

Hello Samantha Smith Families,

We are up and running! This week has been amazing seeing students back in the classroom. I am thankful this afternoon to work among such professionals. Thank you to my team for working hard each day to keep our students safe and creating such welcoming classroom environments. Thank you to all of our families. 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.

Too Sick for School

[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 \(lwsd.org\)](#)

Our Kindergarteners are coming!

Starting Tuesday, September 7th we slowly start welcoming our kindergarten students. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, a third of each class will join us. Friday, September 10th ALL kindergarten students will be here at school. We are looking forward to welcoming our newest Dolphins!

Lunchroom

We want to acknowledge there have been some concerns shared with our team regarding the set up of the lunchroom. Although we will likely not land on a perfect option for all, we do want you to know that we are listening to feedback and working to evaluate potential changes to the lunchroom set up. If changes are made, we will communicate this out. Our number one goal is the safety of all Smith students.

Bus Chute

We are seeing an increase in guardians dropping students off across from our bus chute exit (on the blind hill.) PLEASE DO NOT ASK YOUR CHILD TO RUN ACROSS THE STREET TO THE SCHOOL. Instead, walk West up the North side of 14th street where there is a cross-walk at 233rd and a crossing guard at the main entrance to the school.

Curriculum Nights

Thank you for taking time out of your evening this past Thursday to attend our classroom Curriculum Nights. If you missed this night for your student's classroom, please reach out to their teacher to learn more.

Being an educator during these times is not an easy task. I care very much about every single person that comes to our building, especially our students. Please know that when we say we take their safety seriously, I genuinely mean that.

Have a good three day weekend.

In partnership,

Jamie Warner

Principal

Samantha Smith Elementary

Lake Washington School District

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From the Office

Student Accident Insurance

This program provides access to student accident insurance plans for voluntary purchase by parents/guardians. Attached are digital brochures (English & Spanish) Here is the link to enroll online: <https://www.myers-stevens.com/enrollment-page/>

School Supply lists

The school supply lists can be found on our school website

Important reminders about Samantha Smith Elementary campus:

- Samantha Smith Elementary playground and fields are closed for public use during school hours
- Dogs are not allowed on school grounds property between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any school day.
At all other times dogs must be leashed and controlled by owners in accordance with King County Code 11.04.230. Owner must clean up after their dogs and remove waste from district premises

Attendance

if your child is going to be absent or late to school, please email our attendance line at SmithEsAttend@lwsd.org.

New student online registration

Families may now register one or more of their new students online using Skyward, the district's student information system. To do so, you will need a login (username) and password.

Please note, this is only for new students to the district. Current students don't need to go through this process. [Visit the district website for more information.](#)

If you know of someone, a friend, a neighbor who has not registered their child yet, please spread this word



PTSA News

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First Day of School Coffee for Kinder families

Parents, it's a big day for our Kinders – we're here for you! Join us at 9:00 am on September 10th in the covered basketball area for coffee, treats, and *tissues* after dropping off our

newest SWIMMers! Please wear your masks! Please review the COVID-19 safety protocols for Smith PTSA outdoor events - [LINK](#).

Smith Spirit Wear

Need some Dolphin gear? Order your Spirit wear by **September 10th - [LINK](#)**

All orders will be shipped to school

2021-2022 Yearbook Theme

Yearbooks capture memories and snapshots from a specific time – this year, as we return to in-person learning, wouldn't it be great to memorialize the events and faces from the 2021-2022 school year? The first step is for students vote for the **yearbook theme**, which should represent how you *feel* about the year. Place your votes by **September 15th - [LINK](#)**

Smith PTSA Annual Membership Time!

Time to get your Smith PTSA annual membership for the 2021-2022 school year! Our goal is for every Smith family to join. Family memberships are just \$25.

Please show your support for our school and let us know if you're interested in volunteering (when opportunities become available at Smith). **New this year!** Printed student directories are back and are free with your PTSA membership. **Some of the many programs and activities** that the Smith PTSA supports:

- Accelerated Math & Reading Programs,
- Explore Art program,
- Nature Vision,
- After School Enrichment Programs,
- Scholarships,
- Health & Welfare (Emergency Supplies, Health Screenings),
- Reflections Art Program, Art Walk,
- STEM Night,
- International Night,
- Equipment for the school, and much, much more!

Help us achieve **100% membership** like previous years! Sign up online at www.smithptsa.org under "Join PTSA" (or [Click here](#)) – Past members, please renew your membership by signing in with your email address.

Classroom PTSA Membership Contest: class with the most parents signed up by **September 30th WINS!**

- 1st Place - Treat Party (*teacher approved*)
- 2nd Place - PJ Party

Follow us on Facebook

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



Dates to Remember

September 7, 8, 9-Staggered Start for Kindergarten

September 10th-First Day for all Kindys

September 6th-No School-Labor Day

September 20th-Picture Day

October 11, 12 and 14-Conference Days Early Dismissal at 11:50

October 15th -No School- LEAP Day

November 11th- No School-Veteran's Day

November 24-Early Dismissal at 11:50

November 25-26 Thanksgiving Break

December 20th -December 31st-Winter Break

January 17th-No School- MLK Jr. Day

January 25,27 and 28th Conference Days Early Dismissal at 11:50

February 17th-21st-Mid-Winter Break

March 11th- No School LEAP Day

April 4th-8th-Spring Break

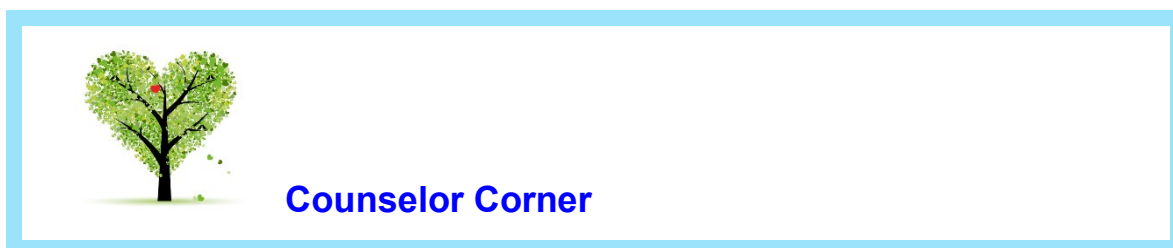
May 27th-No School-LEAP Day

May 30th-Memorial Day

May 31st-Snow Makeup Day

June 15th-Full Day of School

June 17th-Last Day of School



Dear Smith Families,

Samantha Smith Elementary desires that all students, regardless of background or financial abilities feel welcome and able to participate in all activities and programs that we offer. To support this desire, there are several programs and opportunities throughout the school year that help families who are facing financial hardship. If your family is in need and you would like to be considered for these types of programs or services, please complete list below with a return note to Katie Arena, school counselor or fill our Microsoft Forms Survey link (<https://forms.office.com/r/m2tB7Gq0Zp>). Your privacy is important to us, and therefore all information that is collected from the survey will be kept confidential. If you have a school-related need that is not mentioned in this survey, please email Katie who will work with you to try and fulfill.

Sincerely,

Katie Arena

School Counselor, Smith Elementary

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(425) 936-2710, ask for Katie

School Supplies: We would like to sign up for free back-to-school supplies and backpack for the fall.

Pantry Packs: We would like to be part of the Pantry Pack program that provides packs of kid-friendly food for students to take home each Friday.

Operation School Bell and Clothing Resources: We would like to be considered for Operation School Bell, a program that provides vouchers for students to go shopping at a local store. We would also appreciate clothing resources as well.

Holiday Resources: We are interested in hearing about holiday resources in our area.

Holiday Assistance: We are interested in being considered for food, gifts, or gift cards that may be available to Smith families during the school year.

Child or Family Counseling: We are interested in hearing more about free or low-cost counseling that may be available to our family.

Field Trip and Smith Activity Scholarships: We would like to be considered for scholarship money for grade-level field trips and activities.

PTSA Extras: We would like to be considered for receiving a free-of-charge yearbook and/or article of spirit wear.

Is there anything else you would like to share or ways Katie can help your child(ren) and/or family?

Family/Guardian Name(s):

Contact Email:

Contact Phone:

Child's Name:

Grade:

Teacher:

Child's Name:

Grade:

Teacher:

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