

Our mission at Sunnycrest Elementary, in cooperation with parents and community, is to support academic excellence, honor diversity, and provide a safe and empathetic environment where all students learn and become successful citizens.

October 13, 2009

Dear Sunnycrest Families:

Many questions have surfaced regarding Sunnycrest and the H1N1 (swine flu) virus. Therefore, I wanted to share our building-wide protocols:

1. Teaching students the importance of covering their cough and washing hands appropriately;
2. Sanitizing high touch areas nightly—including door handles, door ways, counters, bathrooms, health room, and classroom desktops (where flu is present; additional help will be allocated if required.);
3. Daily monitoring of absenteeism including follow-up calls to parents/guardians to determine reason for absence;
4. Reporting to the Snohomish County Health District when absenteeism reaches 10% or higher (Currently, Sunnycrest has a 2.5% absenteeism rate).

Please know that all teaching areas have a sink/soap and warm water or sanitizing hand dispensers. Furthermore, students who become ill at school and have a fever or cold symptoms are encouraged to wear a face mask until they are picked up by parents/guardian.

How you can help:

1. Reinforce to your child the importance of proper hygiene and hand washing. Maintain healthy sleeping and eating habits. This is the most effective and preventative approach to maintaining good health!
2. Keep ill children home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.
3. If your child is absent, please call our office to report illness and reason for absence.

Remember: People at high risk for influenza complications who become ill with influenza-like illness should speak with their health care provider as soon as possible. Early treatment with antiviral medications is very important for people at high risk. People at high risk include those who are pregnant, have asthma or diabetes, have compromised immune systems, or have neuromuscular diseases.

Additional information with regard to H1N1 and seasonal flu is located on our website at www.lkstevens.wednet.edu. Click Health Services; a variety of informative links are available.

I appreciate your assistance in reinforcing good hygiene habits with your children.

Respectfully,

Tim Haines
Principal

**Sunnycrest Schedule
of Events!**

October 14:

One Hour Late Start

October 16:

No School! Teacher Training Day

October 21:

One Hour Late Start

October 26-30:

Conference Week

All students released at 1:00

NO ½ DAY

KINDERGRTEN!

October 29:

Late Night Conferences

October 31:

Halloween

November 1:

Return to Standard Time

November 4:

One Hour Late Start

November 11:

No School: Veteran's Day