



SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Back to School 2017-2018



We're Ready to ROLL!

Student safety is always a top priority for us. We're proud to report that the Washington State Patrol (WSP) has conducted a safety inspection and all 101 of our school buses passed.

Did You Know:

- For the 14th consecutive year SKSD was presented with a letter of achievement from WSP for the quality of bus maintenance.
- Mechanic Maurine Simons competed in a statewide bus systems, diagnostics, and problem solving competition and won first place. We're so glad to have you on our team.
- Over the course of the school year our buses travel over 1,300,000 miles.

A Huge "Thank You" to our Transportation Team.

What We Learned from You

We Asked:

What are the things you appreciate about our school this year?

What are some concerns you have about our school this year?

2,194 people participated

3,684 Thoughts Were Contributed

119,872 Stars Were Assigned

Most Appreciated

- 1 Teachers and staff
- 2 Communication and feedback
- 3 Curriculum

Top Concerns

- 1 Overcrowding/ Plans for growth
- 2 Student behavior and discipline
- 3 Class size

To view the whole Thought Exchange report, please visit:
<http://skitsap.thoughtexchange.com/welcome>

Hidden Creek Authorized as an International Baccalaureate World School - Primary Years

Hidden Creek Elementary has received authorization as an International Baccalaureate World school offering the Primary Years Program.

The IB program aligns with the goals of South Kitsap School District, which include preparing all students for continued education beyond high school, careers and active citizenship. IB provides students with instruction and experiences that develop strong academic, personal, and social skills necessary for future success. They develop the ability to work collaboratively which is paramount in the 21st century work environment, and gain a deeper

understanding of their roles as members of local and global communities.

Teachers are excited about what IB means for Hidden Creek students. "While IB has encouraged our students to follow their individual interests and dig deeper into their learning, an unexpected benefit has been the

embedded professional development it offers our staff," stated Maura Crisp, IB Coordinator and teacher at Hidden Creek. "Our teams of teachers have become stronger and able to create units of inquiry that are engaging and timely for our students."

International Baccalaureate is not unique to Hidden Creek. South Kitsap High School is an authorized IB World School for the Diploma and Career Related Pathway Programs. Cedar Heights Middle School is in the candidacy phase of authorization for the Middle Years Program and Orchard Heights Elementary is in the candidacy phase for the Primary Years Program.

"The path to becoming an IB World school has positively impacted students and adults alike."

Maura Crisp
IB Coordinator & teacher



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Meet Our New Leadership Team Members



Dr. Kareen Borders
Director of STEM
Education & Outreach



Jerry Holsten
Director Human Resources
& Special Programs



Diane Fox
Principal
South Kitsap High School



Rachelle Byrd
Principal
Manchester Elementary



Cherryl Christman
Assistant Principal
John Sedgwick Middle School

Two South Kitsap Teachers to Be Honored at Seattle Mariners Game

The Mariners, 710 ESPN Radio, and WSECU team up to recognize outstanding teachers in our community with the WSECU Teacher of the Week Program. Two South Kitsap teachers, Arnie Otterbeck from John Sedgwick Middle School and Jim Fairweather from South Kitsap High School have been selected and will be honored at the Mariners game on Sunday, September 10.

As part of being selected as a Teacher of the Week, they will receive tickets to attend the Seattle Mariners game in a Safeco Field suite on Sunday, September 10th. Each teacher will also be presented with a \$500 classroom grant, courtesy of WSECU.

Reduced Fees Encourage Student Participation

In an effort to encourage students to get involved in athletics and activities and lessen the financial burden on families, South Kitsap School District is pleased to announce that athletic/activity participation fees will be reduced beginning with the 2017-18 school year. At the high school, instead of \$75 full fee for each activity, the reduced fee structure is \$75 for the first activity and \$40 for the second. After that, there will be no additional fee charged to the student. At the middle schools, there will be a \$35 fee for the first activity and \$35 for the second. Like the high school, there will be no additional fee after the second activity.



The Board of Directors approved the fee change at the regularly scheduled August 16 board meeting when they adopted the 2017-18 South Kitsap School District budget. Any revenue shortfall from the change will be covered by local levy funds.

“We recognize the benefit of students getting involved in school activities outside the regular school day. We see that students perform better in the classroom when they participate in clubs, sports, and activities and we want to take away any barrier that might hinder their participation,” stated Superintendent Karst Brandsma. “We are committed to providing equity and access to all students.”

Hatfield Receives Outstanding CTE Administrator of the Year



South Kitsap School District’s Career and Technical Education Director, Sara Hatfield was recently recognized as Outstanding Administrator of the Year by the Washington Association of CTE Administrators (WACTA). This is a statewide honor and puts Ms. Hatfield in the running for national recognition.

Each of the nine CTE Area Groups in Washington State nominate a CTE Director for CTE Administrator of the Year. The award was presented to Ms. Hatfield at the Washington Association of Career and Technical Education (WA-ACTE) Summer Conference in Spokane on Tuesday, August 8. Ms. Hatfield will move forward as a nominee for the WA-ACTE Administrator of the year. The winner of that honor will represent Washington State in the Region V Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE) Administrator of the Year selection.



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