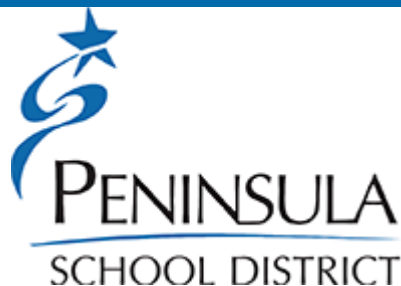


April 3, 2020



COVID-19 and the State of the District

Dear PSD staff and families,

We hope you are all well as you isolate at home with your loved ones. Our school buildings are closed, but by all accounts, the learning continues! Many of our schools have found ways to bring students and staff together through activities like virtual morning announcements, school spirit days, and staff videos.

[Here's a look](#) at what's been happening during the week of March 30. Do you have a photo or video of learning taking place at home you'd like to share? Please email info@psd401.net and tell us about it!

Continuous learning

While Governor Inslee has not officially extended the school closure order beyond April 24, his "Stay at Home, Stay Safe" order extending to May 4 implies an extension, and that extension may go well beyond May 4.

As we await new guidance from the state, we will continue to evolve our continuous learning opportunities program in order to connect with and support learning for all students. Our plan is broken out into stages, and as our continuous learning opportunity program extends, we will work closely with the Peninsula Education Association to further define what these stages will look like for teachers and students.

Please know our staff are working diligently every day to engage all students in learning through a variety of methods. We are also making efforts to connect with students in our special populations, such as our homeless students, those with disabilities, and our English learners. We also have also created a [Home Learning Resources page](#) to help students and families.

PSD videos on demand

Check out the PSD Youtube channel for some educational programming in our Compass Learning Guide. These videos feature Peninsula School District educators in short segments to support optional learning in a variety of

subjects and grade levels. Our playlist is growing, so check back often for new videos. Does your student have a video to share of their learning?

Click [HERE](#) for the YouTube Playlist.

Grab and Go meals continues to expand bus routes

Peninsula School District has been serving meals to students 18 and under in our community to help families during the school closure. This week we served approximately 6,800 meals!

The meal service is free and includes both breakfast and lunch. Students do not need to qualify for free or reduced meals to receive meals, and no forms or registration are required.

To-go lunches and breakfasts are available at the following schools for pickup Monday-Friday between 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.:

- Artondale Elementary;
- Evergreen Elementary;
- Purdy Elementary;
- Key Peninsula Middle School; and
- Gig Harbor High School.

Meal stations are located near the front of each school to encourage social distancing. Parents may now pick up meals for their children without students being present.

Since starting the program, we've learned that some students and families are unable to get to the locations listed above. Therefore, we are also providing meal deliveries along bus routes. Bus drivers and food services staff are authorized to do this and are following required social distancing protocols.

Pre-ordering is not necessary, but meal orders can be submitted online by clicking [HERE](#). Questions can be emailed to info@psd401.net.

Meal delivery via bus

Check [HERE](#) for the latest routes and stop times and note that as new routes are added, times may adjust. Be sure to check each Monday prior to meeting your bus for updates. If you are meeting a bus for meals, here are a few tips:

-Please allow a 10 minute window,

- Bring a bag or box to carry meals home, and
- Please wait 6 feet back from vehicle and wait for guidance.

Meal planning survey

Interested in picking up a meal along an existing route, or need another option that isn't listed?

We want to hear from you! Please complete this [SURVEY](#) to help us plan for enough meals and expand our bus delivery routes to accommodate all of our families' needs.

Remind parent FAQ

As you may know, we've launched a communications tool called Remind, a messaging platform, to better assist teachers and students to connect during this time. If you are having problems with Remind, we would encourage you to take a look at the following [Parent FAQ](#) we have created to hopefully answer some of your questions. If you have further questions, please email servicecentral@psd401.net and we will do everything we can to assist you.

Zoom update for parents

Zoom has become a primary tool for staff and students (and businesses!) to connect virtually to one another during the COVID-19 pandemic. Unfortunately, this surge in popularity has brought out many unsavory characters on the internet to attempt to attack or join Zoom conferences and display inappropriate material. We have worked hard in concert with Zoom and our school district partners throughout the state and country to lock down and secure our Zoom sessions to protect our students. Some of these changes include initiating new defaults on meetings to require passwords, secure waiting rooms, lock meeting rooms once all attendees have arrived, limit who can share their screen in a Zoom conference, and more. Zoom has also committed to shifting all engineering resources to fix any outstanding issues ([read more here](#)). We continue to feel that Zoom is safe for our staff and students. We will continue to adapt as situations evolve and do whatever is necessary to protect the digital safety of our students.

Broken Chromebook? Say it isn't so!

If your child's device is in need of repair, please email servicecentral@psd401.net and we will arrange a time to pick up a loaner and collect your device. If you have emailed us and have not gotten a request, please check your junk or spam folder, as we have currently responded to all requests received at this time.

Welcome, Pioneer Elementary School families!

330 students were selected to attend Pioneer Elementary School at Wednesday's lottery, which was live-

streamed via Zoom. These students represent 265 families who will kick off the 2020-2021 school year at Pioneer, the first magnet school in the Peninsula School District.

“I am overwhelmed and overjoyed to welcome the students and families to our community of learners at Pioneer,” said Principal Stephanie Strader. “And while it's bittersweet that we could not take all students, I am excited to put faces to the names of those who will be joining us. Pioneer is starting to feel like a real school, full of hope and possibility.”

Families have until the end of today, Friday, April 3 to accept or decline enrollment into Pioneer, at which point Principal Strader said they will move on to students on the waitlist.

In closing

From all of us at Peninsula School District, stay safe, stay healthy, and have a nice weekend.



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