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Roof repaired at **John Sedgwick** and **Marcus Whitman** Middle Schools.



South Kitsap High School had its gym floor sanded, sealed, and painted. The refinishing improved the gym's overall appearance.



SK Facilities Department assisted with an Eagle Scout Project to improve the appearance of **Manchester Elementary School's** courtyard garden.



Mullenix Ridge Elementary School installed a rain shelter to keep students dry while they wait for the bus.



Marcus Whitman and **John Sedgwick** Middle Schools had broken roof skylights replaced.



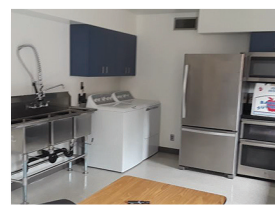
Sunnyslope Elementary School installed a big toy playground structure and replaced the surface material.



New mulch was installed along the park trail at **Olalla Elementary School's** Triangle Park.



Discovery High School replaced kitchen and teaching space as part of arson repair.



Board of Directors:

Eric Gattenby, Liz Sebren, John Berg, Jeff Daily, and Rebecca Diehl
Tim Winter, Superintendent

South Kitsap School District Non-Discrimination Statement

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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PRIORITY PLANNING - PATH TO TOP 5

Results from recent surveys, academic performance data, and other feedback shaped our Priority Plan 2020-2025. The Priority Plan shows who we are, where we want to be, and how we will get there. It is a living document that will evolve over time. Staff will follow a plan of action to attain measurements of progress and success in achieving the plan outcomes for students. It shows the Board's ENDs or Goals, the profile of a South Kitsap student, and what outcomes are needed.

Developing the Priority Plan requires a solid understanding of what we are doing well and which areas need improvement. We utilized Thought Exchange, an online survey platform, to gather feedback from parents, staff, students, and community members. The results included **476 participants** who shared **577 thoughts**. They prioritized their thoughts and thoughts shared by others with **18,548 stars**. View the full exchange results on our website at: https://www.skschools.org/district/thought_exchange

HOW IT WORKS



Participants share answers to open-ended questions.



Participants consider ideas from others and add stars to the ones they like best.



Everyone discovers what is important to the group.

WHAT IS GOING WELL AND WHAT NEEDS IMPROVEMENT?

Top rated areas:

- Caring and compassionate staff
- Continued focus on school safety and security
- Secure entrances at elementary schools, middle schools, and South Kitsap High School

Areas needing improvement:

- More communication is needed to build trust with community
- More research and outreach are needed before running ballot measures
- More professional development for staff

Stay tuned for next steps.

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EXPLORATION IN

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION



Career & Technical Education (CTE) offers a unique opportunity to engage students grades 7-12 in an enormous variety of subjects. It incorporates academic, creative, employability and industry skills with a specific goal of preparing students for life after high school. We often hear from parents and community members, that students need to be prepared for the "real world". CTE courses meet those needs. They allow students to explore potential career options

and even specialize to reach industry recognized certifications that align to post-secondary opportunities. Students focus on real world skills for success beyond high school.

Research shows that career exploration is an important part of engaging students in their learning. To support students, South Kitsap High School offers 95 courses in different career pathways, which is nearly twice as many CTE courses than neighboring districts. Those

who take CTE courses in high school get a taste of what may be involved in career pathways like medical fields, service, automotive, computer science, video production, animal science, athletic medicine, business marketing, and much more.



John Sedgwick earns STEM Lighthouse School Grant

Staff at John Sedgwick Middle School are working on three long-term goals aligned with the mission and vision to get all students at grade level in reading, writing, and math. The staff committed to become a STEM Lighthouse School, an AVID School of Distinction, and a National Blue Ribbon School by 2023. They achieved the first goal and are thrilled to be recognized as a STEM Lighthouse School. The award has been given to only a handful of middle schools over the past six years and includes a \$20,000 award for the school. John Sedgwick is the first in SKSD to receive this distinction.



Congratulations!

\$20,000 STEM LIGHTHOUSE GRANT RECIPIENTS

SHOW YOUR SOUTH KITSAP

WOLF PRIDE*



An idea started by an enthusiastic group of football booster families has quickly spread into a community-wide initiative. South Kitsap flags are flying on homes and businesses and displayed proudly by students and staff of South Kitsap School District. **#ShowYourWolfFlag** is a popular page on Facebook where members of the community are showing creativity with flag photos.

*SK Pride window decals available FREE at SKSD district office.



SENIOR TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

South Kitsap School District's Senior Tax Exchange Program offers qualifying residents an opportunity to receive a break on their local school tax in exchange for their time and skills working within SKSD. The volunteer sessions run from January - June 2020. Applications are now being accepted.

More information: Contact Andrea Miner at (360) 874-7002.



WEATHER ALERTS

Stay informed and sign-up for inclement weather updates by visiting:

FlashAlert: <https://www.flashalert.net>

Skylert:

Visit www.skschools.org and log into the *Skyward Family Access* link located in the middle of the district website. Once logged in, select your preferences for notifications. If you need help with login information, please contact your child's school.

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