Cottage Lake Families,

As we wind down saying goodbye to September and welcome October, I want to thank all the families that came out and joined us for our Curriculum Nights in September. It is a critical piece to our school and family connection building that partnership around your child(ren)’s learning and school community. Thank you for your partnership this school year!

We have a lot of activities that have started already at Cottage Lake. X-Country has started, PTA Enrichment Classes began this past week, Glee Club will start on Monday, and our Reading with Rover opportunity also begins Monday. It is great to see so many people signed up for all these opportunities! Go Sailors!

I want to thank you all for your understanding and patience with the outages of numerous online programs and supports within the district. With our cyber attack last weekend, this has continued to impact our daily functioning at the buildings and district level. Thank you for being kind, generous, and also understanding as we take extra steps to look up information in various ways. With our student information system being down, this is also impacting the ways teachers are emailing out newsletters. Some teachers are using a new feature within Synergy to email out their weekly newsletters and this system is currently down. Unless teachers have emailed you, we don’t have access to email addresses or phone numbers. I promise you will receive classroom updates as soon as we are able. Again, thank you for your understanding!

Have you heard about our Fun Run fundraiser?! This year we are partnering with a company who is helping us with our Fun Run. Over the past couple years, we moved to a Jump-A-Thon, but this year, we are back to a Fun Run. This will occur on Wednesday, October 9 and students will run, skip, and/or hop during their lunch recess. We want all students to participate and this will be a great time for all! I invite any and all parents to come and cheer our students on for their Fun Run on Wednesday, October 9 from 12:00-1:00 PM.

If you have not had the opportunity to log onto FUNRUN.COM, please do so and register your child(ren). Each evening, there is a challenge to continue to gain more pledges. This weekend, the challenge is to see which class can document the most NEW pledges. This is AS A CLASS, not individually. :) In the classroom, students are also watching daily videos that share about character virtues and is also reminding students of the challenges and how to document the pledges. Once again, visit FUNRUN.COM for further details. Please also feel free to have your students show you our MindSpark cheer….. “MINDSPARK WILD WEST!” Please also see our PTA’s Facebook page for more details and links to the videos.

September has been wonderful and I’m looking forward to an exceptional fall! Please take a look below for a lot of information about what is happening here at Cottage Lake and in the district. I’ve also attached a flyer for our upcoming Job Fair for Bus Drivers.

Thank you for sharing your child(ren) with us at Cottage Lake!
**UPCOMING TWO WEEKS....AT A GLANCE:**

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<td>Wednesday, October 9</td>
<td>● PTA Fun Run during lunch recesses&lt;br&gt;● Early Release Wednesday, Dismissal @ 2:30 PM</td>
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<td>Thursday, October 10</td>
<td>● Fall Enrichment Class&lt;br&gt;  ○ Hero Athletics Tumbling, 4:10-5:10 PM in the gym&lt;br&gt;  ● Boeing STEM class, 4:10-5:10 PM in the library</td>
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### Additional Dates of Note:

- October 15 - X-Country meet @ Cottage Lake Elementary, 4:45 PM
- October 18 - Monster Mash
- October 21 - Health Screen Day 1-4PM
- October 22 - X-Country meet @ Sunrise Elementary, 4:45 PM
- October 22 - Domino’s “Dough Raiser” Night with Cottage Lake Domino’s
- October 24 - Picture Retake Day
- November 11 - NO SCHOOL - Veteran’s Day
- November 12 - Veteran’s Day assembly
- November 12 - PTA Meeting 7-8PM
- November 21 - Elementary Conferences, Dismissal @ 12:40 PM
- November 22 - Elementary Conferences, Dismissal @ 12:40 PM
- November 26 - Elementary Conferences, Dismissal @ 12:40 PM
- November 27 - Elementary Conferences, Dismissal @ 12:40 PM
- November 28 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break
- November 29 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving break

### HIGHLY CAPABLE INFORMATION:

Information regarding the 2019-2020 Highly Capable Eligibility Process will be updated on the Highly Capable Program website on the evening of Friday, August 30, 2019. This year, we are universally screening grades K, 1, and 5 and accepting referrals for all other grades. If you have questions regarding Highly Capable services, please visit our website at [www.go.nsd.org/hicap](http://www.go.nsd.org/hicap).

Here are a few other pieces of information:

- **Parent Permission** - Per state law, we need written permission from parents or guardians before administering assessments in the Highly Capable identification process.
  - While it is not required to obtain parental permission before the Universal Screener in grades K, 1, and 5, there is such a short timeline between the screener and assessment, that completing the permission early is encouraged.
  - If your student is in grades 2, 3, or 4, you will need to provide permission for your student to participate in the Universal Screener or the Assessment part of the process.
We have an online permission form available on our website and can be completed any time between August 30 and October 25. The form only takes a minute to fill out, but parents will need to know their student’s Northshore student ID number in order to complete the form.

- **Referral Process** - In addition to universal screening at grades K, 1, and 5, we will accept online referrals from anyone who knows the student through Friday, October 22nd at 4:00 p.m.
- **Universal Screening** - This year, Northshore will universally screen at grades K, 1, and 5. Students in these grades without Highly Capable designations will participate in this Universal Screener. If a student at any grade is new to the district, we may administer the Universal Screener, as well.
- **Assessment process** - We will invite students in first grade and beyond who meet the screening threshold and whose parents complete the parent permission form by October 25th to participate in the Assessment part of the identification process.

**BOUNDARY CHANGE MEETING:**
Dear Cottage Lake Families,

We’ve adjusted the time for the upcoming meeting about projected eastside growth and possible 2020 eastside boundary changes on Tuesday, Oct. 22. The presentation will now start at 5:30 p.m., followed by a question and answer session at 6:15 p.m. The event will conclude at 7 p.m. This change was made to accommodate the PACE information night, which begins at 7 p.m. at Wellington, Woodmoor and Lockwood that same evening.

**When:**
Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019
Presentation from 5:30 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Question and Answer Session from 6:15 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**Where:**
Timbercrest Middle School, Cafeteria
19115 215th Way NE
Woodinville, WA 98077

As you know, last spring the District held conversations about possible boundary adjustments on the eastside of the District that could impact neighborhood families at Bear Creek, Cottage Lake and East Ridge elementary schools. Some community members urged us to confirm the
long term viability of the proposed options and shared testimony that enrollments were growing at a greater rate than projected at Cottage Lake and East Ridge. Therefore, the decision was made to put a hold on 2020 eastside boundary changes to allow for the community to meet with the demographer and staff to analyze September enrollment, and the Enrollment Demographics Task Force to fully review the proposed boundary change.

On Tuesday, Oct. 22 the District’s demographer, along with Chief Operating Officer Joe Paperman, Ph.D., and Deputy Superintendent Duggan Harman will present information about projected eastside growth, followed by a question and answer session at Timbercrest Middle School.

We encourage you to attend if possible, as the conversation will focus specifically on the possible boundary changes and expected growth that could impact general education students at Bear Creek, Cottage Lake and East Ridge families. These possible boundary changes could have an impact on the availability of classroom space for some Special Education services currently located at Cottage Lake.

**REPEAT: REMINDERS FROM NURSE AUDREY:**

**VISION AND HEARING SCREENING AT COTTAGE LAKE**

Each year in Northshore schools, students in grades Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 receive hearing and vision screenings. We are currently scheduled for vision and hearing screenings on **10/21/2019**. If you would like to exempt your child from either of these health screenings, please contact the school nurse.

It is important to understand that these are basic screenings, and are designed to identify students who may require further testing. They are not intended to replace regular exams by qualified health care providers. A student who does not pass any screening will be rechecked in a few weeks, and you will be notified only if there are concerns after the second screening.

Vision screening uses the PlusOptix. The PlusOptix is an autorefractor that takes a measurement of the refraction of the eyes. The results is a baseline refraction measurement. The illumination technique used by Plusoptix, is totally harmless to the child’s eyes. If your child wears glasses or contact lenses for distance or near vision, please be sure they have them on the screening day.

If your child has a hearing loss and is being followed by a healthcare provider or specialist and you do not wish for them to participate in the screening, please let the school nurse know. If you have concerns about hearing loss and school accommodations, contact your student’s teacher or the school nurse.
If you are available to help with health screening, we still need 2-3 volunteers to assist with screening and getting students to/from the library. We are scheduled to do health screening 1:00-4:00pm. Please contact nurse as soon as possible if you are available to help.

**PTA SPIRIT WEAR INFORMATION:**
Our PTA is again offering an opportunity to purchase spirit wear for adults and students. There is information on this available on our PTA website. Orders must be placed by October 15th. You can find details by visiting the PTA website at: [http://cottagelakepta.org/Home](http://cottagelakepta.org/Home)

**JOINING THE PTA:**
Be a part of the Cottage Lake Community by being a part of the PTA! Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and in school. By becoming part of Cottage Lake PTA, not only are you showing your child the importance you place on education, but you'll also be part of the solution in helping to make positive changes at our school!

It's easy to get involved in the PTA:

- Sign Up for Membership by visiting us online at [www.CottageLakePTA.org](http://www.CottageLakePTA.org)
- Like & Follow Us on Facebook @Cottage Lake Elementary PTA (and yes, it does show a Tacoma location, but this is our PTA page) so you stay up-to-date all things PTA!