

Hidden Creek Elementary

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Hawk Family News October 18, 2020

We have some important dates coming up over the next two weeks, with two opportunities to have more personal interaction with our community. Read on for more information about our materials and supply drive through, and parent-teacher conferences. There are also messages from our PTA, our counselor and our librarian this week.

Materials Drive Through: See the attached flyer for more information. This is coming up soon on Wednesday this week, beginning at 4:30 PM for our first group of families.

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Students will attend half-days only the week of Oct 26-30, with our official end time being no later than 12:40 PM each day. Specific schedules for classrooms will be shared by your child's teacher.

Our wonderful **PTA is inviting you to join online!** This [link](#) will take you to their membership information and registration form. See their [Facebook page](#) to check out everything they do to support our Hawks. This year, they will host PTA meetings via Zoom and request your input as they figure out ways to support families with remote learning.

Supply pick up is a great time to **pick up library books!** If you don't remember how to put books on hold, there is a video in the Library Google Classroom that explains the whole process. All books that are put on hold by 2 pm Wednesday will be available for pick up that evening.

Theresa Johnson, Librarian & Technology Liaison

360-443-3069

Mrs. Narus, our **Hidden Creek Counselor**, has set up a Google Classroom where students in grades 2-5 can find short videos, counselor talks, activities and material on the topics of emotions regulation, calming down strategies, empathy and problem solving. There is also a Parent Resources section and Bitmoji virtual calming room where students click around the room to learn ways to calm down with movement and breathing, hear read alouds on books like "The Giving Tree" and "The Way I Feel," and watch jelly fish swim to calming music. There is also a "Check-In Request Form" on the site for students to request a phone check-in from Mrs. Narus. All materials are on the "Classwork" page.

To access Mrs. Narus' Google Classroom, students will need to "join" using the class code: **3c77don** (please note that student comments are not enabled).

If you have questions or concerns for Mrs. Narus, you are welcome to contact her at narus@skschools.org or (360) 443-3080. She is available at various times Monday through Friday from 9-11 a.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. by phone or email. Leave a message and she will get back to you by the next school day.

Additional Frequently Asked Questions About Our Future SK Learning Models:

What is the correct link to the Kitsap County Health Department Information?

https://kitsappublichealth.org/CommunityHealth/CoronaVirus_Schools.php

Will the SK Online schedule & format stay the same?

Yes, the instructional model will stay the same, and will be using the same materials that will be used in the SK Flex "in person" model. There are pacing guides for Math and English Language Arts that will be followed by teachers in both models. There may be changes to the specific times of lessons, but the intent is to maintain the current schedule as much as possible.

Will the SK Online teachers be Hidden Creek teachers?

We do have teachers at Hidden Creek who will be teaching online. Human Resources will be working on specific grade level assignments for SK Online at each school. As soon as those assignments are finalized, I will communicate this out to families.

Are you providing transportation for all students attending SK Flex?

Yes. On the survey in Skyward, there is a question asking you whether or not you will be utilizing transportation for your student(s).

How large will class sizes be in each session of SK Flex?

Our classrooms can hold up to 14 students and maintain social distancing, however based on our current enrollment, we will have between 11-13 students per section.

Thank you for navigating a very long weekly newsletter. I'm looking forward to seeing families this Wednesday!

Brenda Ward, Principal