that you need to call the school to clear the unexcused absence. The call will go to the primary number that we have on record.

Steps for reporting an absence:

Call the school attendance line at 425-431-3517, before 8:30 or send an email to kellihere@edmonds.wednet.edu. Please provide the following information: Child's name, teacher and reason they are absent.

You can view our attendance policy online at <http://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/families/attendance>. If you don't call or email, please send a written note when your child returns to school. The note must be

received within two days of the absence or tardy. The note should include the date or dates of the absence or tardy, the reason, and the parent/guardian signature.

Why is Seaview going to the automated system? We are choosing to go this route to better serve our school community and for the safety of our students. With our busy office it sometimes is very difficult to make all the phone calls in a timely manner to families who have not reported an absence. We felt by having the automated call go out each day at 11:00 AM this would help us connect thoroughly with families and to make sure that students are safe.

What can I do to make things go smoothly? It is important on your end to make sure we have the most up-to-date phone number. Please let our office know if any of your phone numbers have changed. You can also check with us to make sure that your primary number is up-to-date. The primary number is the number that is used for automated calls. Our office number is 425-431-7383.

What if I get a phone call but my child went to school that day? Do not panic, this is a new system and glitches can happen. That said, please still call our office to make sure that your child did make it to school and so that we can look into the reason why you received the call.

JOIN THE SEAVIEW SHARKS TEAM-Foundation for Edmonds Schools 5K:

Please join us for the Foundation for Edmonds Schools 5K Run/Walk on October 7th at 8:00 am. This walk is outside around Alderwood Mall. If we have 20 people sign up for our **Seaview Sharks** team we can earn money for our school. Register at:

https://secure.getmeregistered.com/get_information.php?event_id=123652

NEWS FROM REBEKAH SCHARK YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

YOU CAN HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF FLU. You can help prevent the spread of any flu virus by washing your hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing; by covering your mouth and nose with a tissue, or by coughing or sneezing **into your elbow or shoulder** rather than your hand; and by getting your family vaccinated. If a person does get sick, the medical experts say the best thing for him or her to do is stay home at least 24 hours after the fever has passed without the use of fever reducing medication.

The Shark Café is pleased to continue our seating practice related to nuts and nut allergies. Each classroom has two assigned tables in the Shark Café. The table closest to the stage area for each classroom is noted as a “NO NUTS” table for students who have purchased lunches (Foodservice does not knowingly put any peanut products in school lunches) and for students who have brought a lunch without **any nut** products. Having this practice allows students with nut allergies the opportunity to sit with their own classmates. Thank you for communicating with your child when you have packed a lunch with nut products.



Seaview Elementary Physical Education - PE Parent Information Letter

The Seaview Physical Education curriculum is designed to help students acquire the skills and knowledge necessary to develop and maintain a healthy and active lifestyle. It is our goal for every student to have the best possible experience in class. Your child should come to class ready to participate and learn, prepared with appropriate shoes and clothing, and a positive attitude.

Shoes and Clothing

You can ensure your child's success and safety this year in PE by making sure they have proper footwear and clothing on the days they come to the gym. Closed toe tennis shoes are required to participate during PE. We do a variety of activities including running, kicking, jumping, hopping, turning, and landing. Shoes with a raised sole, heels, flip-flops, rain boots, snow boots, slip-ons, sandals, or anything with an exposed toe will not be allowed for safety reasons.

Please ask your child what days his/her class has PE so you can help them remember to wear tennis shoes or put a pair in their backpack to change into for class.

Illness or Injury

If your child is ill or has sustained some type of injury and you do not want him/her to physically participate in Health and Fitness that day, please send a **WRITTEN NOTE** along with them to school. If your child went to the doctor for their illness or injury or will not be able to participate for more than a week, please send a doctor's note stating when they can return to activities or any modifications needed.

Thank you for taking time to review our class expectations. Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or concerns. Please keep this portion of the letter for future information.

Curriculum

The Seaview Elementary P.E. curriculum is based on the Washington State Learning Standards as well as the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) standards. To learn more about the state and national standards for health and fitness please go to the following websites:

Washington State: <http://www.k12.wa.us/healthfitness/Standards.aspx> (Adopted in 2016)

NASPE standards: <http://www.shapeamerica.org/standards/pe/>

Grades

Students in grades K-6 receive a "SKILL" grade (which includes demonstration of skill development and knowledge of content) and an "EFFORT" grade each Semester.

The SKILL grade is based on the above standards.

The EFFORT grade is based on the Seaview behavior expectations, sportsmanship and being prepared for PE with the correct attire.

As a teacher I recognize that children are at different developmental levels, with a variety of needs and interests. For this reason in every class I attempt to provide all of the children with experiences that are both beneficial and enjoyable. Each lesson is also adjusted to take into account the wide range of skill and fitness levels that characterizes children in elementary school. Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding PE.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jackson
Physical Education
Seaview Elementary
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Counseling Corner News

Conflict or disagreement is normal and often happens when children get together. However, hurtful words, gestures, or physical attacks are unacceptable ways to deal with conflict and disagreement at school.

This school year, Seaview students will be learning or revisiting problem solving guidance lessons from the curriculum Kelso's Choice (grades kindergarten to 2nd grade). Seaview is teaching Kelso's Choice to help students develop skills needed to solve developmentally appropriate conflicts. Students will learn to distinguish between big problems (those that are unsafe, dangerous, against the law, or cause them to feel unsafe or frightened), and small problems. The solution for big problems is to report them to a trusted adult as soon as possible. If it's a small problem, students are encouraged to try at least two of the nine problem-solving strategies before reporting the problem to an adult. If, after two attempts the child is unsuccessful at solving the problem, it is time to ask an adult to help.

Problem-solving strategies include:

1. Go to another game or activity.
2. Share and take turns.
3. Respectfully talk it over and listen to each other.
4. Walk away from the problem.
5. Ignore the problem behavior.
6. Tell the person to stop the problem behavior.
7. Apologize.
8. Make a deal or compromise.
9. Wait to cool off.

By using this plan, we believe that our students will develop effective problem-solving skills that they can use again and again. It will help them to deal with conflict in a positive manner and to make appropriate decisions. Knowing what to do will help students reduce the stress and number of conflicts they have at school and in their neighborhood.

Charts illustrating ways to deal with conflict are posted throughout the classroom and school so that all children will know their choices. We encourage you to become familiar with this program and use it in

your home. By working together, we can develop healthy life skills for young people to use at home and at school. Please contact me if you have any questions about this problem solving approach.

Melissa Falleroni, School Counselor

Dear 4th, 5th& 6th grade parents,

Over the course of the next few weeks, the school counselor will be talking with students and collaborating with classroom teachers to address bullying. Students review the basics about bullying behavior and what to do if they see bullying behavior or are being bullied. Students learn the following about bullying behavior:

- Bullying behavior is one-sided (one student or a group of students is showing bullying behavior to another student who is not doing it back).
- Bullying is repeated and happens over and over again.
- Bullying behavior is when one student is trying to harm or hurt another student on purpose and the other student feels scared, threatened, gets hurt, or could get hurt because of it.
- Bullying behavior can take many forms. It can be physical (hitting, punching, kicking, etc.), emotional (name calling, rumors/gossip, excluding), property (stealing or destroying materials), harassment (inappropriate jokes related to race, gender), and cyber (takes place on computers or phones through Facebook, Instagram, texting, etc.).
- If a student feels they are being bullied by another student, they are encouraged to tell that person to stop, ignore it, and/or walk away when it happens. Students are asked to report what happened to school staff so that it can be handled quickly.
- Bystanders are students who see the bullying behavior happen but are not doing it.
- Upstanders are students who see wrong, take action and do not tolerate bullying behavior. An Upstander can help a student being bullied by reporting what they saw, standing up for the student being bullied, or being kind to them.

Our primary goal at Seaview is to encourage positive interactions and prevent bullying situations and behavior by teaching students ways to work together and solve disagreements with one another successfully. This, combined with the understanding of bullying behavior, will support our school and our students in becoming respectful, responsible, and as safe they can be.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

6	SVE SHARK RUN	20	NO SCHOOL-Non Student Day
7	ESD FOUNDATION 5K	23-27	Early Dismissal-11:00am-Conferences
9	Student School Photos	27	PTA Pumpkin Carving/Fall Harvest -6:30pm-8:00pm
10	PTA Meeting-7:00 pm-library		

