



March 1, 2020

It can't really be March already!

20-21 school year!!!

Planning for next year- We have already started planning for next year. Please complete [our parent survey for each student](#) and submit by March 10th to make sure your voice is heard.

HomeLink Showcase - Accepting entries!! Come show your unique projects and achievements to other HomeLink families. Students are invited to exhibit examples of work, projects etc completed in and out of HomeLink. Please complete the [RED ENTRY FORM](#) by March 11th so we have a space and set up for you. Additional copies are in the office.

Kindergarten Information Meeting - We will be holding an informational meeting for incoming Kindergarteners on March 19th at 12:45. If you know of any interested families, please share the date and time of the meeting. Information is also posted on our website.

THANK YOU! Thanks to those vigilant parents for tidying up and wiping down tables and chairs in our flex area. You make HomeLink a better place for all of us!

We kindly request that children (and adults) refrain from bare feet in the flex area and suggest that shoes be worn in our school to prevent accidents.

HomeLink Enrollment - Courses can no longer be dropped, but may be added through March 27th. We will accept new student enrollments through March 27th. Due to the unique funding model for alternative learning, we have to base our classes and staffing on individual enrollment. Thank you to those who have spread the word about HomeLink. We have several families joining us who were referred to us by our current families.

Students Advisor Update - With Mrs. Bahr taking a leave of absence for second semester, we have reassigned her Advisory students. This means that your student/s may have a new Advisor who will continue to monitor and post monthly satisfactory or unsatisfactory progress. Parents have the ability to view student schedules, grades, assignments and attendance. If you don't know your access information for Skyward, please see Jen in the office to receive your User ID and password with instructions.

Testing 1,2,3.... HomeLink will be participating in required Smarter Balanced Assessments (state testing). Students who have been enrolled at over .80 are required to participate in state testing. The SBA English and Math assessments are each held for two partial days for students in grades 3-5, 6-8 and grades 10-12. All students may "opt in" to take the test. Participation may benefit students by preparing them for college testing, required graduation testing standards and in normalizing testing anxiety. There will be minimal disruption to the school schedule.

Look for test taking hints and strategies in April.

Student Attendance - A reminder that the state requires two way contact each week between teachers and students. Please remember that students must email teachers if they must miss school. Try to plan appointments and vacations outside of your class times when possible.

Certificate of Independence and Monthly Progress Clarification:

Alternative Learning Experience rules require that students demonstrate monthly progress by earning 60% or higher in all courses. If a student fails to earn passing grades in any course for a calendar month, an intervention plan is enacted by the teacher of the course. The Certificate of Independence, for grades 6-12, is revoked for the consecutive month, requiring that a parent remain on campus while the student is in class.

Reminders:

Identification - Everyone, parents, students and staff, should be wearing their HomeLink ID any time they are on campus. If you forget your picture ID, please see pick up a temporary badge at the safe visitor desk.

All adult visitors must complete the SafeVisitor online application. This can be found on the main Lake Stevens School District website under the Community Tab/Volunteering. Please see Jen or Melissa with questions. These applications must be renewed every two years.

Immunizations - School Immunization Rule Changes Starting August 1, 2020

Please look for the new state regulations regarding immunization requirements. Students must be up to date to attend classes on the first day of the 2020-21 school year. A letter will be shared and placed in your family file soon and feel free to ask questions. We ask for your understanding in our required compliance.

District/HomeLink Calendar - The School Board will be determining the updated schedule due to snow, with the last school day likely to be June 18th. Check the HomeLink calendar for updates.

Important Upcoming Dates:

Daylight Savings- Spring ahead March 8th

HomeLink Showcase- March 16th - Looking for more entries

March Spirit Week - March 23rd starts HomeLink Wacky Sock Week! Show off your craziest and wackiest socks all week

Spring Break - March 30- April 3rd

PAC Talent Show - April 23

Lake Creates - April 28th

Thanks for making HomeLink "Otterly" magical!

