



## Message From Principal

### DOLPHIN BYTE

10/08/21

Hello Samantha Smith Families,

This next week is Conference Week. Monday the 11th, Tuesday the 12th and Thursday the 14th are short days due to conferences. School is dismissed at 11:50am these conference days. On conference days, no school lunch is served. PLEASE NOTE, Wednesday is a regular Wednesday schedule releasing students at 1:50pm. There will be NO SCHOOL Friday the 15th as we will spend the day training our staff. If you are unsure of your student's conference time via Teams, please reach out to their teacher.

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

### **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. If you are finding you are not hearing from them and you have negative test results for your student, you can email myself at [jwarner@lwsd.org](mailto:jwarner@lwsd.org). 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.
- As of 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.
- As of 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

### **Highly Capable Services**

Lake Washington School District provides accelerated academic programs for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. These programs are designed to meet the learning styles and needs of students with exceptional intellectual, academic, and creative abilities. Information about accelerated programs can be

found at the web link provided below. I encourage parents to watch the 17 minute accelerated programs video included on the website as it provides a great deal of helpful information.

[Lake Washington School District Accelerated Programs](#)

The process for screening students for accelerated programs will look slightly different this year. All students in grades K-5 will be screened for our highly capable programs using FastBridge Universal Screening assessment. Information regarding the screening process is included below.

Highly Capable Eligibility Process:

- September - October: Screening with FastBridge assessment is administered to all students at their home school in grades K-5 for both reading and math.
- October - December: Students who score in the 85th percentile in both reading and math will receive a letter inviting them to participate in the second round of the screening process. This round will consist of students taking either the NNAT and the Iowa assessments at their home school.

More information can be found on the LWSD website.

**Several benefits come with filling out a School Meal Application; not just meals**

Even though meals are free this year, we strongly encourage all parents/guardians who might be eligible for benefits to submit an application. Completing an application takes less than 10 minutes, and parents only need to complete one application per family.

Filling out the School Meal Application may help provide:

- Healthy & Nutritious Meals
- Fee Waivers for ASB Cards
- Fee Waivers for Athletic Participation & Extracurricular Activities
  
- Health and Wellness Services
- Fee Waivers for College Applications & Admissions tests
- College Scholarships

School Counselors can help connect you with benefits that you may be eligible for if you qualify for free and reduced meals.

**Applications may be completed online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com)/or downloaded from our website ([English](#) | [Español](#)).**

For more information, please visit our website: [www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-meals](http://www.lwsd.org/pathway-forward/grab-go-student-meals).

### **TikTok Challenges**

You may have heard about the series of TikTok “challenges” that are affecting schools throughout the country, including ours. We are asking our families to help us shut these down quickly. A previous challenge encouraged students to vandalize schools and school property. LWSD, like many other school districts, is experiencing this trend with destruction and theft of items in school bathrooms. While the TikTok challenge may seem like an innocent prank to students, it has serious consequences. Not only is the damage expensive to repair, stolen items are difficult to replace during the pandemic. Additional TikTok challenges are planned for the rest of the school year, including those that promote physical violence against educators and school staff, vandalism and even physical/sexual assault. Any action resulting in theft, destruction of property or assault will be dealt with in accordance with the Student Rights Handbook. Please talk to your child(ren) and help us send a message about respecting their school, their teachers and all staff members and classmates. Thank you for taking this matter seriously and for your efforts to help ensure Lake Washington Schools are safe for all students and staff.

**Sincerely,**

Jamie Warner

Principal

Samantha Smith Elementary

Lake Washington School District

[jwarner@lwsd.org](mailto:jwarner@lwsd.org)

(425)936-2710



## From the Office

### **Cul De Sac Drop off and pick up**

Please do not drive up into the SE 233rd Place cul de sac for drop-off and pick-up (this is to the south of Smith campus). If arriving from this direction in car, please drop your student off on NE 10th Pl. We have a crossing guard out there in the morning and afternoon.

### **Lunches during conferences**

There will be no lunch service during conferences. If your child attends the YMCA after school, you will need to supply a sack lunch.

### **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](mailto: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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**Smith Elementary:** <http://www.lwsd.org/school/smith>

**LWSD:** [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org)

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

**Peachjar:**[Community fliers](#)



## PTSA News

**PTSA News – October 8, 2021**

### **Dolphin Dash Results & Mystery Surprise**

We are grateful to our Smith families, students, and staff for making the Dolphin Dash such a success!!

Our goal was \$40,000, and we **surpassed** it – the Dolphin Dash raised over \$53,000 (pre-match).

Congratulations to all! Because we reached our goal, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Westra will be doing a

**Mystery Surprise** soon!

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### **Reflections Program for 2021-2022**

Welcome to the WSPTA Reflections program 2021-2022! This year's theme is "**I will Change the World**

**By...**". Deadline for entries is **Monday, Oct 25th**. Learn more and participate – [LINK](#). Email

[reflections@smithptsa.org](mailto:reflections@smithptsa.org) with any questions.



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**Celebration for NASA’s launch of the James Webb Space Telescope – Save the Date**

Eastlake High School Astronomy Club is organizing a community celebration for NASA's upcoming launch of the James Webb Space Telescope, which will hopefully revolutionize our understanding of the universe! This will take place at Eastlake High School on October 30th (exact time and location TBD). The event will include a scavenger hunt with lots of STEM activities relating to the telescope and astronomy, and some NASA-sponsored prizes at the end! More details to come soon!

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**2021-2022 Yearbooks – “Dive into A New Year”**

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! In the meantime, pre-order yearbooks at TreeRing. (<https://tr5.treering.com/validate> with school passcode: 101586364959367). Cost is \$19.00 plus shipping/tax, and it will be mailed directly to you in the spring! [LINK](#). Questions: email [yearbook@smithptsa.org](mailto:yearbook@smithptsa.org).

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**Connect with the PTSA**

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

[kepstein@lwsd.org](mailto:kepstein@lwsd.org)

(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**

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