



# TRAILBLAZER NEWS

July 2023

## MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

### Fall Sports

Summer is the time to double check if your student has a current sports physical. You will register for participation in sports through Final Forms.

The fall sports are Baseball, Fastpitch, and Track and Field. You will want to be prepared with all paperwork completed and in order by the 1st day of school.

More detail and specifics from the coaches will be in the August/September Newsletter.

### ANNUAL Acknowledgement And Updating Skyward Information

At the beginning of each school year there are a few forms that need to be filled out and updated. These forms are available now for you to complete. Ideally we would like these completed by the first day of school so our records are accurate and up to date. Please log in to Skyward and complete these forms.

We have a hopeful goal to have 100% of our parents complete this task by the end of September.

The majority of our communication with you is being done through Parent Square so it is very important to be sure we have an up to date e-mail address. Parent Square also has links to Final Forms to sign up for sports, bus route lookup, and the district website.



**SOUTH KITSAP  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**



# Summer Lunch **FREE** Program

## **Burley Glenwood Elementary**

100 SW Lakeway Blvd, Port Orchard

Monday – Thursday, July 12 – August 16

12:15pm – 12:35pm

## **East Port Orchard Elementary**

2649 Hoover Ave, Port Orchard

\*Hot Lunch, Monday – Thursday

July 12 – August 16

12:00 pm – 12:45 pm

## **Manchester Elementary**

1901 California Ave, Port Orchard

Monday – Thursday, July 12 – August 16

10:15am – 10:35am

## **Sidney Glen Elementary**

500 SW Birch RD, Port Orchard

Monday – Thursday

July 12 – August 16

11:15am – 11:35am

## **Waterfront Wednesdays**

Port Orchard Waterfront Gazebo

July 12, 19, 26, August 2, 9, 16

Wednesdays only 12:00 – 12:15 pm

## **South Kitsap Regional Park**

Near playground, Jackson entrance

Mon. – Thurs, July 12 – August 16

11:00am – 11:20am

Free lunch is possible due to the district's participation in the federally funded Summer Food Program that offers free lunches to children 18 years of age and under.

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## News from the Nurse

In Washington State, the Tdap vaccine is required for school attendance in certain grades. The Tdap is a booster vaccine which continues to protect your child against the tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis diseases they were immunized against as young child.

As of August 1, 2020 the Tdap school requirement has changed to 7th grade to better align with the updated 2019 national immunization schedule. Students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade must have a medical record of the Tdap vaccine given on or after the age of 10 OR a Washington state exemption form on file before they can attend school. Records can be submitted to the office for the nurse or sent to [pickard@skschools.org](mailto:pickard@skschools.org)



## SCHOOL SUPPLIES

**Marcus Whitman will be providing the basic school supplies for all students this year.**

If your student wants to purchase their own supplies below is the list of supplies they will be needing.

- 2-inch binder
- Packet of Dividers (5 tab)
- Package of college ruled paper (150 sheets)
- 2 spiral college ruled notebook
- 2 composition notebooks
- Zipper pouch (for pens and pencils)
- Eraser
- Highlighters (2 each of yellow, green)
- 1 box of pencils (dozen)
- Pens – 6 blue, 6 black, and 2 red
- Pencil sharpener
- Fine tip sharpie – black






MARCUS WHITMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

# Open House

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30TH  
6-7PM

JOIN US FOR DINNER FROM 5:30-6PM!

- GET YOUR SCHEDULES!
  - MEET YOUR TEACHERS AND OUR MW STAFF!
  - GET A TOUR OF THE BUILDING!
  - SEE YOUR NEW CLASSROOMS!
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Watch for a signup for the dinner part of this evening. We will need to know how many are coming to plan the dinner.





## Information for Families

We'd like to introduce you to the *Illustrative Mathematics* curriculum. This problem-based curriculum makes rigorous middle school mathematics accessible to all learners.



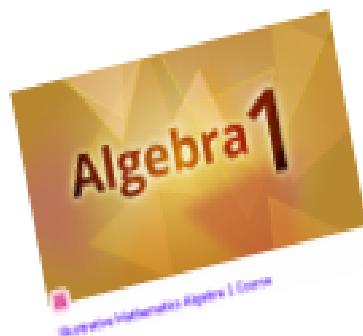
### What is a problem-based curriculum?

In a problem-based curriculum, students spend most of their time in class working on carefully crafted and sequenced problems. Teachers help students understand the problems, ask questions to push their thinking, and orchestrate discussions to be sure that the mathematical takeaways are clear. Learners gain a rich and lasting understanding of mathematical concepts and procedures and experience applying this knowledge to new situations. Students frequently collaborate with their classmates—they talk about math, listen to each other's ideas, justify their thinking, and critique the reasoning of others. They gain experience communicating their ideas both verbally and in writing, developing skills that will serve them well throughout their lives.

This kind of instruction may look different from what you experienced in your own math education. Current research says that students need to be able to think flexibly in order to use mathematical skills in their lives (and also on the types of tests they will encounter throughout their schooling). Flexible thinking relies on understanding concepts and making connections between them. Over time, students gain the skills and the confidence to independently solve problems that they've never seen before.

### What supports are in the materials to help my student succeed?

- Each lesson includes a lesson summary that describes the key mathematical work of the lesson and provides worked examples when relevant. Students can use this resource if they are absent from class, to check their understanding of the day's topics, and as a reference when they are working on practice problems or studying for an assessment.
- Each lesson is followed by a practice problem set. These problems help students synthesize their knowledge and build their skills. Some practice problems in each set relate to the content of the current lesson, while others revisit concepts from previous lessons and units. Distributed practice like this has been shown to be more effective at helping students retain information over time.
- Each lesson includes a few learning targets, which summarize the goals of the lesson. Each unit's complete set of learning targets is available on a single page, which can be used as a self-assessment tool as students progress through the course.
- Family support materials are included in each unit. These materials give an overview of the unit's math content and provide a problem to work on with your student.







## PTO - Fathers Basketball Celebration

The Fathers Basketball Celebration was fun for all. We had three families join in and I do believe one Dad was even a staff member at the school!

The Dads took the win 21 to 16 and are looking forward to it again next year!



# hello summer



## Family Dares

- Sign up for the Kitsap Regional Library Summer Reading program! It starts June 1st! Visit the library once a week to check out books together. [www.krl.org](http://www.krl.org)
- Plan to visit a new park once a week. Pack a meal and your favorite outside game to play while you are there!
- Travel to Tacoma on the 3rd Thursday of the month to check out a new museum. WA State History Museum, Tacoma Art Museum, and the Museum of Glass all participate. Check out their websites for the times.
- Check out the Concerts on the Bay in Downtown Port Orchard on Thursday Nights! (June-Labor Day)

Have a safe, relaxing, and fun summer! See you August 30th at open house. Our first day of school is 9/5 for next year!



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# SOUTH KITSAP SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2023 to 2024 Academic Calendar

**YELLOW** = First and Last Day of School  
**GREEN** = 1/2 Early Release

**BLUE** = No School for Students  
**GREY** = Late Start (45 minutes) for Collaboration

### September 2023

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### January 2024

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### February 2024

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### April 2024

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### May 2024

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### June 2024

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- **6<sup>th</sup> Grade** Orientation – **Wed. August 23rd** - 9:00 -11:00 am
- First day of school – Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>

School Calendar for next school year....note the half days and the **NEW** day off between semesters

#### Important Dates - 2023-2024 School Year

September 4 Labor Day

September 5 First Day of School Grade 1-12

September 8 First Day of Kindergarten

September 11 First Day of Developmental Preschool

September 13 First Late Start Wednesday (45 minutes late for staff collaboration)

October 6 1/2 Day Release K-12

October 9 Non-Student Day for Indigenous Peoples Day

October 23-27 Elementary Conferences, 1/2 Day Release

October 24-27 Middle School Conferences, 1/2 Day Release

October 25-27 High School Conferences, 1/2 Day Release

November 7 High School & Middle School First Quarter Ends

November 10 Veterans Day Observed – No School

November 22 1/2 Day Release K-12

November 23-24 Thanksgiving Break

December 21–Jan. 3 Winter Break

January 15 MLK Junior Holiday - No School

**January 29 Non-Student Day.** Middle School & High School Second Qtr./Semester Ends

February 19-20 Presidents' Day – No School

March 8 1/2 Day Release K-12

March 13 Elementary Second Trimester End

March 25-29 Elementary Conferences, 1/2 Day Release

March 26-29 Middle School Conferences, 1/2 Day Release

March 28-29 High School Conferences, 1/2 Day Release

April 1-5 Spring Break

April 11 High School & Middle School Third Quarter Ends

May 27 Memorial Day / No School

June 7 Last Day of Developmental Preschool

June 14 Last Day of School, Early Release

\*Emergency make up days may be added after the last day of school if necessary.

## Non-Discrimination Statement

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer, Section 504 Coordinator, and Gender Inclusivity Officer with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing, and ensuring compliance with this policy are:

Compliance/ADA/Title IX Coordinator:

Will Sarett,

Executive Director of Human Resources

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[sarett@skschools.org](mailto:sarett@skschools.org)

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Gender Inclusivity Compliance Officer:

Dr. Tom Edwards,

Assistant Superintendent for Student Achievement

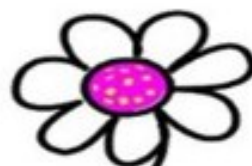
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AND  
Recharge

