

May 1, 2020

COVID-19 and the State of the District

Dear PSD Staff and Families,

We hope this message finds you well as we continue to isolate at home. Here are some updates for this week.

Continuous Learning and COVID-19

Continuous Learning Feedback

Last week we asked for feedback to tell us how Continuous Learning is going. We sent out three separate surveys: one for staff, one for students, and one for parents. We are currently reviewing the data and will send out survey summaries next week to share what we've learned. Stay tuned!

Grading

In case you missed the message from your school principal earlier this week, here's a [link](#) to grading information for Continuous Learning.

Staying Connected Video Series

We're introducing a new video series called, "Staying Connected - Continuous Learning in the Peninsula School District." These short videos showcase what's happening in the days and lives of our staff and students during Governor Inslee's 'Stay Home, Stay Safe' directive. Check out the first [video](#). We'll continue to share more videos on our social media channels in the coming days.

In Other District News

Teacher Appreciation Week

In these challenging times, we truly recognize and appreciate how our district's educators play such a pivotal role in our student's lives—inspiring a lifelong love of learning and discovery and making a difference in their well-being and long-term success. Join us as we celebrate all of our teachers and classroom educators next week, May 4-8, 2020. #ThankATeacher!

"HarborChat" to Feature PSD Administrators Next Week

Tune in to KGHP-FM radio next Tuesday, May 5 for the City of Gig Harbor's weekly show

“HarborChat” and hear an update from the Peninsula School District. The show airs live on KGHP-FM from 9am to 10am. KGHP broadcasts at 89.3, 89.9, 105.7, and you can listen at KGHP.org.

Elementary School Construction Update

At Pioneer Elementary, site work is continuing and progressing at a rapid rate. Foundation work is beginning and we have turned the original section of the building over to the contractor, Forma Construction, and they are on-site working daily.

Much progress has been made on Elementary School #9. The site has been cleared, and the contractor, Neeley Construction, is on-site daily working.

The Artondale Elementary bid opening will be on May 12, and construction will start in June. The Evergreen Elementary bid opening will be on May 21, and construction will also start in June.

New Vaughn Principal Named

Abbie Barabe was appointed by Superintendent Dr. Art Jarvis to be the next Principal for Vaughn Elementary School. We are very excited to welcome her aboard as our newest Husky!

Ms. Barabe comes to Vaughn with a wealth of experience. She has been an outstanding building administrator at Manitou Park Elementary School in Tacoma for the past six years, the last three as principal. Prior to her time at Manitou Park, Ms. Barabe held positions of Title/LAP teacher, Associate Administrator, and Program Specialist for Elementary Title/LAP in the Bethel School District and Tacoma School District. In her interviews, and through her reference checks, it is clear that she is a remarkable leader with a passion for helping all students succeed and has dedicated her career to that goal.

We hope everyone enjoys the weekend. Stay home and stay healthy!

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