



Message From Principal

Dear Samantha Smith Families,

Please be on the lookout for an email coming from our Superintendent, Dr. Holmen today. See more school specific information below.

COVID-19 Absence Scenarios

There are various scenarios your student may experience this year as they relate to COVID-19 related absences. **The biggest change is that students who experience one or more COVID-19 symptoms will be required to quarantine until the symptoms are gone and/or they have received a negative COVID-19 test (must be a PCR test).** This requirement will have a greater impact on our school as we enter the cold/flu season. Also starting next week, once your student is either home sick or sent home sick, you will be contacted by a District Contact Tracer. This person will be your point person regarding return to school date/timeline. Please read below so you are aware of the various scenarios that may take place.

- Scenario 1: Student is required to quarantine at home due to being in close contact with someone who was COVID-19 positive and/or being COVID-19 positive themselves.
- This is the most straight forward scenario – the **student will qualify for our COVID-19 support plan** as outlined below and be out for 10-14 days.
- Scenario 2: Student is sent home for having a single COVID-19 symptom and parents *choose not to have* their student take a COVID-19 test.

- Beginning on 9/27 students will be required to quarantine if they have a single COVID-19 symptom. If the family does not want to test their student, the student will be required to quarantine for a minimum of 10 days. **In this case the COVID support plan outlined below **WOULD be in effect.****
- Scenario 3: Student is sent home for having a single COVID-19 symptom and parents indicate they *will have* their child take a COVID-19 test.
- Beginning on 9/27 students will be required to quarantine if they have a single COVID-19 symptom. Our COVID Support Plan can take up to 48 hours to get started. If test results take longer than the 48 hours to receive, **the COVID support plan outlined below **WOULD be in effect.**** The COVID-19 support plan would also go into effect if the student's test came back positive.

COVID-19 Support Plan for Students Required to Quarantine

The following supports will be provided to students who are out multiple days due to a school required multiple day COVID-19 absence.

- 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.

Accessing Microsoft Teams

Families needing a refresher course on accessing Microsoft Teams can do so at the following web page:

[Parent Support – Microsoft Teams.](#)

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

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.

New & International Families Welcome Event:

LWSD is partnering with the LWPTSA Council to offer a New & International Families Welcome Event on Wednesday, September 29 from 6-8 p.m. This event will be held via Teams LIVE and will be posted on the LWSD website the next day. Please join us!

<https://www.lwsd.org/students-families/welcome-event>

In partnership,

Jamie Warner

Principal

Samantha Smith Elementary

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From the Office

Late coming to school:

Parents, if you are bringing a child late to school, please make sure that you bring them into the office to get a slip to get them to class. Thank you

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



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LWSD: www.lwsd.org

PTSA:<http://smithptsa.org/Home>

Peachjar:[Community fliers](#)



PTSA News

PTSA News – September 23, 2021

Spirit Week, Dolphin Dash, and Dolphin Bash

Check out this [fun video](#) featuring some of our SWIMmers and our mascot Danny the Dolphin promoting the event and upcoming **Spirit Week** - [LINK](#). The **Dolphin Dash** is next week on **Thursday, Sep 30th!** The Dolphin Dash is the PTSA's biggest fundraiser. Thank you to those who have submitted donations already – we're at \$15,000 of our \$40,000 goal! Donations are being accepted until 10/1. Please visit the [Dolphin Dash Information Page](#) for more details on the exciting event, prizes, and the post-Dash celebration -- the **Dolphin Bash**.

- **Dolphin Dash Day – 9/30:** During school, the **Dolphin Dash T-shirts** will be distributed to all, and there will be class pics with Danny. After school at **4pm**, walk/jog/run the "Dolphin Dash" by following the **course map** (to be sent home)
- **Dolphin "GLOW" Bash - 10/1:** Outdoor dance party celebration in the basketball area (6-7pm: Kinder - Grade 2; 7-8pm: Grades 3-5)

Interested in getting involved? Volunteer signups available

- [Spirit Week and Dash Sign up:](#) Danny the Dolphin will be out to greet students before and after school. Volunteers are needed to hold signs at the bus chute and the front of the school throughout the week. And...volunteers needed to dress up for the spirit week for fun.
- [Glow Bash Sign up:](#) We need help with set up, decorations, taking photographs, and take-down/clean-up.

Help us adhere to the COVID-19 protocols for outdoor PTSA Smith events ([LINK](#)). Questions: email fundraising@smithptsa.org.

2021-2022 Yearbooks – Theme Announcement

You all have spoken! This year's yearbook theme is "**Dive into A New Year!**" The yearbook committee is excited to see what our students envision for a yearbook cover. Contest will be launched in November/December! Thank you for voting!

Yearbooks are already on sale! Pre-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 to be able to create your own *two free custom pages* that will only appear in your student's book! Yearbook 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.

New and International Families – Save the Date

LWSD & Lake Washington PTSA Council invite all new and international families to the Annual Welcome Event on Sep 29th ([LINK](#) – flyers in multiple languages available)

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](#)

Join & Connect with the PTSA

- Join the [Smith PTSA!](#)
- [Facebook](#)
- [Facebook Volunteers Group](#)



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

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

October 15th -No School- LEAP Day

November 4th-Picture Retakes

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