

Sunnycrest Elementary

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Dear Parents:

“The mere imparting of information is not education.” —Carter G.

Woodson (1875-1950, He started the idea of having a Black History Week every February which expanded later to Black History Month.)

As educators we understand that it is not enough for us to impart our wisdom on our students. If only it were that easy! For students to learn they have to grapple with ideas, get feedback, work through the problem and try again. It is a continual cycle of perhaps many trials and errors until finally success is learned.

In the distance learning model that we are in right now providing opportunities for our students to grapple with concepts may be the most challenging. When students are building their understanding of an idea they may talk to other students to develop their conceptions. They may also need continual feedback from the teacher.



Not all students seek out feedback. One of the most common ways for teachers to get feedback is to read faces. No, we are not mind readers, but we have learned “tells” from students that let us know they may not be understanding. In a

virtual classroom it is important that student cameras are on in order for us to see those “tells” and know it is time to intervene. We also use whiteboards for a quick check of understanding. Students may be asked to show their work or answer so we can see if they are on the right track. If the camera is off then we are getting no information of how to help that student. We understand that there may be times that necessitate turning off the camera, but the more that it is on, the more we can help our students.

Along those same lines teachers are posting instructional videos for students to watch BEFORE they work on their assignments. Some students jump right into the assignment without watching the instruction. If you find that your child is having difficulty you may want to check and see if the instructional video was viewed first.

We really appreciate your perseverance and help during this challenging time. Our partnership with you has always been important and during this time it is even more so. Working together we can provide the best possible learning environment for your student given the situation. We admire all that you are doing! Thank you! Mr. B.

Car Parade + Food Drive = A Win-Win!

On Friday, December 11th, we are hosting a Reverse Car Parade and Food Drive! This event is a “win-win” because we get to see each other in person and donations can be made to the Lake Stevens Food Bank to help those in need. To keep everyone safe, staff will be socially distanced along the parade route. This is a chance for a quick wave and exchange shouts of appreciation. Let’s make it fun! Wear some holiday gear, decorate the passenger side of your car, turn up the music, put your family/student’s name on your car, bring your pets...be creative!

To get all of our families through efficiently we ask that you come at a scheduled time by the first letter of your LAST name:

A-B 2:20—2:27	M-N 3:00—3:07
C-D 2:28—2:35	O-Q 3:08—3:15
E-G 2:36—2:43	R-S 3:16—3:23
H-J 2:44—2:51	T-Z 3:24—3:30
K-L 2:52—2:59	

If you cannot make your scheduled time please just come at a time that works for you. The times are a way of spreading everyone out and avoiding a traffic jam.



Please bring food to donate if you can. The Lake Stevens Food Bank will be there to load food and goods into their truck as well as take any credit card donations. While any canned food is appreciated here are some specific items that would be great to have donated at this time of year: ham, stuffing, biscuits, cranberry sauce, butter, flour, granulated sugar, pie crusts, canned corn, evaporated milk, green beans, dried French onions, cream of mushroom soup, celery, onions, potatoes, sweet potatoes, and boxed scalloped potatoes. They also really need baby wipes and diapers sizes 5 & 6.

The Lake Stevens Food Bank will also be taking money donations if that is easier. They have a cool piece of technology called the Dip Jar. Check out this video to see how it works. Here is a video that was created for another event but it explains [how the Dip Jar works](#). (see next page)

Car Parade + Food Drive = A Win-Win! (continued)

The map below will give you an idea of where staff will be standing as well as where the food bank truck will be located. Those donating can pull over and staff will take your donations from your trunk. Others may pass as the parade continues. **You do not need to donate to participate.** We want to see everyone! It will be a great chance to do something fun and out of the house where everyone can stay safe and socially distanced. **We miss all of you and would love to see you there!** Please join us if you can! We are looking forward to seeing you!



Upcoming Events



12/11 Reverse Car Parade & Food Drive
2:20-3:30 PM

12/14 PTA Winter Craft Contest deadline 8 PM

12/21 - 1/1/2021 Winter Vacation—No School

1/4 First Day of School in 2021!

Does Your Chromebook Need Repairs?

If your Chromebook is in need of repair or replacement please follow these instructions:

- Bring the charger as well.
- Please have your student's ID number with you.
- Hours are 12:30pm to 5:00pm Monday through Friday for drop-in service.



Note: If other times or arrangements are needed, please let the Tech Dept. know so they can assist in making that work for your schedule. You may send an email to the tech desk at techsupport@lkstevens.wednet.edu or call the helpdesk at 425-335-1699.

- Hours are 12:30pm to 5:00pm Monday through Friday for drop-in service.
- Go to Lake Stevens High School (2908 113th Ave NE)
- Turn on 30th St. NE (heading West) off of 113th St. NE and then turn left into the parking lot.
- Once in the parking lot, you will see **building 100** on your left and look for **room 132**. There are parking spots in front of the room.
- Please do not go to the main office, they will not be able to help you there.

Whiteboard marker getting faint?

Pick up a new one any time during library book curbside check out!

**Tuesdays 1-3 PM,
Wednesdays 3-6 PM,
or Thursdays 1-3 PM.**

