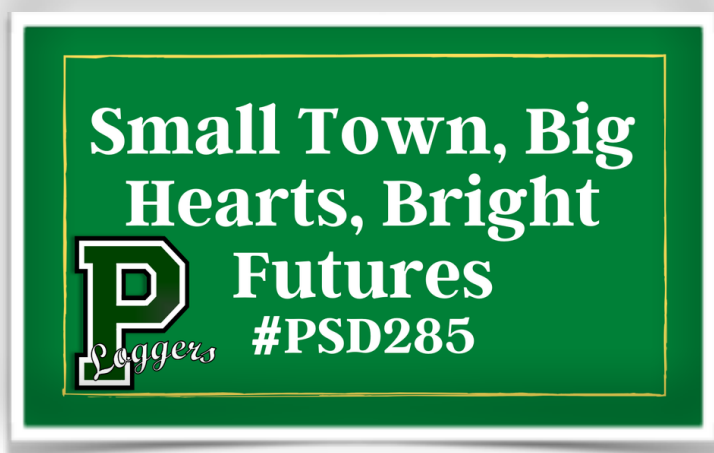


Potlatch Elementary



Happy Fall, Families!

We have finished our first month of school, and we already have a lot to celebrate—like our Logger Leaders! At Potlatch Elementary, we are one big team built around learning, community, and core values. We practice our core values every day in every setting. Please consider extending these values through conversations at home:

- Seek Solutions
- Always Care
- Communicate Positively
- Practice Safety
- Show Integrity

When we catch one of your students practicing one of our core values, they could earn a Logger Leader Ticket. Take a moment to ask your student(s) if they have earned one yet this year and the reason they received it. Our bus drivers even hand out tickets! Your students are so proud to share the ways they make our school better.

Warmly,

Jill Diamond

Dates to Remember

10.7 Picture Retakes

10.12 School Board Meeting—7:00 pm

10.18 PTO Meeting— 6:30 pm @ Codi Jo's
New Members are always welcome

10.27 End of Quarter 1

10.28 No School

10.29 Trunk or Treat- Primary Playground

11.2-11.3 P/T Conferences

Red Ribbon Week: Last Week of October

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.

Halloween

Halloween is on a Monday this year. We want to continue our learning environment distraction free. We will not be wearing costumes to school. Please wait for further info from teachers about classroom parties. Also, please check backpacks to make sure they aren't sneaking candy to school. We've even found candy in students' shoes!

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. **There is no supervision on either playground before 7:45. Please wait to drop students off.** If students are attending 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 down the alley.

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