

# Potlatch Elementary



## Thankful for You!

It was so lovely to meet with all of you for parent teacher conferences! Our students have already made so much progress this school year. Communication between school and home is such an important of academic and social success. Thank you for your partnership in your students' education.

Now that Halloween has passed, things start moving quickly as the holiday season approaches. November brings ever-changing weather so we ask for your support in sending your student prepared for our cold and unpredictable weather. We are Loggers who believe there is no such thing as bad weather, just the wrong clothing. November is also a short month with Thanksgiving Break starting on Wednesday, November 23rd (full day off).

We are deeply honored that you share your students with us. They bring us all learning and laughter every day. Thank you for your continued support as we work together to help your students grow towards their goals and dreams.

Warmly,

Jill Diamond

### Dates to Remember

11.04 No School

11.11 Veteran's Day Assembly– 10:15 pm @ Elementary Gym–Veterans and parents welcome

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

11.16 Board Meeting– 7:00 pm @ High School Library

11.18 Kindness is Cool BMX Assembly– 1:00 pm @ Elementary Gym–Parents are welcome

11.23-11.25 Thanksgiving Break

12.01 Family Reading Night/ Title 1 School Meeting

12.08 School-wide Day of Code

12.20 Save the Date: Holiday Concert–@ Elementary Gym--Parents are welcome

12.20 Early Release @ 1:15 Elementary (1:30 High School)

12.21–01.02 Winter Break

### If Your Student will be Absent

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

[sherry.pollock@psd285.org](mailto: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 check your student's backpack for the Wednesday Folder each week and return the folder on Thursday.

## 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. We also use parent information on file to send automated phone calls. 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