

Potlatch Elementary



Happy New Year!

I hope that all of you enjoyed the holiday season by finding time to rest, reconnect, and play together as a family. January is the perfect time to celebrate and reflect on last year.

First, I want to celebrate how hard your students have worked and how much they've learned during the beginning of this school year. We are excited to see how much they will grow in second semester.

I also want to celebrate how we've restored and refreshed many December traditions from the past such the Holiday Concert, Family Reading Night, Hour of Code during December. January will bring the the return of the Family and Reading Matters (FARM) program. Look for a letter about this in the Wednesday folder!

Thank you for being such incredible partners in your student's learning! ~Jill Diamond

Dates to Remember

01.11 Board Meeting @ 7pm

01.13 End of Second Quarter

01.16 MLK Day-No School

01.17 Staff Day-No School

01.19 PTO Meeting– 6:30 @ Codi Jo's

02.20 President's Day- No School

Logger Leader Value of the Month:

Always Care

See the back for more details!

Wednesday Folder

Remember to complete and return the paperwork in each Wednesday folder back to the classroom. If you student has lost their folder, please send a Dojo to the teacher or let the front office know. We want all students to begin the year with a new folder.

Front Parking Lot

Please refrain from dropping your students off in the front parking lot before school. This creates an unnecessary safety concern. Instead, drop them off at one of the gates at the primary fence. Park in the pool parking lot if you'd like an extended goodbye.

LOGGER LEADER VALUE OF THE MONTH: ALWAYS CARE

As students return to school, we will be focused on one Logger Leader Value– *Always Care*. We use this wording “*always care*” to celebrate and coach students to show respect to other people and their ideas. We also expect students to *always care* for individual, community, and classroom property. We are using school-wide vocabulary to build a community of students who go above and beyond demonstrating respect for others during their school hours. We hope this value spills over into other areas of their lives, such as at home, in 4H, or on teams. Here are some strategies to reinforce this at home:

- Model it! If children see their adults treating people and property respectfully, they are more likely to do the same. Talk about why you take the time to do the little things, like picking up a piece of trash, or open the door for another at the gas station.
- Recognize it! Offer verbal praise when you notice your children demonstrating kindness, good manners, empathy, and respect for others.
- Review it! You can also give your children a chance to practice a “do over” when they’ve when they’ve made a choice that doesn’t demonstrate ‘always caring’ . Say: If you could do that again or say something differently, what might you change?
- Coach it! If your child makes a choice that doesn’t demonstrate always caring, make it a learning moment. Think with your child about what alternate choice they could make in the future that would better demonstrate ‘always caring’.

LOGGER LEADER VALUE IN ACTION AROUND THE SCHOOL: ALWAYS CARE

Hallways	Cafeteria	Classroom	Bathroom	Playground	Bus
Keep area clean and clear. Respect the learning space nearby.	Use appropriate language. Positive conversations	Be kind Be actively engaged.	Keep area clean. Wait your turn quietly.	Include others. Show kinds words and actions to others and our space.	Speak softly. Keep bus clean. Show respect and kindness.

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

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