

Finn Hill Middle School Matters

September 25th, 2020
FOURTH EDITION



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Updates & New Information

Happy Friday Fellow Falcons!

This year's Curriculum Night will be different from the past. We will not have a live or in-person event due to the Pandemic. However, teachers will be able to showcase their classrooms by using the platform "Sway".

Families will have access to the recorded Curriculum Night Events by clicking on to the school's website and finding their child's class then click on the classroom link. Please click on the Principal's video first, as it briefly sets the stage for what you can expect to see in teachers' classrooms.

We are in the process of developing a Sixth Grade Information Night. This event will more than likely be a live event. The tentative date is set for October 13th.

This past Wednesday, the LWSO sponsored a PTSA-President and Principal workshop. The basic premise was to acknowledge the partnership between the PTSA and the schools in the Lake Washington School District.

The Finn Hill team had an opportunity to develop goals for the FHMS community.

Announcements

Yearbook: We are looking for weekly submissions by Finn Hill students that go along with various weekly Themes. All photos submitted must be of Finn Hill students only. **Students can find the links & codes for submitting photos and quotes on the FHMS Library Teams page on the Schoolwide Announcements channel.**

This week's theme is 'Black Lives Matter.' Students who want to give quote for the yearbook on this topic can fill out the form posted on the Library teams page.

Picture Day: October 7th, 2020. Times were sent out by Mr. Strong on Sept. 14th. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Microsoft Teams Training for Families: Microsoft is hosting 1-hour long live events for LWSO families to learn the basics of MS Teams Classrooms, every Wednesday through October 7th. Training times & additional office hours can be found at www.lwsd.org/help/classroom-teams-support

Spirit Wear: You can order this year's Spirit Wear by going to <https://finn-hill-middle-school.myshopify.com/>. Orders must be submitted by 9.27.

[Finn Hill Middle School Weekly Schedule Link](#)

Content Library Links

You can visit each of these OneNote content libraries for grade level information and weekly overviews for core classes.

[6th Grade OneNote](#)

[7th Grade OneNote](#)

[8th Grade OneNote](#)

Fall 2020 Family Information Survey

We are still hoping to get more responses on our Family Information survey. This link has been sent out a few times, by various groups and so far we have responses for 190 out of our almost 700 students.

We know you have been asked to fill out a huge number of surveys in the last 6 months. Our goal is to use the information from this survey to better support the needs of our Finn Hill students during remote learning.

We will close out this survey in the next two weeks and will use the information collected to guide us going forward.

[Fall 2020 Family Survey Link](#)

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Attendance

Please remember that while we are flexible, due to being online, students are expected to attend all online meetings and attendance is taken for all class periods. We are continually working to develop efficient ways to monitor and communicate attendance to families.

It's also extremely important that students are present for the start of each online session. When they join late, important introductory announcements and information are missed. We've incorporated 10-minutes between class periods to allow students time to transition between meetings.

If your child will not be attending any scheduled periods for any reason, please contact our Attendance Secretary to report the absences. Students cannot self-report. We can receive communication regarding attendance 3 ways:

- Call the attendance voice mail: 425-936-2341
- Email: FinnHillMSattend@lwsd.org
- Skyward Family Access (enter Absence Request) or on Skyward Mobile App

When reporting absences, please include the first and last name of your child, the date and time of the absence, and the reason for the absence.

If a student is absent for any period, they should reach out to their teacher to catch up on the missed lesson.

Please note that due to federal privacy regulations, we cannot record class meetings for later use.

This Week's Shout Outs

- Happy Birthday Sandra Stevens- We wish you many, many more,
- PTSA- Your continued support to the Finn Hill Middle School Community has been a blessing!
- Congratulations to Luke Weaver and partner on their engagement
- Madison Lind- Maddie is the FHMS webmaster and has been providing additional tech support and management of the school website.

Other Helpful Links

- [Counselor intro email 2020 \(002\).pdf](#)
- [FHMS Weekly Schedule Community \(002\).pdf](#)
- The **Procedural Safeguards**, your rights as a guardian/parent, are available at the link below:
- <https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1551981853/lwsdorg/n7zeg4tk2lfal29mgtsf/Procedural-Safeguards.pdf>
- **PTSA-VOLUNTEER!**
- <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49a9a628a2f94-student1>
- **Finn Hill Resources and Support**
- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=P2fUH5bfIUaGOKHYjEyF1yU8uWdyPepHuvxEicRH2RBUN0FBWTdHRE9IUFITIBUNIBCMkdXOE05WS4u>

Once again, we thank each of you for helping to make remote learning successful. Have a great weekend!



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