



Vision and Mission

At Swift Water, we are a welcoming community of learners who inspire and empower each other to lead, innovate, and dream. We empower learners to be: risk takers, problem solvers, and creative thinkers; effective communicators, reflective goal setters, and self-advocates; innovators who wonder, create, and inspire; contributors and caretakers of the community; inclusive, valuing diversity and different perspectives.

Core Values

- Kindness
- Empathy
- Creativity
- Growth Mindset
- Courage
- Curiosity
- Collaboration
- Resiliency

School Name

The naming recognizes the original inhabitants of Gig Harbor. The name Swift Water is taken from the translation of Gig Harbor's original Native American inhabitants (sḵʷəbabš) and their connection to the swift currents of the Narrows Passage. Long ago, the Swift Water band of the Puyallup Tribe gifted a native building recognizing that the settlers needed one to teach their children. Our school is proud to continue this spirit of kindness and community.

Mascot, Logo, and Colors

Seals was selected as the mascot in spring 2021 to reflect the vision and mission at Swift Water. Seals are friendly and curious. They enjoy exploring and learning about the world. They are eager to play and make new friends. Seals are observant, graceful, easy-going, and use all their senses for learning.

The circular logo and header/footer branding was designed by PSD graduate Hannah Benoit. Laying tribute to the marine location of the school and seal colors, Swift Water selected teal, light gray, dark blue, and accent red as school colors.

Thursday • October 21, 2021 • 5 PM

Swift Water Elementary School Ribbon-Cutting and Community Open House

Swift Water Elementary School
10811 Harbor Hill Drive
Gig Harbor, WA 98332



Learn more about Swift Water at swe.psd401.net and psd401.net/SWEBuild

Event Program

Welcome and Introduction

David Brooks,
Swift Water Elementary Principal

Matthew Caseley,
Swift Water Elementary Student

Superintendent Remarks

Krestin Bahr,
Superintendent

School Board Remarks

David Olson,
School Board President

Puyallup Tribe Remarks

Anna Bean,
Councilwoman

Capital Projects Remarks

Patrick Gillespie,
Director of Facilities

Blessing & Honor

Connie McCloud
Puyallup Tribe Cultural Director

Ribbon-Cutting

Swift Water Elementary Students



Special Acknowledgments

Architect

Integrus Architecture

General Contractor

Neeley Construction

Project Management

Greene Gasaway

City of Gig Harbor

A big thank you to the City of Gig Harbor Planning Department.

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Thank you to the Puyallup Tribe of Indians for granting use of Swift Water as the school name, and partnering with the district.

Stand Up for Peninsula Schools (SUP)

SUP is a non-profit organization that promotes local funding for PSD schools and communicates the funding impacts on schools to the community.

Logo Design Artist

PSD graduate Hannah Benoit designed the Swift Water logos.

School Board

- David Olson, President
- Lori Glover, Vice President
- Deborah Krishnadasan, Director
- Chuck West, Director
- Natalie Wimberley, Director

Former Board Members

- Leslie Harbaugh
- Marcia Harris

District Administration

- Krestin Bahr, Superintendent
- Dr. Art Jarvis, Former Superintendent
- John Hellwich, Asst. Supt.
- Patrick Gillespie, Director of Facilities
- Vicki Smith, Capital Projects Coordinator

Swift Water Core Team

- David Brooks, Principal
- Kelli Willson, Teacher
- Jeremy Wilson, Music Teacher
- Carlyn HansonSmith, Teacher
- Stacy Bigger, Teacher
- Nichola Wright, Teacher
- Brenda Abel, Office Manager

Thank you, PSD voters, for approving the 2019 bond and making this school a reality for our community.

The 2019 bond provides quality, flexible spaces for learning and future growth for PSD's schools. Thank you for your support!

See more at psd401.net/capitalprojects.



Site, Building, and Construction Highlights

On September 7, 2021, Swift Water Elementary School opened as the 10th elementary school in the Peninsula School District. The school is a new school community located on Harbor Hill Drive in Gig Harbor. The district purchased this parcel of land in 2013 in anticipation of the increased number of students residing in the growing Gig Harbor North area.

 **Approximately 2.5 Years**

Swift Water opened to students on Sept. 7, 2021, approximately two and a half years after the bond passage on Feb. 12, 2019. This opening was on schedule with the construction and completion timeline originally promised in the bond.

 **10th Elementary**

Swift Water is the 10th elementary school to open in the district. The 2019 bond issue also included funding for the construction of another new school, Pioneer Elementary. The opening of Swift Water gives PSD 10 elementary schools as part of 17 schools in total.

34 Years Since Last Added Elementary 

Swift Water and Pioneer are the first new elementary schools to be added to the district in 34 years. The last new, added school at the elementary level was Voyager Elementary School, which opened in 1987.

Community Engagement 

The facility provides a large community room for meetings. The Swift Water community room, commons, gym, and stage can host a variety of community activities and extended day student support. The area is configured for flexibility with shared operable walls.

 **\$28.211 Million**

The construction contract in the amount of \$28.211 million was awarded to Neeley Construction Company in February 2020. In total, the 2019 bond provided \$198.55 million for all identified district capital projects in the bond.

30 Classrooms 

The facility has 30 classrooms for student learning, including large windows with natural light and views of the preserved woodlands nearby. The school also features several large and small flex learning spaces in hallway common areas.

73,967 Square Feet 

The completed Swift Water facility totals 73,967 square feet and is intentionally built with durable and efficient materials for easy maintenance and long-term low costs.

Major Walking School 

Located in Gig Harbor North, Swift Water is the district's first major walking school. About half of attending students live close enough to walk or bike to and from school. The school has crosswalk guards to assist students as they travel to and from school each day.

42 staff 
393 students

For the school's inaugural 2021-2022 school year, 30 certificated staff and 12 classified staff compose Swift Water's total staff count of 42.

There are 393 students attending the school in its first year, spanning Kindergarten through 5th grade.