

Hello Samantha Smith Families,

Today, we welcomed all of our newest little Samantha Smith Kindergarteners. Welcome little Dolphins! Our systems are in place and we are up and running. We need your help with before and after school safety.

Safety Tips:

- Please do not enter our building when dropping off or picking up your student. We are working to limit traffic within the building.
- If you are dropping your student across the street from the school, they need to cross at our crosswalk. Running across the street (especially at the end of the bus chute (closest to the big toy) is NOT SAFE!
- We ask that you use actual crosswalks to walk your child onto campus (the bus chute is for our buses only).
- If you are walking your student to school, you can drop them at the front of the school. Students can access their classrooms by walking through the school to their lineup. **Even our students in the portables.
- At no time are we allowing cars to pass through the side gate and enter the back of our school.
- If you can access pick up through our drive thru, we ask that you take advantage of this instead of parking and walking to get your student. Traffic in the parking lot slows the process for all.
- This year, students are not allowed to ride any bus other than the one they were assigned. Gone are the times of riding home with a friend. At least for now.
- At pick up, please remember we need three feet spacing. We are working to teach students this in all areas of the day, we need your help.

Change to Kinder Morning Line Up:

We need to make a change to where three of our kindergarten classes line up each morning. See school map below. Your student's teacher will be communicating this directly to you as well.

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.

Curriculum Night:

If you were unable to attend Curriculum Night, contact your student's teacher to get missed information.

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 \(lwsd.org\)](#)

In partnership,

Jamie Warner

Principal

Samantha Smith Elementary

Lake Washington School District

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From the Office

Change of plans at the end of a school day:

Parents, if your child needs to go home a different way than normal, please call the office so that we can make sure to get a note to the teacher. 425-936-2710

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

Smith Spirit Wear Orders

Last chance for spiritwear orders! Due TODAY, **Sept. 10th** - [LINK](#)

All orders will be shipped to school

Dolphin Dash T-Shirt Giveaway (size changes due)

We will be kicking off our annual fundraiser “Dolphin Dash” soon - lots more details to come! Dolphin Dash is a fun run around the soccer fields to raise money for the PTSA-funded programs at Smith. This year, we are **very excited to be able to gift each child and staff member** at Smith a **FREE Dolphin Dash T-shirt** on the day of the event, Sept. 30th!

Please email fundraising@smithptsa.org by **Sept. 10th** if you would like a *different* size than the following selections: K&1 – small, Grades 2&3 – medium, Grade 4 – large, Grade 5 - XL. Please include your child’s name, size, teacher, and grade.

2021-2022 Yearbooks

Vote for the 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? We’re collecting student votes for the **yearbook theme** – vote by **Sept.**

15th - [LINK](#)

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

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. Help us achieve **100% membership** like previous years! Sign up online at www.smithptsa.org under “Join PTSA” ([LINK](#)) – 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 **Sep 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](#)



Counselor Corner

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 this 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



Dates to Remember

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



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LWSD: www.lwsd.org

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Peachjar: [Community fliers](#)