



Cherrydale Primary School

The Best Education for Every Student

Cheetah Newsletter 09/01/2023

We're looking forward to a great year!

Be sure to stay connected with ParentSquare, your #1 Source for important communication from your teacher(s), the Cherrydale office and Steilacoom Historical School District.

See you soon!

~ Ryan Douglas

Cherrydale is a Title 1 School

Highly Capable Program

TITLE I ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1 August 20, 2023

Our Mission

The mission of Steilacoom Historical School District No. 1, in partnership with our communities, is to educate and prepare responsible citizens who can contribute and adapt in a changing world.

Title I Schools

Anderson Island Elementary, Cherrydale Primary, and Sutton's Point Elementary all participate in the Title I program. Title I is a part of the Every Student Succeeds Act. Its goal is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards. Title I schools qualify for federal grant money which we use for additional staffing, parent involvement, staff development, and extended school day opportunities to help us meet that goal. This update is intended to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education. Please contact the principal if you would like more information about Title I activities or parent participation at your child's school.

Right to Request Teacher and Para Qualifications

All parents and guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) or instructional paraprofessionals. If you request this information, the district will provide you with the following: 1. Whether the teacher has met Washington teacher certification requirements for the grade level and subjects in which the teacher provides instruction; 2. Whether the teacher is teaching under an emergency or other provisional status for which Washington qualifications or certification has been waived; 3. The college major of the teacher and any graduate degree or certificate; and 4. Whether your child is receiving Title I services from paraprofessionals, and if so, whether those paraprofessionals meet state/federal requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

District and School Report Card Information

Are you interested in knowing how your child's school did on state assessments? How different groups of children performed compared to other schools? The Report Card contains information about test results as well as other statistics about each school.



Parent Involvement Policy

The board recognizes that parent and family engagement is a key factor in student success. The board supports and encourages the district to include parents and family members in the district's planning and implementation of the district's Title I program.

The district will do the following to promote parent and family engagement:

- The district will involve parents and family members in every developing the district's Title I plan. The plan will be developed and revised annually.
- A collection of questions and topics of interest in several programs including Title I, Special Education, Gifted and Talented Learning and other programs is required.
- A district-wide parent advisory committee meets at least once a year to review Title I program plan, goals and programs.
- The district will provide the coordination, technical assistance, and other support necessary to assist and build the capacity of all participating schools within the district in the planning and implementation of effective parent and family engagement activities to improve student achievement and learning outcomes.
- The district will conduct, with the meaningful involvement of parents and family members, an annual evaluation of the current and effectiveness of all Title I activities. At that time, the following will be identified:
 - Barriers to greater participation by parents in Title I activities.
 - The needs of parents and family members to assist with the learning of their children, including engaging with school personnel and teachers, and
 - Strategies to support successful school and family engagement. This information will be brought from the annual evaluation to design evidence-based strategies for more effective parent and family involvement and to revise this policy if necessary.

Parent Involvement Policy Cont.

The district will facilitate remaining barriers to parent involvement by using the following strategies: 1. Provide parents and family members with information about the district's Title I program, including options for child care for meeting times and information on the district website. 2. Respond to requests for preferred meeting times and locations. 3. Engage parents in the district's network with other school districts.

For more information about the implementation of this policy, please contact the district's Title I coordinator.

OSPI Citizen Complaint Process

A citizen complaint is a written statement that alleges a violation of a federal rule, law or regulation or state regulation that applies to a federal program. Things to check before you file a citizen complaint: 1. This citizen complaint process is for Washington state's K-12 school system. If you file outside of Washington state, check with your state's department of education or local educational agency (LEA) and/or for their complaint process. The complaint must address the violation of at least one of the federal programs in the list below.

This process is not for complaints related to discrimination and professional practices. Complaints that allege discrimination please go to:

- Equity and Civil Rights:
 - Citizen Complaint Process
 - Complaint Process Question Form
 - Phone: 206-463-4000
 - Toll Free: 1-800-654-3633
- Make Your Question:
 - Attn: Citizen Complaint: Title I, A
 - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
 - 1100 West 47th Street
 - Olympia, WA 98512

Steilacoom Historical School District has a grievance appeal process for programs or activities that discriminate based on race, color, sex, religion, national origin, age, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, marital status, disability or ancestry. Complaints regarding these issues should be filed with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) in a complaint form that can be found at: <https://www.ospi.wa.gov/central-services/2019-2020>

2023 GRADES 1-5 HIGHLY CAPABLE PROGRAM REFERRAL WINDOW: MAY 1ST THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15TH

PLEASE NOTE: ALL 2023 GRADE STUDENTS WILL BE SCREENED. TO GET ONCE, PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO: LEARN@STELIACOOM.K12.WA.US BY SEPTEMBER 15TH. STUDENTS IN ALL OTHER GRADES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY REFERRAL. ALL TESTING SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY MID-OCTOBER. THE REFERRAL WINDOW FOR CURRENT KINDERGARTNERS WILL TAKE PLACE IN LATE NOVEMBER/DECEMBER. ALL 2ND AND 5TH GRADE STUDENTS WILL

Is my child a bright child or a gifted learner?
"Identification of gifted students is included when concerned adults recognize high achievement in giftedness. High achieving students are noticed for their on-time, well-developed, and correct learning products. Some adults assume their students are gifted because their school appropriate behaviors and products surface above the typical responses of grade-level students. In situations in which they are respected and encouraged, gifted students' thinking is more complex with abstract inferences and more diverse products than is typical of high achievers."
-Barrie Kruger

The following components of characteristics may provide some good anchor on whether or not a student should be referred for the highly Capable Program:

- A bright one:** All the questions, solutions, solutions, usually suggest the next step, create their own work, and are well-organized. Performs at or above the level of the group grade level.
- Highly motivated:** Highly motivated to learn, especially in areas of interest. Shows initiative in learning. Shows initiative in learning. Shows initiative in learning. Shows initiative in learning.
- Highly creative:** Shows initiative in learning. Shows initiative in learning. Shows initiative in learning. Shows initiative in learning.

Want to learn more?
Highly Capable Program Teacher: LEARN@STELIACOOM.K12.WA.US or 363.683.7188

Click Here for Community Flyers

In case you missed this...

Dear Cherrydale Families,

Because of the amazing amount of positive feedback we received from our families and staff, Cherrydale will once again be starting our 2023-24 school year with Success Conferences for our students and their families.

During the first two days of school, students and families in grades 1-3 will be invited to participate in a conference with their new teacher. This is an opportunity for classroom teachers to meet students and their families individually. Students will also become familiar with their classroom environments, as well as their school, as they participate in fun activities.

In these Success Conferences, teachers will:

- Talk with families about their child's strengths, and what works best when they struggle.
- Introduce the student to the classroom environment, and
- Answer any questions families may have.

There will also be opportunities throughout the school designed to engage families and students. Some examples include:

- Fun STEM activities
- Scavenger hunts where students will meet their specialists, principal, counselor, school mascot, paraprofessionals, play on the playground, practice boarding and riding a bus, and more
- Information booths for PTA, school lunch, and school bus transportation
- Assistance for families on free and reduced lunch form completion and using district systems like ParentSquare
- Case Manager meetings

For the 2023-24 school year:

- Students will not attend school on August 31 and September 1, except for a Success Conference scheduled with their teacher on ONE of these days.
- Families will receive an invitation to sign up for their Success Conference date and time through a ParentSquare message sent to families on August 22.
- All students in grades 1-3 will be in their classrooms together beginning Tuesday, September 5.
- Kindergarten students and families will receive direct communication about their class schedules as part of the WaKIDS process.
- All students in grades 6-12 will attend school on August 31 and September 1 with their regular schedule.
- There will be no open houses in August for elementary schools.
- All schedules and teacher assignments for all SHSD students in grades K-12 will be available in Skyward Family Access on Tuesday, August 22.

If you have questions, please leave a comment below, or email us at cherrydaleoffice@steliacoom.k12.wa.us.

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2023-2024

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade
1. 100% attendance	1. 100% attendance	1. 100% attendance	1. 100% attendance
2. 100% of 24 reports	2. 100% of 24 reports	2. 100% of 24 reports	2. 100% of 24 reports
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10. 100% of 24 reports	10. 100% of 24 reports	10. 100% of 24 reports	10. 100% of 24 reports

For your consideration - not required:
Over the years, we have found the following brands to be of better quality and last longer:
Crayola, Tidywork pencils, Elmer's glue sticks, Expo dry erase markers, and Pink Pearl or Pentel erasers.
Please clearly mark all coats and backpacks with your child's name. This helps us reunite lost and found items with the correct child!

TACOMA youth chorus COME SING WITH US!

Welcoming New Singers All Year!

Grade Levels

- Music Makers (grades K-2)
- Concert Choir (grades 3-4, 2nd grade by director recommendation)
- Chamber Choir (grades 5-8)
- Chorus (grades 9-12)

Ready to Join?

Music Makers (grades K-2):
1. Mon 5:30-6:00 PM @ Annie Wright School
2. Thur 3:45-5:30 PM @ Charles Wright Academy
3. Thur 4:45-5:30 PM @ Charles Wright Academy

Concert Choir (grades 3-4, 2nd grade by director recommendation):
Wed 4:30-5:30 PM @ Charles Wright Academy

Chamber Choir (grades 5-8):
Sun 4:35-5:30 PM @ Charles Wright Academy

Chorus (grades 9-12):
Includes: Table Choir & Tenor-Bass Choir
Sun 5:45-8:00 PM @ Charles Wright Academy

NEED MORE INFO?
Visit our website or give us a call:
tacomayouthchorus.org | 253.588.1391
Contact us by email: info@tacomayouthchorus.org

What I value most as a parent is that my daughter is learning much more than just how to sing songs. She is learning about commitment, community, professionalism, and musicality, all while having fun with friends and passionate directors.

Raise your voice FUEL YOUR PASSION, JOIN IN SONG
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All things PTA

Congratulations to our newly elected PTA Board!

Co Presidents - Makenzi Cook and Jessica Reguindin

Vice President - Akiaya Hogan

Secretary - Ashley Waltrip

Treasurer - Melanie Tinsley

Contact CherrydalePTA@gmail.com with questions.

Click for the [PTA at Cherrydale page on our website](#) for all things PTA!

Click for the [Cherrydale Families Facebook page](#)

BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

All back-to-school PTA info will come home in Thursday envelopes!



upcoming details on: spirit gear, parent volunteer opportunities, watch dogs kick off & general PTA meeting dates.

please email cherrydalepta@gmail.com with any questions!



Counselor's Corner

Love & Logic Articles

Click [The Gift of Chores](#)

Click [Healthy Dads Raise Strong Kids](#)

Click [Creating a Perfect World for Kids in an Imperfect World](#)

Click [Raising Strong & Capable Kids](#)

Click [Don't Interrupt Mom When She's on a Call](#)

Click [Heart-felt Listening](#)

Click [It's Never Too Early to Start Love & Logic](#)

Click [Use Thinking Words, Not Fighting Words](#)



Looking for a Way to Help Others? Check Out the Steilacoom Food Pantry and Caring For Kids

Click [HERE](#) to see original ParentSquare post

Helpful Links

[Skyward Family Access](#)

[ParentSquare](#)

[Before/After School Child Care](#)

[Enrollment/Withdrawals/Transfers](#)

[Food Service](#)

[Student Fees & Fines](#)

[Transportation](#)

[Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Cherrydale Planned Absence Request](#)

Helpful Information

Report an Absence

Please let us know as soon YOU know

Report an Early Release

Please try not to pick up in the last 45 minutes of day

Report a Change in Dismissal

Please let us know prior to last 45 minutes of the day

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