

# Raccoon Tales



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Families,

Happy start to the month of May! We are in the home stretch of the school year. Please read all teacher communications carefully as there will be valuable information relayed each week about fun upcoming events, testing, and end of year procedures. We are looking forward to some nice, warm weather, but in the meantime please continue to send jackets and pack extra clothes in backpacks in case they need a change due to rain.

Jennifer Hodges



Calling all Father's and Father Figures, WATCH D.O.G.S. is back!

WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a one-of-a-kind, school-based father involvement program that works to support education and safety. This will be a wonderful way to invest in your child's life, school, and community. The way this program works, is we ask fathers and father figures to give a day to serve by helping support teachers and helping kids in classrooms, supervising, and playing with kids during recess and lunch, and assisting office staff. You will have an opportunity to be in your child's classroom. This will

be one of the most fun and rewarding days of your year.

We will be doing a modified schedule from 10:00 AM – 2:30 PM. Here is the link to sign up for a day: [Watch Dog Sign-up](#). You can also find it on the home page of our school website.

The most important thing to do now is to get cleared by the school district to be a volunteer. First, all volunteers must be vaccinated. There are several ways to show proof of vaccination as listed on the volunteer page. Second, fill out the LWSD online volunteer application. It is easy but can take up to two weeks to process, so do this immediately. Volunteer approvals are valid for two years. To see if your volunteer application is still current, you can log into your [Raptor Volunteer Portal](#), contact the volunteer office at 425-936-1270 or email [volunteers@lwsd.org](mailto:volunteers@lwsd.org). You can also contact the school. Here is the link to the Volunteer Page for first-time volunteers or to renew your status: [Volunteering in LWSD](#)

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at [mike@lifekirkland.org](mailto:mike@lifekirkland.org).

Mike Ford

RHE Watch DOG Coordinator



## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE**

### **On-Site COVID Testing**

Lake Washington School District is expanding on-site COVID testing for students and staff. Our school's scheduled testing day and time: Wednesdays from 9:30a - 10:30a. There are certain steps families need to take to access these on-site tests. If you wish to learn more about LWSD on-site testing, please [click here](#).

### **Spring State Testing Starts Soon for our Students**

Each spring, all Washington public school students in grades 3-8 and 10 are assessed in English Language Arts (ELA) and math using Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). Students in grades 5, 8 and 11 are also assessed in science using the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). Results from these assessments

provide meaningful feedback and data that teachers and other educators can use to help students succeed. The results provide data to help evaluate school-level and district-wide instructional strategies, initiatives and other programs.

Our students will be testing on....

3rd Grade: May 17, 18, 19, 31, June 2nd

4th Grade: May 24, 25, 26, 31, June 2nd

5th Grade: May 17, 18, 19, 24, 26, June 1st

[Learn more](#) about the state assessments on the district website

[Fall Smarter Balanced Assessment PDF reports available through Skyward/Family Access](#)

In fall of 2021, students in 4th-9th and 11th grades took the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) in English language arts and math. Students in 6th, 9th and 12th grade took the Washington State Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). The primary purpose of these tests was a brief check-in on how students are doing compared to some of the state standards.

Scores from these tests were posted to Family Access in December under "Test Scores." OSPI has now provided electronic score reports in PDF format to the district for the students that took the fall test. These score reports do not provide any new student score data; however, they do provide some graphical and textual explanations of the data. These score reports are now in Family Access.

To access the PDF score report:

1. Login to Family Access.
2. Select "Portfolio" on the left menu.
3. Select "Show Scores" for the assessment.

Skyward Family Access support is available on the LWSD website.

Scores from the spring 2022 state tests for ELA and math are typically available by end of June. A communication will be sent when these scores are posted to Family Access.



## MEET OUR NEW RHE STAFF

Hello, Raccoons!

My name is Max Bunnell, better known as Mr. Max, and I am an instructional assistant and paraeducator at Rose Hill Elementary School. I grew up in the Kirkland/Redmond area and went to school in the Lake Washington School District, including Rose Hill Middle School and Lake Washington High School. My hobbies are hanging out with my family and friends, playing golf, tennis, and video games, reading, traveling, and anything related to Star Wars. Before working at Rose Hill, I lived in California for five years. Also, my parents live in Oregon and my younger sister lives in Colorado. I have a small dog named Joey, too! I am excited to be back in the area where I grew up and working at Rose Hill. I look forward to getting to know you all, learning, and having fun!

Sincerely,

Mr. Max



## BUSINESS MATTERS

**ATTENDANCE** - Parents must alert the school office if their child is going to come in late or miss school for any reason. **Please email [RoseHillESAttend@lwsd.org](mailto:RoseHillESAttend@lwsd.org) or call 425-936-2681** to report any absences/late arrivals. Any questions you may contact our school registrar, Shawn Vasco at [svasco@lwsd.org](mailto:svasco@lwsd.org).

**INCLEMENT WEATHER RECESS** - Please remember we send students out to recess on rainy days unless it is raining very heavily. Be sure to dress your child appropriately with well fitted boots (if they have them) and jackets with hoods. Any clothing borrowed from the health room should be laundered and returned to the school office as quickly as possible.



## CALENDAR

**MAY 27 NO SCHOOL - LEAP DAY**

**MAY 30 NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY**

**MAY 31\* REGULAR SCHOOL DAY - SNOW MAKE-UP DAY**



### Quick Links:

Rose Hill Elementary: <http://rosehill.lwsd.org/>

LWSD: [www.lwsd.org](http://www.lwsd.org)

PTSA: <https://rheptsa.ptboard.com/>

Peachjar: [Community eflyers](#)



### Contact Information

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