



Message From Principal

DOLPHIN BYTE 10/15/21

Hello Samantha Smith Families,

I hope conferences went well! Thank you for taking the time to invest in your student's academic success! We value our partnership with you. Reminder, **NO SCHOOL tomorrow, Friday, October 15th**. We will be training teachers all day.

Next week is Unity Week! Each day, we have fun activities for our school. Don't forget to have your student wear orange, Wednesday the 20th.

Congratulations to our PTSA for a successful fundraiser this year! THANK YOU to all of you for contributing in a BIG WAY! Our goal was \$40,000, but you all raised \$53,000! PTSA uses funds raised to enhance the learning experience for our students. This is going to be a great year!

Next week, students will be voting on one of two "Mystery Prizes" that both Mrs. Westra and myself will get to execute Friday the 22nd. We love having fun with our students and celebrating all of their fundraising efforts.

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. 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.

Sincerely,

Jamie Warner

Principal

Samantha Smith Elementary

Lake Washington School District

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.

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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Smith Elementary: <http://www.lwsd.org/school/smith>

LWSD: www.lwsd.org

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

Peachjar:[Community fliers](#)



PTSA News

PTSA News – October 15, 2021

Math Challenge Program – MC#2 due Oct 21

Download Math Challenge #2 "Problems with Three or More Numbers" [here](#). Solutions are **due** on Thursday, **Oct 21** by **3 PM**. More details [here](#).

- Email solutions to ChallengeSubmission@smithptsa.org and please add the subject line (Challenge # - Grade # - Teacher Name - Student Name)
- Fill in this [Google Form](#)

Have fun! If you need more information, please email mathchallenge@smithptsa.org.

Save the Date: WatchDOGS Kick-Off – Oct 21

Stay tuned for more details! WatchDOGS will be a little different this year, and we look forward to welcoming LWSD-approved (and fully vaccinated) volunteers for this outdoor program.

Reflections Program for 2021-2022 – due Oct 25

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 with any questions.

Fall FACE Event – Oct 29

PTSA's FACE program is hosting a *virtual Pumpkin Carving & Thankful Hands* event on Friday, Oct 29, 6-7pm. You will need the following: an adult to supervise, pumpkin to carve, scoop, carving knife, a sheet of paper (Fall color or white), pen/marker, and scissors. – [LINK](#).

Celebration for NASA's launch of the James Webb Space Telescope – Oct 30

Eastlake High School Astronomy Club is organizing a community celebration for NASA's upcoming launch of the James Webb Space Telescope. Stop by Eastlake High School on **Saturday, Oct 30 at 1-4pm** to learn about astrophysics and STEM fields, and pick up some awesome free NASA swag! Open to all community members; [RSVP](#) (*optional*)

Volunteers Needed to Join the 2021-2022 Explore Art Team

Explore Art is a volunteer-based art program provided by the Samantha Smith PTSA to support our continued effort in encouraging students to develop their own creativity and divergent thinking. The focus of *Explore Art* is to introduce a variety of art concepts, mediums, and artists while providing an opportunity to learn through exploration. Our goal is to encourage students to discover their own interests and skills, while emphasizing that the process of learning art is valued over the end product. – [LINK](#).

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.

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

(425) 936-2710, ask for Katie



Dates to Remember

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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