

Hello Samantha Smith Families,

Please help our school stay safe. If your child is sick, keep them home. If your child has any of these symptoms, they must stay home. If they are not kept home, they will be sent home.

Covid Symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4 or above (a student does not have to have a fever to have Covid)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Fatigue
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Instructional Support for Students in Quarantine Plan:

Last week families received an email from Dr. Holmen outlining a plan to support students who may be required to quarantine due to being positive for COVID-19 and/or being in “close contact” with another student/individual that is positive for COVID-19. This is not in response to a current active COVID-19 case, but an effort to be prepared should such a situation take place.

The following supports will be provided to students who are out multiple days due to a COVID-19 related situation:

- A computer will be assigned for the student to use at home
 - Computers will be assigned for pick-up within 48 hours of quarantine
- Teachers will provide 1-2 live “look-in” opportunities each day for students to access via Microsoft Teams
 - Live “look-ins” times/Teams meetings will begin within 48 hours of quarantine
 - Live “look-in” meetings will be approximately 10-15 minutes in length in a core content area, as determined by the grade level team
 - Teams meeting invites will be communicated to families for the live “look-ins” within 48 hours of quarantine
- A weekly plan for learning including assignments and assessments
 - Teachers will communicate with families on these items

What is a live “look-in”?

A live “look-in” is an opportunity for a quarantined student to see/hear the instruction being provided in class. In this scenario the teacher will have provided a Microsoft Teams link for the student to access during a specific time of instruction. The student would hear the teacher’s instruction and see the presentation being shared, but not interact with the teacher/class in any manner. A live “look-in” is not

concurrent instruction, meaning there is no back and forth interaction between the student and teacher.

Who Qualifies?

Only students out multiple days due to a school required COVID-19 absence will qualify for support. Absences due to family vacations and/or short illness not related to COVID-19 do not qualify.

Attendance

Students on quarantine are not required to attend live "look-in" opportunities, but are encouraged to do so. Absences will be counted as excused sick absences.

October Conferences:

Out of an abundance of caution, we are planning our October Teacher-Parent-Student Conferences to be via Teams. Your student's teacher will be in contact on how to sign up.

Too Sick for School:

We appreciate each of you taking the health and safety of all here at school very seriously. I have attached the "Too Sick for School" district guidance in case you have questions around COVID-19 symptoms. We are all thankful to be back in person.

[Coronavirus information available here.](#)

Help Lake Washington School District stop the spread of illness. If you answer "YES" to any of the following questions, keep your student home and contact your school.

1. Has your student been in close contact with anyone with confirmed COVID-19?
2. Does anyone in your household have COVID-19 like symptoms &/or is anyone in your household being tested for COVID-19?
3. Has your student or anyone in your household had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days?
4. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told your student to self-monitor, self-isolate or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19?

[Too Sick for School - Lake Washington School District \(lwsd.org\)](#)

Families can be attesting online each day to help our staff track sickness. Here is a link to a video showing how to use the Wellness Screening feature in Skyward: <https://youtu.be/YAm27Mmygbs>

Inclement Weather:

Being that we live in the Pacific Northwest, it is very important you prepare your student with a raincoat (with hood if possible) and appropriate shoes. Being a partially outdoor campus, there are many times throughout the day that students will find themselves outside.

Highly Capable Services for Elementary and Middle School Students:

Lake Washington School District (LWSD) will accept applications for Highly Capable programs from September 8 until 4:00 p.m. on October 1, 2021. Students must live in the Lake Washington School District to apply.

Please note: Parents of first-grade students attending LWSD schools should not apply during this application period. LWSD first-grade students are screened for Highly Capable Programs in their general education classrooms.

In order to ensure access for all families, we have recorded our yearly parent information presentation. The video and additional information about application timeline and services are available at <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/accelerated-programs/highly-capable-application>. Or contact us directly: 425-936-1238; quest@lwsd.org.

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PTSA News – September 16, 2021

First General Membership Meeting of the Smith PTSA

The Smith Elementary PTSA invites all members to its first **General Membership Meeting (GMM)** of the 2021-2022 school year on **Thursday, Sep 23rd at 7pm (LINK)**. Agenda: [LINK](#).

****The GMM is only for current PTSA members*** If you are not yet a member yet, it's time to get your Smith PTSA annual membership for the 2021-2022 school year! Sign up at www.smithptsa.org under "Join PTSA" Past members can renew memberships by signing in.*

(Please reach out to tech@smithptsa.org if you have any problems accessing the links).

***Dolphin Dash 2021*: Smith PTSA's Largest Fundraiser of the Year**

We are planning to have the **Dolphin Dash** fundraiser this year on **Thursday, Sep 30th**! We are working with the school and LWSD to plan according to the latest safety guidelines. More information will be sent via PTSA email, the Smith Dolphin Byte newsletter, and the Smith PTSA Facebook page. [LINK](#).
Questions: email fundraising@smithptsa.org.

Pre-order the 2021-2022 Yearbooks

Yearbooks are already on sale! Order the yearbook at TreeRing. (<https://tr5.treering.com/validate> with school passcode: 101586364959367).

Buy before Sep 30th for a 10% discount. You will have to create a login and password but DON'T FRET! It is because you can create your own two free custom pages that will only appear in your student's book! This year's cost is \$19.00 plus shipping/tax and it will be mailed directly to your house in the spring! [LINK](#)

Questions: email yearbook@smithptsa.org.

Staff Appreciation – October Sign-ups

Next month we're putting together "tailgate" snacks for our wonderful Smith staff. Please sign up to bring goodies! Drop off snacks the morning of Monday, Oct 11th at the front of the school. – [LINK](#)

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Check out the Smith PTSA Facebook page for timely updates on school and related news! [LINK](#)