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Message from the *Superintendent*



Dear families and friends –

As we draw near the end of another school year, it gives me time to reflect on the countless academic and extracurricular achievements within our schools and classrooms. As a community we can certainly be proud of the achievements of our more than 750 high school graduates who are ready to embark on exciting new journeys, the quality of our teachers and staff, the reputation of our schools, and actions of our students.

As we head into summer vacation, I'd like you to be aware of a number of summer and back-to-school events and activities. More information on many of them is available this issue of School Views.

- Through our Kids' Café summer meal program, our district expects to serve thousands of breakfasts and lunches this summer to those who may have otherwise gone without.
- Our Book Café and summer literacy program will get books into the hands of thousands of kids.
- Mark your calendars for August when we have scheduled important registration and meet-the-teacher dates for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year.
- Our district's pre-kindergarten program - Transition to Kindergarten – will continue for the 2024-2025 school year. This free district preschool program has been a wonderful opportunity for our youngest learners to learn and grow. Learn about Transition to Kindergarten and the district's other early learning programs on the back page of this issue of School Views or visit www.sno.wednet.edu/earlylearning.
- As you seek opportunities for family fun, safety, and relief from the summer heat, don't forget to visit our Snohomish Aquatic Center. Our summer programming includes swim and dive lessons, the FlowRider® surf-simulation machine, youth swim team activities, lifeguard training, water fitness programs, and open rec swim sessions. Discover more at www.snohomishaquatic.com.

I'm also pleased to share that next school year we will continue to integrate technology in purposeful, innovative ways, engaging our learners in exploring their world and imagining their futures. Thanks to support from the 2022 Replacement Levy for Technology, Safety and Facility Improvements, all K-12 students and teachers in the district will have 1:1 access to devices next school year. I'm grateful of our shared commitment to maintain the funding that propels our students toward excellence in learning and contributions into adulthood.

In closing, I hope you take advantage of the summer months to unwind and cherish moments with your family and friends. I can't wait to reconnect in the fall.



This spring, Superintendent Kent Kultgen and other community readers were welcomed into district classrooms to share the joy of reading.

Dr. Kent Kultgen
Superintendent

Game clubs

foster sense of belonging



In a society often divided by differences, games can be tools of unity, weaving bonds that go beyond backgrounds and personalities.

Each week dozens of middle and high school students regularly head to one of the after-school game clubs. It's here that students engage with each other and immerse themselves in intense battles of wit and skill across a variety of tabletop, board, video, and card games. Students are drawn to game clubs for a variety of reasons, including the chance to mingle with people with similar interests.

“For me, game club is like a family,” said Glacier Peak High School (GPHS) student Rylynn Smith. “It’s a place where I can just be me.”

The allure of game clubs lies in the sense of belonging, the chance for kids to “find their people” and just “let kids be kids,” added Jennifer Angelos, teacher and Valley View Middle School game club advisor.

In his nearly two decades of serving as a high school game club advisor, GPHS

teacher Eric Benson reflected on the impact the club has had on students. For instance, Benson recalled how some students, initially reserved and introverted, formed friendships that extended beyond high school. Some of these connections have grown so strong that members have gone on to officiate each other’s weddings. He has observed students who were often too shy to speak in class blossom into class officers. He has witnessed the club’s impact in helping break down social barriers. Despite initial perceptions of social circles, Benson has watched students and staff from a wide variety of backgrounds come together in the spirit of camaraderie to play games.

“I’ve seen that games have the ability to erase pre-conceived notions about what it means to be a gamer, and I’ve seen students from all walks of life realize that their hobby isn’t something that needs to be hidden or ashamed of,” Benson said. “We’re all geeks. We all just want to have a good time.”

Learn more at
www.sno.wednet.edu/news/gameclubs.





Kids' Café

Summer Meal Program

Free breakfast and lunch for all kids 18 and under

Available every Monday through Friday June 20 through August 30 (no service on Thursday, July 4).

There is no pre-registration or sign-up. Kids just need to show up and enjoy a great breakfast and/or lunch.

For more information about this summer meal program, visit www.sno.wednet.edu/kidscafe or contact the Snohomish School District Communications Department at communications@sno.wednet.edu.

Location/Lugar	Time/Hora
Valley View Middle School Cafeteria 14308 Broadway Avenue SE, Snohomish	8:30 – 9 a.m. (breakfast) (Desayuno) Noon – 12:30 p.m. (lunch) (Almuerzo)
Three Rivers Mobile Home Park 13201 Elliott Road, Snohomish	11 – 11:15 a.m. (lunch only) (Solamente almuerzo)
Circle H Mobile Home Park 6413 123rd Avenue SE, Snohomish	11:45 a.m. – Noon (lunch only) (Solamente almuerzo)
Snohomish Library 311 Maple Avenue, Snohomish	8:30 – 9 a.m. (breakfast) (Desayuno) 12:15 – 1 p.m. (lunch) (Almuerzo)

This Snohomish School District breakfast and lunch program will be made available at no charge to children 18 years of age and younger. All meals are available without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll-free 800-795-3272 (voice) or 202-720-6382 (TDD). This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

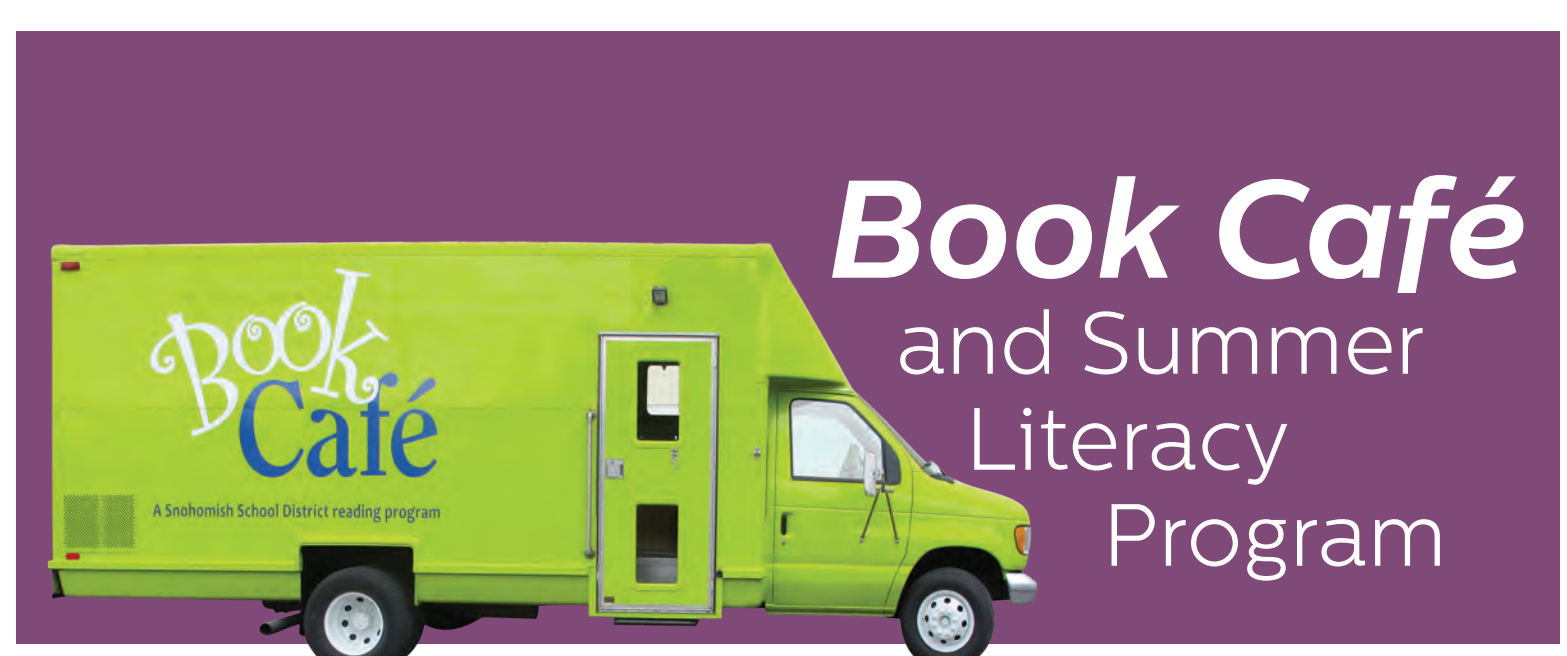
Desayuno y almuerzo gratis para todos los niños de 18 o menos

Disponible de lunes a viernes del 20 de junio al 30 de agosto (no habrá servicio el jueves 4 de julio).

No hay que anotarse antes. Los niños únicamente necesitan venir y disfrutar un desayuno y/o almuerzo muy rico.

Para más información sobre este programa de comidas de verano, visita www.sno.wednet.edu/kidscafe o comuníquense con el Departamento de comunicaciones del Distrito escolar de Snohomish en communications@sno.wednet.edu.

Este programa de desayuno y almuerzo del Distrito escolar de Snohomish estará disponible sin cobrar a los niños de 18 años o menos. Todas las comidas son disponibles sin tener en cuenta la raza, el color, el origen nacional, género, edad o discapacidad. Para meter una queja de discriminación, escribe a USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 o hable sin cobrar a 800-795-3272 (voz) o 202-720-6382 (TDD). Esta institución es un empleador con igualdad de oportunidades de empleo.



Book Café

and Summer Literacy Program

Check out these summer literacy opportunities for students and their families.

Make sure you also keep a lookout for the Book Café in a neighborhood near you!

The Book Café will deliver free books for students to read throughout the summer. Watch for the Book Café vehicle on Tuesdays and Thursdays (July 9 – August 15) at the following locations:

Tuesdays/Martes:		
Three Rivers Mobile Home Park	13201 Elliott Road, Snohomish	11:15 a.m.
Snohomish Boys and Girls Club	402 2nd Street, Snohomish	Noon
Thursdays/Jueves:		
Plantation Park Mobile Home Park	9425 56th Street SE, Snohomish	11 a.m.
Snohomish Mobile Home and RV Park	1330 Avenue D, Snohomish	11:30 a.m.
Circle H Mobile Home Park	6413 123rd Avenue SE, Snohomish	12:30 p.m.

School libraries

A Snohomish School District staff member will be available at each of the following elementary school libraries to greet students and their families and to check-out books this summer. The following elementary school libraries will be open from 9 – 11 a.m. every Wednesday (July 3 through August 21):

Bibliotecas de las escuelas

Un miembro del personal del Distrito Escolar de Snohomish estará disponible en cada una de las siguientes bibliotecas de escuelas primarias para saludar a los estudiantes y sus familias y sacar libros este verano. Las siguientes bibliotecas de escuelas primarias estarán abiertas de 9 a 11 a.m. todos los miércoles (del 3 de julio al 21 de agosto):

Mira estas oportunidades de lectura en el verano para los estudiantes y sus familias.

Busquen también el 'Café de Libros' cerca de usted!

El Café de libros entregará libros gratis para estudiantes para leer durante el verano. Busque al vehículo Café de libros los martes y jueves (9 de julio – 15 de agosto) en los siguientes lugares:

- Cascade View Elementary
- Cathcart Elementary
- Central Emerson Elementary
- Dutch Hill Elementary
- Little Cedars Elementary
- Machias Elementary
- Riverview Elementary
- Seattle Hill Elementary
- Totem Falls Elementary



Important Back-to-School Information

Elementary meet-the-teacher events

Elementary school meet-the-teacher events will be held on Thursday, August 29. Please check district or elementary school websites throughout the summer months for the times of those individual events.

Centennial Middle School

Tuesday, August 20	
9 a.m. – Noon	7th graders
Wednesday, August 21	
9 a.m. – Noon	8th graders
4 – 6 p.m.	7th and 8th graders

Valley View Middle School

Tuesday, August 20	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	8th graders
Wednesday, August 21	
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.	7th graders
4 – 6 p.m.	7th and 8th graders



Secondary school start-up events

Our middle and high school student registration/start-up events are opportunities to pay fees for ASB, lunch accounts and athletics; buy yearbooks; get Skyward/Family Access student login access; get school photos taken; and more.

Glacier Peak High School

Tuesday, August 20	
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Freshman and sophomores (born January – June)
12:30 – 2 p.m.	Freshman and sophomores (born July – December)
2 – 3 p.m.	Open session for all students
Wednesday, August 21	
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Juniors and seniors (born January – June)
12:30 – 2 p.m.	Juniors and seniors (born July – December)
2 – 3 p.m.	Open session for all students

Snohomish High School

Tuesday, August 20	
8 – 9:30 a.m.	Juniors and seniors (born January – June)
9:30 – 11 a.m.	Juniors and seniors (born July – December)
12:30 – 1:30 p.m.	Sophomores (born January – June)
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	Sophomores (born July – December)
Wednesday, August 21	
12:30 – 2 p.m.	Freshmen (born January – June)
2 – 3:30 p.m.	Freshmen (born July – December)
5 – 7 p.m.	Open session for all students



First day of school

- **Wednesday, September 4:** First day of school for 1st – 7th and 9th graders.
- **Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6:** All students except kindergarteners, preschoolers, and Transition to Kindergarten students attend school.
- **Monday, September 9:** First day of school for students in kindergarten and Transition to Kindergarten.

AIM High School and Parent Partnership Program (PPP)

Please check school websites for orientation and first day of school information.

School offices

- School offices will be closed during the summer.
- School offices will reopen on Monday, August 12.

Skyward/Family Access

Skyward/Family Access will open at 9 a.m. (elementary) and 4 p.m. (middle and high school) on Thursday, August 29, for viewing teacher assignments, student schedules, food service information and other important information. Please note that individual teacher assignments and student schedules may be subject to change up to the first day of school.

School websites

Please check district or school websites throughout the summer for more information about school supply lists, high school summer assignments free/reduced meal applications, immunizations, breakfast/lunch menus, school newsletter subscriptions, student transportation and more.



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events and activities happening in their Snohomish School District. To reduce the cost of postage we use a bulk mailing process that delivers to every residential customer on a carrier's route.

Transition to Kindergarten available for youngest learners



Do you have a preschool-age child who will be eligible and attending kindergarten during the 2025-2026 school year? If so, the Snohomish School District's Transition to Kindergarten pre-K program may be the place for your child to learn and grow!

¿Tiene un hijo/a en edad preescolar que será elegible asistirá al jardín de infantes durante el año escolar 2025-2026? Si es así, ¡el programa de prekínder de transición al jardín de infantes del Distrito Escolar de Snohomish puede ser el lugar para que su hijo/a aprenda y crezca!

To learn more about Transition to Kindergarten and the district's other preschool programs please complete the Preschool Inquiry Form and a district enrollment specialist will be in touch. Screenings and placements typically occur between April and August. Learn more and complete the form at www.sno.wednet.edu/earlylearning.



Para obtener más información sobre la transición al jardín de infantes y otros programas preescolares del distrito complete el formulario de consulta preescolar y un especialista en inscripción del distrito se pondrá en contacto. Las evaluaciones y colocaciones suelen ocurrir entre abril y agosto. Obtenga más información y complete el formulario en www.sno.wednet.edu/earlylearning.

Learn more about Transition to Kindergarten and early learning programs at www.sno.wednet.edu/earlylearning.