



SKYLINE elementary school

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Dear Parents:

Thank You!

**9:45 Starts + Oct. 16th
= Learning Improvement**

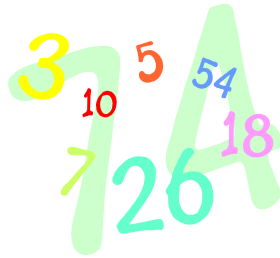
This year the delayed start days have moved to Wednesdays. **As a staff**

we value this time that we are able to meet and collaborate about how to meet the needs of our students. The past two Wednesday mornings teachers and paraeducators were able to look at data of our students needs. Small groups were formed for reading and math to provide instruction to meet those needs.

While on Friday, October 16th there will be no school for students, **teachers will be going to school all day!** Our teaching staff will be beginning the day at Hillcrest Elementary. They will be joining all the elementary teachers in the district to focus on math instruction. In the afternoon we will be back at Skyline looking at our yearly learning improvement plan. It will be a busy day of learning!

Having these delayed start Wednesdays is a one year pilot program. **Information and feedback** will be collected over the course of the year with regard to parents' perspectives and effectiveness of training and planning time for teachers and administrators. The effectiveness of the use of this time as it relates to professional development and improved student instruction will be analyzed in the spring. A survey will be made available for parents and staff in the spring. The district's goal is to gain direct feed back on the impact and effectiveness of late start Wednesdays and to garner suggestions.

Weekly early release or late arrival days are common through out Snohomish County schools. The Wednesday late start days replace last year's monthly two hour late starts and the full waiver day. Due to the state budget crisis, the state eliminated one full Learning Improvement Day (LID) that was previously used for professional development. The district implemented the delayed start Wednesdays in an effort to provide the necessary training and planning time for teachers and administrators. We appreciate having this time to meet and plan for the benefit of our students.



Swine Flu Information

Here is the district protocol and plan for monitoring flu/H1N1 outbreaks:

1. Monitor absenteeism at all schools. Secretaries and nurses call to follow up on sick students or unreported absences.
2. When schools reach an absenteeism of 10% we automatically report to the health district; evaluate the reported reasons for absenteeism and make appropriate decisions for possible closure, parent/staff notification.
3. Students and staff who are ill are asked to remain home for 24 hours after they are symptom free.
4. Implement important hygiene measures and reminders through out schools and in materials to parents.
5. Monitor information as it is presented from our health district and the CDC.
6. Routine cleaning of buildings to include all areas that are highly touched – hand rails, door handles, entry ways. Sanitizing products in schools and classrooms.
7. Identification of high risk staff and students for notification of outbreak and vaccination information.



Upcoming Events

- 10/7 **Late Start Day—School starts at 9:45**
School Starts at 9:45 AM
AM Kindergarten attends from 9:45-11:55 AM
PM Kindergarten attends from 12:45-2:55 PM
- 10/14 **Late Start Day 9:45 AM**
- 10/15 **PTA Family Reading Night—6:30 PM gym**
- 10/16 **No School (no hay escuela) Learning Improvement**
- 10/21 **Late Start Day 9:45 AM**
- 10/26 - 10/30 **Parent Teacher Conferences**
12:25 dismissal
No Kindergarten
Book fair! (Book fair late night Thursday.)
- 10/28 **NOT a Late Start Day (12:25 dismissal)**
- 11/10 **Veterans' Day assembly 2:15 PM gym**
- 11/11 **Veterans' Day—No School (no hay escuela)**

SKYLINE ELEMENTARY TRAFFIC PATTERN

WELCOME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

