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COMMUNITY CONNECTION - WINTER 2022

Helping Hands in South Kitsap

South Kitsap Schools are the heart of the community and students and staff believe in giving back. Here are a few recent examples:

South Kitsap High School- Students and staff held a food drive competition just before Thanksgiving. Students collected more than 1,000 pounds of donations for South Kitsap Helpline.

Discovery High School - Students partnered with Saars Super Saver Food to provide twelve holiday meals to school families in need.

John Sedgwick Middle School - Over half of John Sedgwick Middle School students lent a helping hand with their annual Thanksgiving food drive. They were able to provide thirty JSMS families with meals! The meal kits included a turkey, stuffing, yams, canned corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, sparkling cider, whipping cream and a pie. Families were also given two baking pans and a roasting pan in order to cook the holiday meal.

NJROTC Wolf Battalion - Several of our NJROTC students volunteered with Rotary to plant 500 bulbs at the Port Orchard Rotary round about. The project is in partnership with high school students so the flowers will bloom in May as a celebration for students. The cadets are active in the community and have multiple service projects planned this year.



Kai Zhong (left), Ellie Wright and Aisha Sorter look over the food items collected for John Sedgwick Middle School's "Holiday Help" food drive. (Bob Smith | Kitsap Daily News)



South Kitsap High School ASB leaders delivered an impressive 1,000 pound donation to South Kitsap Helpline following the school food drive.



NJROTC cadets volunteered with Rotary members to plant 500 bulbs at the Port Orchard Rotary round about.



Now Hiring - Join the South Kitsap Team!

South Kitsap School District has current career opportunities in all areas and there is an urgent need for substitutes, bus drivers, and paraeducators. Consider a part time, full time, substitute, or permanent position.

A full list of vacancies is posted on the SKSD website: [skschools.org/quick links/careers](https://skschools.org/quick-links/careers)



Are you interested in a rewarding and flexible career? Paraeducators generally work alongside licensed teachers to help support students. The application process is quick and easy. Apply today and be part of something amazing.

Substitute Paraeducator Requirements

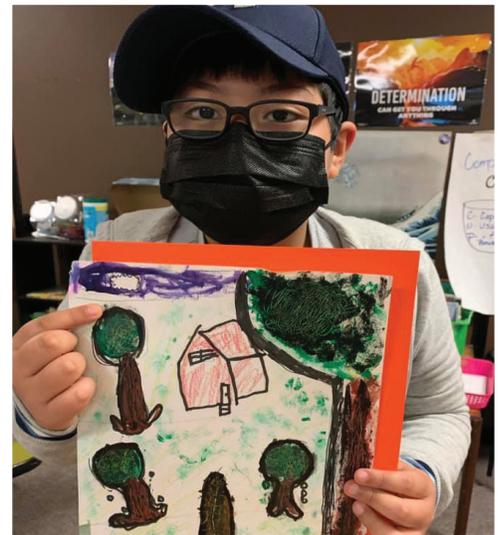
- Cleared background check
- Pass the district knowledge test
- Copy of high school diploma
- 72 college credits or a passed Para Pro test within the first 60 days of substitute work
- Orientation and training provided

Facility Planning Committee Updates

A dedicated group of nine community members make up the South Kitsap School District Facility Planning Committee. The SKSD Board of Directors called for the formation of the committee to consider, develop, and recommend long-term plans for the physical facilities of South Kitsap School District. The community members represent local business leaders, tax payers, and parents who reside within SKSD boundaries. They serve in an advisory capacity and provide regular informational updates to the Board. In addition to meeting twice each month since February 2021, the committee toured each South Kitsap site to gather firsthand perspective on the educational adequacy of the schools and support buildings. Staff and School Board members also attend the meetings to provide information and access to facilities.

Lee Fenton, Chairperson of the LRFP Committee stated "We have such a dedicated and hard working team! A top priority for all of us is to even handedly address the most urgent existing facility needs first as we continue to assess both present as well as future facilities for our District."

Over the next few months, the committee will identify priorities for facility needs. They will propose possible scenarios to address the most urgent projects as part of their recommendation for the Board. The group will also work on long range visioning for the South Kitsap facilities.



A Manchester Elementary student proudly displays their art project.

Tax Dollars at Work - Capital Projects Continue Diving into Pool Modernization

The South Kitsap High School Pool Modernization is the largest and most complex project that is detailed in the Capital Project Levy. The needs for the SKHS pool building are extensive to restore the facility to operation. As such this project is a top priority for the execution of the Capital Levy. Following a year of analysis, meetings, investigation, design, and permit review, the competitive public bid process has been completed for the SKHS Pool Modernization Project and the bid award was approved by the SKSD Board of Directors at the January 19, 2022 meeting.



A SKHS Water Polo player ready to pass

The project comprises a comprehensive modernization of the existing pool facility including complete replacement of the roofing system, replacement of pool ventilation, upgraded electrical system, all new lighting, removal of the movable pool floor and replacement with a new fixed concrete floor with all new plaster pool coating and tile, replacement of hydraulic pool bulkhead with new floating pool bulkhead, renovated ADA compliant locker rooms, new ADA compliant public restrooms and family changing room, new anti-slip floor coatings throughout, all new exterior and interior windows and doors, new paint and updated finishes throughout, parking and sidewalk improvements.

The pool is currently closed and work is slated to begin this spring. Extracurricular swim and water polo competitions will be coordinated with neighboring districts. Please visit the SKSD website for project updates.

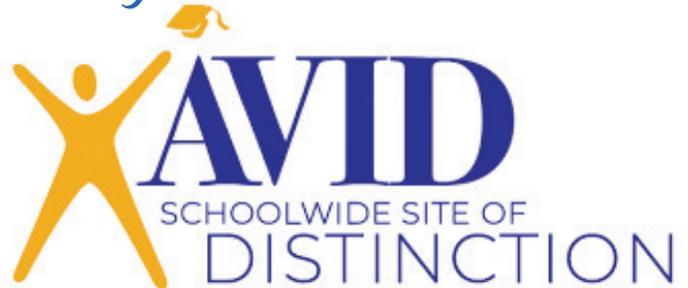
Warm, Safe, and Dry



Two Manchester Elementary students learning with blocks

South Kitsap students breath easier thanks to the dedicated Facilities and Operations team and their care of aging systems. The team updated HVAC systems in schools. Repairs and replacements have been completed throughout the year. Most recently, a 10 ton HVAC unit was replaced at Manchester Elementary in the gymnasium/commons area. Air quality monitors and filtration units have been added in multiple classrooms and office areas throughout the district.

Congratulations, Generals!



John Sedgwick Middle School has earned the highest rating a school can achieve for AVID certification - Schoolwide Site of Distinction!

AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) propels students to reach their potential, especially first generation college students and students affected by poverty. AVID students have high potential for success given the support of rigorous curriculum, high accountability, great community and school culture. John Sedgwick has successfully implemented both the AVID Elective and AVID Schoolwide with high levels of fidelity. Well done, Generals!



Wolves Making Headlines!

Caitlyn Wilhelm, a 2016 South Kitsap High School graduate and a 2020 University of Washington graduate, is now a research scientist with the Virtual Planetary Laboratory. Wilhelm was recently featured in a UW News article, *'Would you like a little ice with your exoplanet? For Earth-like worlds, that may be a tall order'*.



SKHS Alumni Caitlyn Wilhelm

The former Wolf followed her passion for writing and astrophysics and led a study on the complex interplay between liquid water and ice on Earth-like worlds. "Looking at ice coverage on an Earth-like planet can tell you a lot about whether it's habitable," said Wilhelm. Read more at <https://www.washington.edu/news/2021/12/08/exoplanet-ice/>

SKSD Athletic Director Lindsey Foster joins an elite group as she is inducted in to the Kitsap Athletic Hall of Fame. Ms. Foster was a standout basketball player during her time at South Kitsap High School.



Athletic Director Lindsey Foster

Former South Kitsap High School Boys Basketball Coach John Callaghan had a legendary career leading the Wolves to 304 wins over 21 seasons. Callaghan, an alumni of South Kitsap, is among the inductees for the 2022 Washington Interscholastic Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame.



Former SKHS Basketball Coach John Callaghan
Photo courtesy: Kitsap Daily News

Meet The New School Board Members



Jeffrey "Jefe" Wilson is the newly elected Board President and director for district 4.



Brian Pickard is the newly elected Board Vice President and director for district 3.



Kate Espy was appointed to fill the vacancy for director district 1.

Board of Directors:

Jeffrey Jefe' Wilson,
Brian Pickard, Kate Espy,
John Berg, and Jeff Daily
Tim Winter,
Superintendent

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

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