

COMMUNITY CONNECTION - fall 2020

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Remote Learning Start for All



Welcome to the 2020 - 2021 school year. We wish students were attending class in person to start the year, but we are committed to make remote learning successful for all students.

We have a great community and together we have developed a plan that will serve the learning needs of our students while we are not face to face in our schools. It is easy to get overwhelmed with the challenges of life in the world of COVID and ever-changing guidance from the state and local level. Instead of mourning what was "normal" and serving students in crisis mode, this year we've shifted the focus to opportunities for excellence and delivering comprehensive education for all students.

For at least the first nine weeks of school, all South Kitsap students are learning remotely. After that time, the school board will consider moving forward with our two model option of SK Flex and SK Online. Students in SK Flex will be divided into two groups. Each group of students will attend school in person two days each week and learn remotely three days each week. Students in SK Online will continue with remote learning for the remainder of the school year. Both models will continue to utilize South Kitsap staff and curriculum.

It has been amazing to watch the resiliency of our school community. We have worked together and met the challenges thrown our way. As the year gets underway, teachers and classroom support staff will get to know students, build relationships, and get kids engaged in learning. We know it is not perfect, but we will do everything we can to provide a great learning experience. Every staff member, every family, and every student is adapting, shifting, and realigning themselves to make this the best year possible.

We will continue to prepare our buildings for in person learning and look forward to getting students back as soon as possible.

Thank you to our families, students, and staff for your patience, partnership, and support.





Remote Learning Support

MEAL ORDERS



During remote learning, South Kitsap Food & Nutrition Services is proud to offer FREE meals to children 18 years old and younger. The need within the community is substantial, In fact, FNS is distributing more than 23,000 FREE meals weekly. The meals are packaged to include several days worth of breakfast and lunch items. Families choose between pick up at elementary school sites or bus stop delivery on select routes. Meals must be pre-ordered. The order form and more information is on the district website:
<https://sksdfoodandnutrition.com/>

TECH SUPPORT



Navigating remote learning is a challenge. South Kitsap staff is here to help students and families with questions. We have compiled helpful tech tutorials to assist families with navigating Google classroom and Skyward.

During this time, the need for technology in the home has increased. We are loaning out devices to support families without technology for learning. We've loaned out more than 3,000 Chromebooks and several hotspots / jetpacks to assist with access.

WELLNESS



South Kitsap staff and counselors support student wellness. One of the biggest challenges is meeting social and emotional needs of students during this unprecedented time. It is essential that students stay connected with their teachers, peers, and school community.

We are working to connect families with available tools in the community including food, child care, and emotional support resources.



New Leaders at South Colby & Burley Glenwood



There is a new leader of the Bobcats! Anna Munson was selected as the new principal at South Colby Elementary. Mrs. Munson has been dedicated to education for the past fifteen years and has worked with students from pre-Kindergarten through high school. Prior to

this role, Mrs. Munson served as an Instructional Specialist for South Kitsap School District. She is a lifelong Washingtonian and enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to lead a school that has such a strong sense of family, as well as a keen focus on academics and character," stated Mrs. Munson. "I feel very fortunate to be joining this school community."



Joey Kolattukudy was selected as the new principal of Burley Glenwood Elementary. Mr. Kolattukudy served as Assistant Principal at Sidney Glen, Orchard Heights, and East Port Orchard elementary schools, and Marcus Whitman middle school, as well as interim principal at Olalla Elementary. Prior to joining the South

Kitsap community, he taught on the Flathead Indian Reservation at the elementary and middle school levels. Mr. Kolattukudy enjoys family time and getting outside to explore all that Washington has to offer.

"I feel very fortunate to be part of the amazing Burley family and I'm looking forward to serving the students and community," stated Mr. Kolattukudy. "I am excited to get to work with such a tremendous staff and I can't wait to meet all our wonderful students and families."



Looking Toward the Future - Facility Planning Committee


This fall, the South Kitsap Board of Directors is forming an advisory committee to assist with long-range facilities planning. The committee will consider, develop, and recommend long-term plans for the physical facilities needs of the District, with benchmarks at a minimum of five years, ten years, twenty-five years, and beyond.

The committee will recommend priorities for addressing deferred maintenance and planned upgrades to physical facilities of the District. The committee will be comprised of a wide range of stakeholders including parents, employees, students, taxpayers, and local business owners.



The committee will serve in an advisory capacity and will report regularly to the school board as they consider future ballot measures.

The application process to join the committee will be advertised in local newspapers and on the district website www.skschools.org



Financial Stewardship

Each year, the Washington State Auditor's office conducts a thorough review of district financial records and procedures. The report found that SKSD had successfully complied with state laws and regulations and its own policies and procedures.

The report reflects South Kitsap School District's commitment to quality work and dedication to strong stewardship of tax payer resources.

Questions may be directed to the Business Office at (360) 874-7013.



READY! for Kindergarten® On Demand

Our FREE READY! for Kindergarten classes for parents provide age-appropriate targets and training in the areas of language and literacy, math and reasoning, and social-emotional. Instead of in-person sessions, classes will be held on demand this fall.

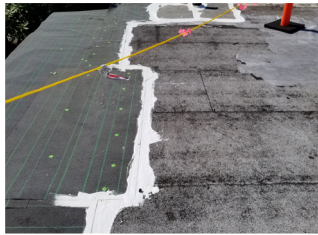
Registration is open now!

Visit the link below for more information or call (360) 874-7058
<http://www.readyforkindergarten.org/southkitsap>



PROMISES MADE & KEPT Your Tax Dollars at Work

Thanks to support from the South Kitsap community, we are able to complete upgrades, maintenance, and capital levy projects. Evidence of responsible stewardship and updates on completed projects are presented at South Kitsap Board of Director meetings and posted on the district website. A sampling of recent projects is shown below.



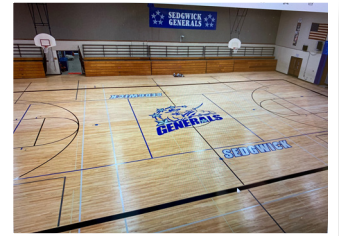
ROOF REPAIRS

Roof repairs at **Sunnyslope, the Administration Office, the South Colby play shed,** and several portables district wide.



GYM FLOORS

The gymnasium floors at **Marcus Whitman and John Sedgwick Middle Schools** were sanded, repaired, freshly painted, and sealed.



SECURITY CAMERAS

New security cameras were installed at **Cedar Heights, John Sedgwick, and Marcus Whitman Middle Schools.**



INTERCOM SYSTEMS

Intercom systems were replaced at **Marcus Whitman, John Sedgwick, and East Port Orchard.** New systems were installed at **Olalla and South Colby.**



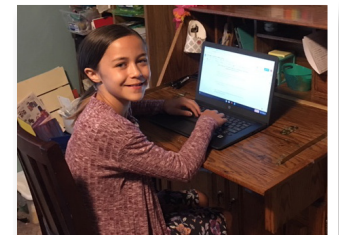
PORTABLE REPAIRS

Marcus Whitman, Cedar Heights, and South Colby portables received new ramps, siding, and other repairs.



TECHNOLOGY

Computer devices, software licenses, and infrastructure upgrades were purchased to support student learning.



Board of Directors:

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

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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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