



Message From Principal

October 22, 2021

Hello Samantha Smith Families,

We ended Unity Week today with the Mystery Prize Celebration of the PTSA Dolphin Dash. Mrs. Westra and I were pied in the face! It was very fun! Students tuned in via Teams. Thank you again for supporting our PTSA with your generous donations!

Are you ready for inclement weather?

When emergency conditions such as snow and ice or windstorms result in school schedule changes, the district will notify families directly through our SchoolMessenger automated phone system. You can learn how to know when school is delayed or cancelled on the [School Closures and Late Starts page](#) of the district website. Families with students who ride the bus should watch their mail in mid-November for a postcard with information about their bad weather bus route.

- Here are some other ways to find out about school schedule changes: Pop-up alert on www.lwsd.org and school webpages.
- Flashalert.net – this website allows you to sign up for text messages as well.
- Local TV/radio stations – they get a feed from Flashalert.net of all school schedule change decisions.

Students go out to recess rain or shine. Please send your student daily ready for the weather. Raincoats, rain boots and umbrellas are allowed.

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

Warmly,

Jamie Warner

Principal

Samantha Smith Elementary

Lake Washington School District

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From the Office

Picture Retakes:

Please let your child's teacher know if you are wanting to have retakes.

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

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

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EVENTS & PROGRAMS

Reflections Program for 2021-2022 – due Oct 25

Reflections submissions are due next week! This year's theme for the WSPTA Reflections program 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*)

Calling all Mathlets – 2021 Math Challenge Tournament – Registration now Open!

Student Registration is **now open** for the 2021 Math Challenge Tournament. Please use the 3-digit code school code for Samantha Smith Elementary (**222**) while registering each student – [Register here](#).

The Math Challenge Tournament will be held online **on Saturday, December 11, 2021**. Detailed information about the 2021 MCT can be found [here](#). If you need more information, please mail the Smith PTSA Math Challenge Committee mathchallenge@smithptsa.org.

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers on Watch Sign-Ups

This year, we're replacing our Watch DOGS program with **Volunteers on Watch**. Volunteers are invited to help during drop off and recess. Volunteers will need to show proof of vaccination, be a **registered volunteer** with the district, and wear a mask. Sign-up slots are available [here](#)! Special T-shirt available to each volunteer, complements of the PTSA! Thank you for volunteering!

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. – [LINK](#).

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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