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Wolfe Pride

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Wolfe Elementary School



FALL PARENT /TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for **October 26-28. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS (K-5) ON THESE DAYS.**

The purpose of the fall conference is for you to get acquainted with your child's teacher, so that parent, teacher and student can form a partnership for learning. Please come prepared to share your perspective of your child and goals that are important to you. We look forward to spending time with you.



Important Phone Number
Call the Transportation
Department 396-3900 with any
bus concerns. Thank you!

Impact Aid

This year's count day is **October 3**. New is the ability to list multiple students **living in the same household** to one card (up to 7 children).

Parents **must sign and date** the forms in **black ink**.

Please promptly return the card to school. For multiple student families, please, send the card with your most reliable child. Thank you!

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- Oct 3 - Before School Reading & Math
- Oct 3-7 - PTA Book Fair
- Oct 11 - Picture re-takes
- Oct 11 - Vision/Hearing screening
- Oct 18 - Family Reading Night @ Little Boston Tribal Center - 5:30-7:00
- Oct 22 - PTA Fall Carnival
- Oct 24 - Nov 4 - PTA Fall Fundraiser
- Oct 25 - 3rd Graders to Fish Hatchery
- Oct 26-28 - K-5 Parent Teacher Conference - No School for Student
- Oct 28 - K-12 No School for Students

Box Tops for Education

It's easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Clip Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Top coupon is worth 10¢ for your school and that adds up fast!

Attached to this newsletter is a form for students to tape/glue the labels. Please turn the finished forms into Wolfe PTA. *Thank you* for collecting and turning in the coupons.



Human Growth and Development will be taught to 5th grade students during the week of December 12-16. You may preview the curriculum in the library.

From Patrick Byrne, Wolfle Counselor

This year there will be a Personal Safety Discussion in each of the District's elementary classrooms conducted by the counselor and teacher.

Discussion will include being responsible for one's own safety; that is, recognizing an unsafe situation, reporting to adult and refusing to participate. Safe and unsafe touches will also be discussed in that safe touches help you feel loved and cared for where as unsafe touches hurt your body and feelings and are never okay. The discussion transitions to private body parts and the rule that private body parts are private and no one should ever:

- 1) Touch your private body parts (except a doctor or nurse or parent.)
- 2) Ask to see your private body parts (except a doctor or nurse or parent.)
- 3) Make you look at his or her private body parts, or anyone else's.
- 4) Look under or over stalls in the restrooms. Watch others using the toilet, etc.

Lastly, children are taught to never keep secrets about someone breaking the Private Body Parts Rule. As well what to do and who to talk with when feeling unsafe.

As always North Kitsap School District wishes to partner with parents in keeping our children safe. Should you have any questions, please contact Patrick Byrne, Wolfle school counselor at 360-396-3716.

Before School Reading and Math Programs

Wolfle Elementary Title I Program and Lap Program offers Before School Reading and Math Programs.

The *Reading Naturally and Accelerate Reading (AR)* programs work on fluency building, comprehension skills, and summary writing. Students work in a leveled reading range and work forwards passing levels. Students who master all of the levels then work on AR reading or small book group study.

The Before School Math Lab works on improving computational skills and fluency with math facts. Students are working with their grade level standards using computer programs that help students improve math skills.

Both programs run Monday-Thursday from 8:35-9:05 am. The Math lab is in room B-9 and the Read Naturally program is the Library. With good attendance, a student could greatly improve his/her skills in reading and/or math.

PARENTS MUST PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION TO SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILD.

The programs are open to students in grades 3 through 5. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher or Stephanie Pugh or Tim Knapp at 396-3732 or email spugh@nkschools.org or tknapp@nkschools.org.

We will begin Before School Programs on Monday, October 3, 2016.

From the Desk of Principal Ben Degnin

Dear Wolfe Families,

The year is off and running. I remember not so long ago when we used to ease into the new school year. Those days are long gone. Each year seems to start off faster than ever, as I am sure it does for you, too. Yet, we are always excited to see the kids return. And the wonderful thing about elementary school is that they are usually excited to return to school as well.

This year we saw several new staff added to our school. We did not grow in size. Rather, much of our increase in staff is due to a decrease in class sizes for high poverty schools by the state. As a result, our class sizes are as low as 17 in the primary grades and mid-twenties in the intermediate grades. So we welcome to our staff Mrs. Catherine Lewis (5th Grade) from Bainbridge Island SD and Mrs. Heather Lee (1st Grade) from Suquamish Elementary to help reduce our class sizes. We also welcome Mr. Tim Knapp as our Math TOSA who will work with teachers and students at all grade levels who need extra support in math. Mr. Knapp was a long term sub in our ISP program last year. He replaces Mrs. Diane Germain who was in the position for one year and then retired. Finally, we welcome Mrs. Brynn Lewis (ISP, Special Education), who replaced Mr. Knapp. Brynn was a para educator in the ISP program who worked her way up the ranks to certified teacher. We are very pleased with our new teachers and feel they will have much to contribute to our Wolfe community.

With the addition of new teachers and smaller class sizes comes a slight problem ... lack of classroom space. Early last spring the school board decided to remove several aging portables and give us three very nice, brand new ones. Only one problem ... we were not the only school district with lower class sizes funded by the state, and many districts were struck with the same space dilemma that we were. So the demand for new portable classrooms this year was huge. Thus, our portables were delayed ... and delayed ... and delayed. They were supposed to be delivered in early July and be ready to go by August. Instead, they arrived just a couple of weeks ago and will still not be set up for several more weeks (they need water, electricity, internet, alarm systems, carpet, etc.). In the meantime, our staff has been very collaborative and cooperative finding adequate space. Our Math and Reading TOSA's are currently sharing a space, one 5th grade class is currently in a computer lab (yes, they love having all that technology at their fingertips), and another is in a portable which will be used for M&M and other programs once it is freed up. In the meantime, the kids have enjoyed watching the portables be delivered to our school, and some classes watched and wrote in writing journals about the experience as their new classrooms were being driven in and set up.

Parking continues to be a challenge for us, like it is at most of our elementary schools, and for that I am sorry. This summer the fire marshal actually took several parking spaces away along the bus loading zone, which made parking even more difficult (fire zone). I would like to thank you all for your patience in parking before, during and after school. We have made some changes to the parent drop off areas before and after school which I hope have helped, keeping all buses in one area and parent drop off and pick up limited to the loop in front of the preschool playground. A reminder that parking is available in the lower parking lot on the other side of the playfield along the highway. It's a small walk but there is a good amount of parking there. This is an especially good spot for folks going on field trips with classes, etc. Parking on Highland Road is risky as the police have been known to come by several times each year and ticket those parked there (yes, it is marked "no parking").

October is parent, student, teacher conferences month. The dates are October 26-28. (More information to come later.) We always have a good turnout and we look forward to meeting with you, setting goals for your child, making those important connections and getting the year off to a solid start. Thank you for all your support and have a wonderful year.

New State Attendance Laws

Each student should have brought home a letter on yellow paper explaining the new state attendance laws. These new laws now affect not only unexcused absences, but excused absences as well. Please take time to read this letter carefully, sign it and return it to school. If you have additional questions, contact Pat Byrne at 396-3716.

Bus Notes

Should you need your child to ride a different bus, get off at a different stop, or if he/she is being picked up at school instead of taking the bus home, the office must have a written note from a parent. If you call the office during the day, to make changes, the office will stop taking notes 30 minutes before the end of the school day. **When writing a note or calling the office be prepared to include the following information: 1) Child's full name; 2) Teacher's name; 3) Bus number; 4) If asked, give address where child is being dropped off.**



Student Drop Off Before School

Please do not drop off your child before 9:05 unless for a specific reason (math or reading lab for example.) There is no supervision before that time. M&M Childcare (394-4089) is available from 6:00am until 9:15am. Children should be dropped off between 0:05 and 9:15. School begins with students in their seats at 9:20.

Picking Up Students Early

While we discourage picking up students early from school, we understand it does happen. If you need to pick up your child early, please sign-out your child in the office. The office staff will call the classroom to dismiss your child. This minimizes disruptions to the class.

A Reminder about Parent Pick Up & Drop Off.

This is not new, but it is important and worth reminding you. For those who drop their children off at school and pick them up, there is a very specific procedure that keeps traffic moving smoothly and efficiently. Parents should use the loop in front of the Preschool/ Kindergarten play area for student drop-off and pick-up. The sidewalk insures that students do not have to cross a traffic area in order to get into the building or into your car. For their safety, students are not allowed to cross the driveway unattended by a parent. It also steers you clear of the bus zone. For after-school pick-up, make sure your child has a note stating you will be picking him/her up in the student/parent pick-up area. You can also call the office to deliver a note if you forget to send one as long as you call no later than 3:30. If your child is not out when you arrive in the pick-up area, please continue to drive around the loop until he/she arrives so that traffic keeps moving and people get on their way as quickly as possible.

Food & Nutrition Services News

Did you know?

- We offer a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables each day!
- Our menus meet or exceed Federal Child Nutrition standards.
- We do not serve any fried foods. Menu items are oven baked.
- Our section of the NKSD website includes nutritional information regarding our menus.
- Go to www.nkschools.org and click on Food Services.

COMING - WET AND COLDER WEATHER

Please make sure your child comes to school prepared for the cooler and wet Pacific Northwest weather. All children go outside for recesses, weather permitting. Please, send a warm coat, sweater or sweatshirt with your child. **Label outerwear with your child's name.** Many clothing items in our "lost and found" go unclaimed. Check out the items when you visit the school.

M&M KIDS

Before & After School Program at Wolfle

Call M&M Kids for more information!

M&M's Main office: 360-394-4089

Wolfle's Site: 396-3974

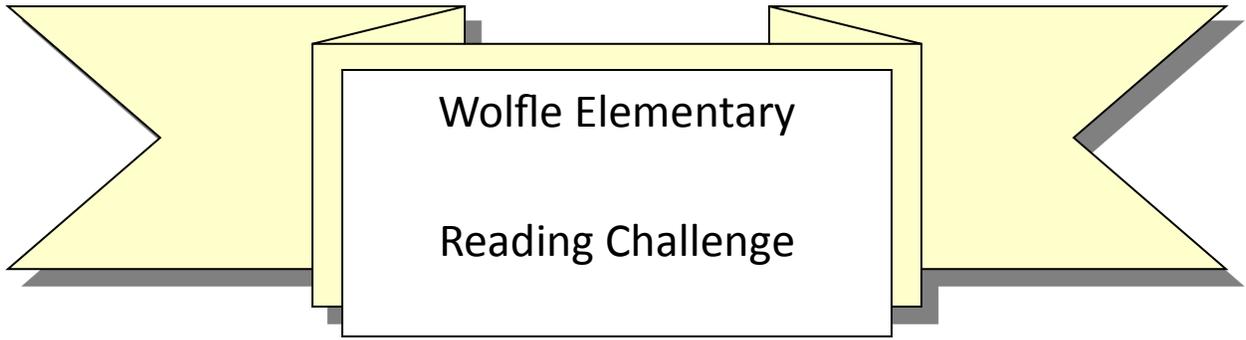
Hours: 6am-9:15 and 3:50pm-6:00pm

Enroll now and experience the fun activities!

M&M Kids has to offer:

- ~ Homework Help
- ~ Asset Building
- ~ Cooking Projects
- ~ Creative projects
- ~ Active Bodies
- ~ Computers for learning and activities and homework.

DSHS funding for Child Care is accepted.



For every 20 minutes you read (or someone reads to you), have an adult initial one of the circles. When you have all the circles initialed, return the form to your teacher. At the end of each trimester, you will pick from the *Treasure Chest*. If you have turned in one form, you will choose 1 prize. Two completed forms equals 2 prizes, and three forms equals 3 prizes.

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First and Last Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

If additional Reading Challenge Logs are needed, teachers have copies in their classrooms.