

September 2022

Potlatch Elementary



We are Off to a Great Start

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. Our first day back to school was also a wonderful day full of relationship building and setting collective expectations. We are looking forward to partnering with you to give your student(s) a high-quality learning experience this year that encompasses their academic and social needs.

As you get your students back their school routine please remember that we offer free breakfast in the cafeteria each morning from 7:45-8:15. This could be a way to make mornings smoother for you!

Also, if you are interested in volunteering this year, we would love to have you. Talk to your classroom teacher for more details.

Thank you for your continued support of our school and its students. We look forward to renewing our positive relationships with returning families and establishing new relationships with our “new to Potlatch Elementary” families.

Warmly,

Jill Diamond

Dates to Remember

09.14 Ned Mindset Mission Assembly 1:00

09.14 Board Meeting 7:00 HS

09.15-09.16 No School

09.19 PTO Meeting

09.22 Picture Day

10.27 End of Quarter 1

10.28 No School

Individual Student Pictures

All students will have individual photos taken for our school records even if you don't choose to purchase any.

If Your Student will be Absent

If your child is not coming to school for any reason, please email:

sherry.pollock@psd285.org or call the office at 208-875-1331 by 9 AM. If you choose to email your student's teacher, please also CC Sherri at the email above.

Wednesday Folder

Remember to complete and return the paperwork in each Wednesday folder back to the classroom. Thank you for completing all of the necessary paperwork required at the beginning of each school year and returning it. We recognize this paperwork takes time, especially if you are filling it out for multiple students.

DROPPING OFF STUDENTS BEFORE SCHOOL:

Please drop your student(s) off at the crosswalk on Highway 6. There is a crossing guard stationed there every morning to help them cross safely from 7:45-8:15. You may drop them off on Ponderosa Drive at the crosswalk near the pool. Please watch your student(s) enter the fenced playground to walk to the school before you drive away. There is no supervision on either playground before 7:45. Please wait to drop students off. If students are joining us for free breakfast, please drop them off at the primary side.

INTERMEDIATE PLAYGROUND DROP OFF ZONE:

Please make sure that you are driving slowly and carefully through the school zone on Ponderosa behind the school. We have added a crossing guard at the intermediate playground. There is not enough parking for an extended goodbye at this location. If you need more time, park in the parking lot by the swimming pool and instruct your students to walk, through the primary playground and

PICKING UP STUDENTS AFTER SCHOOL

Please pick your student(s) up at the crosswalk on Highway 6. There is a crossing guard there every day until 3:00 to help your student cross the street. If you arrive early, please plan to pick them up at the crosswalk (also called the pickup-line) on Ponderosa Drive near the swimming pool between 2:45-2:50. You may park and wait in the lot between the red building and the swimming pool. There are adults there to help them cross safely every day after school until 3:00.

REMINDER:

Please be on time to pick up your student(s), our teachers need to head back to their rooms to prepare for the next day. We dismiss students between 2:45 & 2:50. Please make sure they know where to go!

ABSENCE POLICY

Our school district has a 90% attendance policy. Students who miss more than 9 days per semester may not be eligible for promotion, based on attendance alone. When it is determined that a student is habitually absent or truant, the following procedure will be followed.

- A letter is sent to the student's parent/guardian indicating the number of days of absence during the current semester.
- If the student does not return to school and attend regularly a second letter will be sent to the parent/guardian indicating the total days of absences. The letter will also state that a copy of the attendance record, with a copy of this letter, will be forwarded to the Prosecuting Attorney's Office if the absences continue.

INCLEMENT WEATHER SCHOOL CLOSURES:

In the event of a weather related closure, closures can be found on our website. These radio/TV stations broadcast info by 7:00 AM:

TV: KREM 2, KXLY 4, KHQ 6 **AM:** KRPL 1400, KCLX 1450, KRLC 1350, KMAX 840, KQQQ 1150

FM: KZFN 106.1, KMOK 106.9, KRAO 102.5, KHTR 104.3, KZZL 99.5, KVTY 105.1