September Shark Watch

**Welcome to Seaview Elementary 2020-2021!**

As we plan for a beginning like no other we have seen in the past, our focus will still be to ensure that:

every child, every day is finding a way to feel **connected**,

every child, every day is being **challenged** by new learnings and experiences,

and every child, every day knows they have a **Seaview Staff Member** they can turn to.

Spring of 2020 has challenged staff and students to find a new normal for learning, connected us in new ways, and required our staff to teach from afar.  What I have most learned through this process is how much I appreciate the expertise our teachers bring to Seaview Elementary, the ways in which our students continue to work hard to grow and overall, appreciation for the little things in life such as giving a high five, a hug or being able to laugh out loud with many people around.  What I MOST appreciate about Seaview Elementary is how even under circumstances we have never experienced we are still a learning and caring community!

Normal is such a simple word and it is our goal at Seaview to not only find our new normal but to use this time as a learning experience that will forever impact the learning environment for schools.  Every week there are new types of learning experiences teachers are piloting and much of what is learned will continue to be used in the future.  Our fall may not be “normal,” but our learning will not only continue, but it will thrive.  We will open our school year with Online Continuous Learning 2.0 creating an engaging, inclusive community of learners. On Sept. 3rd and 4th, all students will receive a NEW Chromebook to support their online learning. We will start our year online district-wide. Following our Governors, OSPI, and Health Organizations Edmonds School District has set three dates: Nov. 12, Feb. 3, and Apr. 4th to determine if we can reopen. We are looking forward to the next Hybrid Phase of learning under Covid-19 and we know when that day arrives, all returning and new students to Seaview will be welcomed with open arms (from 6 feet away) to our community. In both phases, we will continue to grow!

Seaview Elementary is a community school. Our staff values and appreciates that you entrust us with the education of your children. We are committed to maintaining the high standards so that there will be no shortage of opportunities for your student to feel challenged on a daily basis with high-quality instruction and have a variety of options to get connected to their school and fellow students.  We will have teachers and paraeducators working with your student every day. Our goal is to build relationships and classroom communities.  It is our Seaview Mission, S. W. I. M.,  to support our students to Strive for Success, Work Together, Inspire Others, and to Make a Difference each and every day!

**How do you get information:**

* **Website:** Seaview Elementary (<https://sve.edmonds.wednet.edu/>) Our website is a place to go to pull static information, facts about SVE that could be important for a family at any point of the year, for example, the school calendar, Skyward log-in, etc.
* **Classroom Teachers:** Weekly Learning Plans and Communication emailed, Phone Calls, Remind Texts
* **Family Newsletter:** Sent out at the end of each week. It is organized in a fashion that the most critical information is at the top and as you scroll down the newsletter the information becomes more oriented toward the future.  This is your “one stop shop” to stay informed about the happenings of our community.
* **Shark Watch:** Principal Pickar’s Monthly Letter
* **PTA:** (<https://www.seaviewsharkspta.org/>)Facebook Groups click here
* **PTA: Zoom meetings.** SVE is a dynamic community; if you want to be involved and don’t know how please ask.  We can connect you to a cause, action, or person that will help you, the families of SVE, be connected to our community.
* **Equity Team:** Zoom meetings
* **Phone:** 425-431-7383

**Seaview Registration  Walk-in Registration Mon.-Thurs. 10am-2pm:** Please call 425-431-7383 for more information about registration.  We also have an on-campus drop box to return new registrations.  It is near the front doors of our school building.

**You may also reference important dates on the Edmonds School District Calendar:**

<https://www.edmonds.wednet.edu/district_calendar>

**What is new for our Seaview Elementary learning community?**  For 2020-2021 our school day will be **9 am to 3:30 pm**. The time structure is being changed to adapt all elementary, middle school and high school schedules to align for Equity. Your child’s schedule for the day will include Synchronous (live) whole class/small group instruction and Asynchronous (videos), and Independent Work Time. Your child will also have one 30 minute instruction from our Specialists, total of three per week (PE/Library/Music). Some students will get additional staff support for English Language Acquisition, Reading Skills, and Individualized Education Plans. Our curriculum will include Common Core Standards, differentiation, and lessons that involve student choice allowing students to better find the path that encourages motivation, curiosity, and success. Some lessons will allow students to choose challenge work or, if need be, have an opportunity to successfully redo their assignment and submit it again. Band/orchestra will provide one 45-minute section per week during asynchronous time and/or on Wednesdays to deliver synchronous and/or asynchronous instruction/activities as appropriate to the lesson plan and learning objective(s).

**We are looking forward to this upcoming school year and our partnership with you!**

**Sincerely,**

**Heather Pickar**

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