



December 2, 2019

Happy December,

The fall has flown by! It's hard to believe that the Winter Solstice is only 19 days away. Winter break begins officially on the 23rd.

Kindness Club Donations - Kindness Club is collecting new socks, winter hats, gloves & scarves from November 25th - December 18th. Look for their donation box by the office. Donations will go to those in need within the Snohomish County area.

Tacky Sweater Week - December 16-20th Wear your fun and festive sweaters to school all week
We will have snacks/treats each day that week

Your Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) is putting together some **Wintertime Fun!!!!**
Drop in on December 19th when you don't have class from 12:00 3:30. Volunteer opportunities!! Please check with a PAC member for more information. PAC members are: Athena Ewing, Julie Schneider, Angel Brave, Keri Moore, Jennifer Brenman, Tim Spencer, Heidi Harder, Lisa Hyboom, Melissa Hubert, and Amber Turner.



For the safety of all on our campus:

- Students may not leave our building without supervision, even for just a minute
- Walk your students into HomeLink and ensure that they have signed in
- Refrain from sending your student into the parking lot at any age
- Drive slowly on campus
- Please model appropriate, safe behaviors

In our recent ALICE training, offered by Officer Irwin, we again were reminded of the importance of our safety procedures.

It is not our goal to alarm families, but rather to be prepared!

Sign ups for one or both Spelling Bees are hanging by the Spelling Bee Word Window! If you need general Bee information log on to <https://spellingbee.com/parents>. If you'd like to volunteer to help or need HomeLink specific Bee info, contact our Spelling Bee Coordinator, Michele Koziol.



Written Bee January 16th 12:00 room SE117

Oral Bee January 28th 11:00 room SE115

In Case of Inclement Weather - In the event that snow or other conditions force changes in school schedules, announcements will be made on all major TV and radio stations by a.m. Simultaneously, information will be posted on the district website <https://www.lkstevens.wednet.edu/>. Look under "site Shortcuts" towards the bottom of the home page and click on "School Closure Info". You can also subscribe to "FlashAlert" to receive school closure/delay information via email and/or text. **HomeLink - No classes before 11:00 a.m. Remember to have your student email their teachers if class is cancelled or if you cannot make it to school due to inclement weather.**

Otter Gear Order Delivery - Sales went great! We expect delivery early December. If you placed an order, a pick-up slip will be placed in your mailbox when products arrive.

Reminders:

Supervision - Please continue your vigilant supervision of our students and families. Remind students that the family flex space is much like a library, with inside voices, no running or horseplay. Please be aware of others and watch conversations and content, taking into account the many ages and styles of HomeLink families. Please also clean up after your family. Thanks for making HomeLink a welcoming place for all.

Everyone, parents, students and staff, should be signing in and wearing their HomeLink ID any time they are on campus. If you forget your badge, you should see Jen or Melissa for a temporary one. If you joined us after picture day or need a permanent badge, please chat with Melissa.

- Any adult on campus needs to have a personalized/visitor badge and have cleared the Safe Visitor Background check. For the safety of all of our students, we ask that every visitor, including parents, grandparents and guests complete this quick process.



No Balloons - CAVELERO Campus Rule: Parents/Guardians: We ask that balloons not be brought to school for your student's birthday or other celebrations. If the balloons get loose in the building and ascend to the ceiling they can set off smoke sensors. Also, due to severe student/staff allergies, **no Latex balloons** are allowed on campus.

HomeLink communication:

- 1) Monthly Newsletter - In family mail center, school website and email
- 2) Family Access - Communication from Class Teachers, Access to Student Grades, Progress Reports Schedule, Attendance
- 3) Website - We utilize our website's Homepage Headlines, the "Our School" tab to post current news and HomeLink Calendar. There are other useful tabs as well!
- 4) Automated calls/text /emails - General reminders, changes in the schedule, upcoming events, and more! Make sure your contact information is current and provide any changes to the school office.
- 5) **Teachers would like parents to set up appointments if you need to meet with them.**



Call



Email



Text

Important Upcoming Dates:

Winter Break 12/23/19- 1/3/20

MLK Day 01/20/19

HomeLink Winter Performance on 01/23/2019 in the Cavelero Commons - **This is a new date and location**

End of First Semester 01/24/2019

No school for students - LID Day 01/27/2019

2nd Semester Starts 01/28/2019

Spring Showcase 5/23/19 --- for those who like to plan early

Warm wishes for an "otterly magical" December!

Jina Vinnick