



## Message From Principal

Hello Samantha Smith Families,

Each day we are learning of more and more students who have received their first dose of the Covid Vaccine. If you were not able to find a vaccination appointment, you can visit for more information.

The Washington State Department of Health website has added children's vaccines to their vaccine locator webpage: [Vaccinate WA: Find COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments Near You](#). Doses are limited across the country at this time.

Our staff members are not required to check their emails during the evening or on the weekend. **If you need to communicate a positive Covid case, please email me (Mrs. Warner) directly at [jwarner@lwsd.org](mailto:jwarner@lwsd.org)** . Please note that all positive cases are reported to the school by the Department of Health. We ask for your partnership in letting us know as soon as you know, to help keep others safe.

Our Equity Team is excited to launch the first *This is My Story* event on November 26th. Throughout the school year, individuals will have an opportunity to tell their story through a monthly focus. In hopes that our community consider and include all voices in our daily actions, the venue of storytelling will allow us to learn from perspectives and experiences that differ from our own and also help reinforce connection. It will allow us to focus on personal experiences that may connect us through shared experiences, brighten our spirits due to a lens of positivity or hope, or even help us grow empathy as we hear about the struggles or hurts of others. This campaign is focused on the collective efforts of staff, students, and families. Together, we are striving for a school community that truly feels authentically inclusive and for a community where all stories matter. When we know better, we do better. Please click on the link for more information and ways you can participate in this event.

Link: [This Is My Story Event - November Details.docx](#)

**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](http://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

### **.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](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



## **Contact Information**

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Associate Principal:[Rebekah Westra](#)

Office Manager-Gary Wilson [gwilson@lwsd.org](mailto:gwilson@lwsd.org)

Secretary/Registrar-Kellie Eaton [keaton@lwsd.org](mailto:keaton@lwsd.org)

**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

### \*\*EVENTS & PROGRAMS\*\*

#### **Math Challenge #4 “Something is Missing” – due Nov 18**

Download Math Challenge #4 "Something is Missing" [here](#). Solutions are due on Thursday, **Nov 18 by 3pm**. More details [here](#).

- Email solutions to [ChallengeSubmission@smithptsa.org](mailto: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](mailto:mathchallenge@smithptsa.org).

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#### **November Staff Appreciation – drop off Nov 19**

This month's Staff Appreciation theme is *Willy Wonka!* Please sign up [here](#) to bring goodies and treats for our amazing Smith staff. Bring your item(s) at drop off on the morning of Friday, Nov 19th.

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**Winter Wonderland – decorations Nov 29-Dec 1 for event on Dec 2**

Smith PTSA is celebrating the winter holidays with a **drive-thru light display and toy drive on Dec 2nd at 6pm**. We would love for you to decorate a section of the fence (using waterproof decorations and battery-operated lights) across from the basketball area to share about your culture's winter holiday! We are excited to learn about everyone's holidays and traditions. Decorating starts Nov. 29-Dec. 1 - sign up [here!](#)

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**Yearbook Cover Contest – submissions due Dec 15**

It's time to enter the Yearbook Cover Contest! This year's theme is ***Dive Into A New Year***. If you are interested in submitting a cover for the yearbook this year, please follow these instructions: use plain white 8.5 x 11" paper; erase all stray marks; use lots of color; spell correctly; put your name and teacher on the **BACK** of the paper. Submit your entry:

- Drop off in the front office with Mrs. Eaton
  - Send as a jpg or png file to [yearbook@smithptsa.org](mailto:yearbook@smithptsa.org) with the student's name, grade, and teacher. Submissions are **due Dec 15 at 2pm**. Questions? [yearbook@smithptsa.org](mailto:yearbook@smithptsa.org).
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**Calling all Mathlets – 2021 Math Challenge Tournament on Dec 11**

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 can be found [here](#). If you need more information, email the Smith PTSA Math Challenge Committee at [mathchallenge@smithptsa.org](mailto:mathchallenge@smithptsa.org).

**\*\*ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES\*\***

**Volunteers on Watch Program**

This year, we're replacing our Watch Dogs program with **Volunteers on Watch**. Volunteers are invited to help out during drop off and recess. You will need to show proof of vaccination, be a [registered volunteer](#), and wear a mask. Learn more about *Volunteers on Watch* [here](#). Ready to **sign up?**

PTSA will provide a free *Volunteer on Watch T-shirt* to be worn while you volunteer. During registration, include your T-shirt size or let us know if you already have a 'Volunteers on Watch' shirt already.

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### **Explore Art Program**

**Explore Art** is a volunteer-based art program to support our continued effort in encouraging students to develop their own creativity and divergent thinking. Learn more here – [LINK](#). The focus of *Explore Art* is to introduce a variety of art concepts, mediums, and artists while providing an opportunity to learn through exploration. Sign up here – [LINK](#).

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### **Room Parents**

Room parents are a contact between your child's teacher and their class. We are looking for 1-2 volunteers per classroom. This year looks totally different than most, but volunteers can be the liaison to: check in with the teacher to see if anything is needed; pass on information to your class (*school directory is coming soon!*) regarding your teacher's favorite things, teacher appreciation, finding Explore Art volunteers, or any other needs that may arise. Please sign up if interested! – [LINK](#)

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### **Connect with the PTSA!**

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



## **Counselor Corner**

Hello and Happy November!

During this time of year, many families face financial hardships. If you or someone you know is in need of support this holiday season, there are several local organizations that offer confidential resources to

families in need. Please see link below if interested in learning about local holiday gift and meal resources for your family. Please also feel free to reach out to me with questions or if in need to resources outside of this list.

Link: [Resource List - Holiday Gift and Meal Support.docx](#)

Katie Arena, School Counselor

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Katie Arena

School Counselor and Administrative Designee

Samantha Smith Elementary School

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## Dates to Remember

**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**



