

Potlatch Elementary News

May 2023

Finish Strong!

Dear Parents/Guardians: We are well on our way through the final nine weeks of this school year. At present, we are into our ISAT and IRI testing window. This testing window will run until May 13. We ask for your help to please keep your student(s) well rested and present for the testing.

In the second part of the month, we are excited to continue many of the activities and traditions we have built over the years. We also have a few new ideas for the close of the year. As the weather is still “iffy” this time of year, we ask you to please continue sending your kids prepared for our typical spring weather especially on these special event days.

We wish you all a pleasant last month as we start to wind down towards summer. Please keep an eye out for updates in Wednesday folders, ClassDojo, and social media about our end of the year celebrations.

As always, we thank you for your support of your student(s) and of our school as we would not be who we are without you!

Warmly,

Jill Diamond



Dates to Remember:

Fridays: Lunch on the Lawn

May 10- School Board Meeting

May 12- No School for Students

May 17- Kindergarten Round-up

–Call for an appointment

May 18- PTO Meeting @ 6:30

May 25- Spring Concert 9:30 am

May 29- No School Memorial Day

May 30-Senior Parade through Elementary @ 8:30

May 30- End of Year Dance Party

May 31–4 & 6 Grade Field Trips

June 1- 2nd Grade Spelling Bee

June 1- Last Day of School
1:15 Release

June 3- HS Graduation

Traditions Return:

Weather permitting, we are eager to return to a tradition from the past that has brought our community together. Lunch on the lawn will take place on Fridays in May. Please contact the office by Friday 8:00 am to let us know you are coming.

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.

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 2:50-3:00. 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 at about 2:50.

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