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Message from the *Superintendent*

Dear families and friends -

Kindergarten and new student registration for 2024-2025 are just around the corner. Our district will hold its annual Spring Into Kindergarten event from 4-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 7. All incoming kindergarteners and their families are highly encouraged to attend. Our district's kindergarten program will provide your child with the opportunity to explore, discover and experience the joy of learning. Read more about our Spring into Kindergarten in this issue of School Views or visit www.sno.wednet.edu/springintokindergarten.

I'm also excited to share that last fall our district launched its full-day Transition to Kindergarten program. As a district, we know that effective early learning provides a high-leverage opportunity to build an empowering foundation for parent/guardian and school partnerships formed around readiness, safety, inclusivity, and creativity. Transition to Kindergarten, Developmental Preschool and ECEAP are early learning programs offered to our youngest learners.

Transition to Kindergarten is a steppingstone between preschool and kindergarten and is for children who are not yet 5-years-old, who do not have access to high-quality early learning experiences prior to kindergarten, and through a district screening process have been identified in need of additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten the following year. Learn more about our district's early learning programs in this issue of School Views or visit www.sno.wednet.edu/earlylearningprograms.

I'd also like to make sure you are aware that as a district we are recommending a reconfiguration of our grades by moving the 6th grade to middle school, creating K-5 elementary schools and 6-8 middle schools, beginning fall 2025. This change will impact every segment of our system for the benefit of our students. Your input is crucial as we navigate this potential transition, ensuring that it aligns with the needs and expectations of our school community. Together, I am confident we can create an educational environment that maximizes the growth and success of our students. Learn more about the proposed reconfiguration at www.sno.wednet.edu/middleschool. This site is continually updated with the latest information as we move forward.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the Snohomish School District! I look forward to our collaborative efforts in shaping the future of our school community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Kent Kultgen



Our district middle schools offer a broad range of electives, such as, choir, band, art, family and consumer science, and STEM-like subjects such as computer science. These electives enrich the educational experience, offering a broader horizon for students to explore and cultivate their talents.

Making waves for a decade



Happy anniversary Snohomish Aquatic Center! “It’s hard to believe 10 years have passed since the Snohomish Aquatic Center first opened, and we are thrilled for what the next decade holds,” said Chris Bensen, Snohomish Aquatic Center Supervisor.

When the facility opened in 2014 after years of community planning and development, Bill Fulton, who served on the facility’s Community Design Team, noted “every member of our community will benefit from this wonderful facility. It’s an aquatic facility - not a swimming pool. The possibilities this offers the kids and adults in our district and our community are tremendous.”

The district’s Snohomish Aquatic Center offers swim, dive, and surf lessons, recreational swim, an indoor surf machine, diving, competitive swim, and water fitness. In addition, outside groups have used the facility for water polo, water hockey, scuba diving certification, paddleboard yoga, synchronized swimming, and so much more. U.S. Olympic winning swimmers have visited our facility to teach Fitter and Faster Clinics and the USA Flow Tour has made the Snohomish Aquatic Center one



of its stops. The Snohomish Aquatic Center also offers a pathway for people to become lifeguard certified or learn the basics of first aid and CPR.

“We are excited to continue enriching the lives of people of all ages from our community,” Bensen said. “We strive to make sure people have fun in the water, but also have the skills, strategies, and tools to be safe when in and around it.”

Water safety is one of the top priorities at the Snohomish Aquatic Center. In fact, drowning ranks fifth among the leading causes of unintentional injury death in the United States, and second among children in Washington. According to the National Institutes of Health, participation in formal swimming lessons may reduce the risk of drowning by as much as 88 percent among young children ages 1 to 4 who are at highest risk of drowning.

“At the Snohomish Aquatic Center, we believe learning to swim is more than just stroke development,” Bensen said. The program teaches guests to swim independently while developing good technique and safety skills. She added that there are many physical, mental, emotional, and social benefits to swimming and water activities.

“For many, the water helps provide peacefulness, a sense of focus, confidence, a sense of adrenaline, and helps with mental health,” she said. “Some of our adult guests credit coming to the pool daily with improved overall health and fitness, as well as lasting friendships built along the way.”

Learn more about the Snohomish Aquatic Center including schedules and programming at www.snohomishaquatic.com. The facility is located at 516 Maple Avenue in Snohomish and its phone number is 360-568-8030.

Kindergarten and new student registration information



Información de inscripción para kindergarten y nuevos estudiantes

Spring Into Kindergarten

Mark your calendars for our district's Spring Into Kindergarten event. All 2024–2025 kindergarten families and students are highly encouraged to attend. Spring Into Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, March 7, from 4–6:30 p.m. at district elementary schools. Families should complete and return their kindergarten registration paperwork that day. Each school will also have important information available for families (WaKIDS, PTA/PTO/parent organizations, bus transportation, special services and more). For more information, please contact the elementary school your child will attend.

Age of admission

To enter kindergarten a child must be 5-years-old on or before August 31. (Note: Please call your school if information is needed regarding early entrance requirements. Depending on availability, early entrance may be considered only if your child's birthday falls between September 1 and October 31.)

Where to enroll

Your child should be registered before the first day of school at the school nearest your home. Online and paper registration materials are available at www.sno.wednet.edu/register. If you are unable to attend Spring Into Kindergarten, please register as soon as possible.

What to bring

Families should complete and return their kindergarten registration paperwork at our Spring Into Kindergarten event. All kindergarten families and students are highly encouraged to attend this event. Spring Into Kindergarten will be held on Thursday, March 7, from 4–6:30 p.m. at district elementary schools. Items you

should bring in order to complete the registration packet include:

- Child's birth certificate
- Child's immunization records (child's immunizations must be up-to-date)
- Emergency contact information and phone numbers (at least two)
- Name and phone number of your family doctor
- Parent's phone number at work
- Proof of address
- Any relevant legal documents (parenting plans, protection orders, etc.)
- When registering students who have transferred from another school, please bring the name, address and phone number of the school

Kindergarten paperwork

Online and paper registration materials are available at www.sno.wednet.edu/register.

Proof of address (at least one)

Our registration policy requires for any student/parent to show proof of residency before acceptance into our school district. Proof of residency is:

- A current Snohomish County property tax statement (original) with the parent/guardian name and address. The address must be within the service area of your home school.
- A current utility bill (PUD, water, phone landline, etc.)
- Closing documents in home purchase – Documentation from a title company is acceptable.
- Note: Home purchase offers, cell phone bills, vehicle registration and driver's licenses are not acceptable forms of proof.

New district students

Have you recently moved to the area? Or, do you have a child who will be new to the Snohomish School District during the 2024–2025 school year? We can't wait for you to join us! Register now at the Snohomish elementary, middle or high school your child will attend.

Estudiantes nuevos al distrito

¿Han mudado recientemente al área? ¿O, tiene a un hijo/a que será nuevo/a al Distrito escolar de Snohomish durante el año escolar 2024–2025? ¡No podemos esperar a que se unan a nosotros! Inscríbese ahora en la escuela primaria, secundaria o preparatoria de Snohomish a la que asistirá su hijo/a.

Evento de inscripción

Marque sus calendarios para el Evento de Inscripción para kindergarten de nuestro distrito. Se les anima a todas las familias y estudiantes de Kindergarten en 2024–2025 a asistir. El evento se llevará a cabo el jueves 7 de marzo, de las 4–6:30 p.m. en las escuelas primarias del distrito. Las familias deben llenar y regresar los documentos de inscripción para el kindergarten ese día. Cada escuela también tendrá información importante disponible para las familias (WaKIDS, PTA/PTO/organizaciones de padres, transporte en autobuses, servicios especiales y más). Para más información, favor de ponerse en contacto con la escuela primaria a la que asistirá su hijo.

Edad de entrada

Para entrar al kindergarten, el niño/la niña debe tener cinco años de edad al más tardar el 31 de agosto. (Nota: Por favor llame a su escuela si se necesita información sobre los requisitos de ingreso temprano. Según la disponibilidad, el ingreso temprano puede considerarse solo si el cumpleaños de su hijo/a cae entre el 1 de septiembre y el 31 de octubre.)

¿Dónde inscribirse?

Se debe inscribir a su hijo/a antes del primer día de escuela en la escuela más cercana a su hogar. Los materiales de inscripción en línea y en papel están disponibles en www.sno.wednet.edu/register. Si no se puede asistir al Evento de inscripción, por favor inscribalo antes posible.

¿Qué traer?

Las familias deben llenar y devolver su papeleo de inscripción de kindergarten en nuestro evento de inscripción en Kindergarten. Se anima a todas las familias y estudiantes de kindergarten a asistir a este evento. El evento de inscripción en kindergarten se llevará a cabo el Jueves 7 de marzo, de 4–6:30 p.m. en las escuelas primarias del distrito. Los artículos que

usted debe traer para completar el paquete de la inscripción incluyen:

- El acta de nacimiento
- Registro de las vacunas (Las vacunas del niño deben estar al día)
- Información de contacto para urgencia y teléfonos (por lo menos dos)
- Nombre y teléfono del doctor de la familia
- El número del teléfono del trabajo de los padres
- Pruebas de la dirección de la casa
- Cualquier documento legal relevante (planes de crianza, órdenes de protección, etc.)
- Cuando se inscribe estudiantes que han transferido de otra escuela, favor de traer el nombre, la dirección y teléfono de la otra escuela

Documentos para Kindergarten

Los materiales de inscripción en línea y en papel están disponibles en www.sno.wednet.edu/register.

Prueba de dirección (por lo menos uno)

Nuestras normas de inscripción requieren que cualquier estudiante/padre/madre muestren una prueba de residencia antes de estar aceptados en nuestro distrito escolar. Una prueba de residencia es:

- Una declaración actual de impuestos de una propiedad del condado de Snohomish (original) con el nombre del padre/madre/guardián y dirección. La dirección tiene que estar dentro del área de servicio de la escuela que les pertenezca.
- Una factura actual de servicios públicos (PUD (luz), agua, teléfono de la casa, etc.)
- Documentos finales de la compra de una vivienda – Documentación de una compañía de título es aceptable.
- Note: Los documentos de ofrecer a comprar, las facturas de los teléfonos celulares, la registración vehicular y las licencias de manejar no son aceptables como pruebas.

Register and learn more at www.sno.wednet.edu/newstudentenrollment.

Preschool programs help youngest students learn and grow



Programas preescolares para aprender y crecer

Transition to Kindergarten

Do you have a preschool-age child who will be eligible for kindergarten after September 2025 (Note: To enter kindergarten, a child must be 5-years-old on or before August 31)? Has it been a challenge for you to access a preschool program for your child? If so, the Snohomish School District's Transition to Kindergarten pre-K program may be the place for your child to learn and grow!

Our Transition to Kindergarten program:

- Serves 4- to 5-year-old students
- Is a state-funded, free Monday through Friday full-day preschool program
- Serves children and families who demonstrate a need through the Transition to Kindergarten pre-K application and screening process

To learn more about Transition to Kindergarten, please fill out the district Preschool Inquiry Form at www.sno.wednet.edu/preschoolform. Upon completion of the form, a district enrollment specialist will be in touch! Screenings and placements typically will occur in March, June, and August.

Other district early learning programs

In addition to Transition to Kindergarten, we offer other early learning programs including Developmental Preschool and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). Developmental Preschool serves 3- to 5-year-old students who meet eligibility requirements for special education services. ECEAP is a state-funded, free preschool for limited-income families.

Transición al kindergarten

¿Tiene usted un niño/una niña en edad preescolar que será elegible para el kindergarten después de septiembre de 2025 (Nota: para ingresar al kindergarten, el niño debe tener 5 años el 31 de agosto o antes)? ¿Ha sido un reto para usted acceder a un programa preescolar para su hijo? ¿Si es así, ¡el programa de prekindergarten de transición al kindergarten del Distrito Escolar de Snohomish puede ser el lugar para que su hijo aprenda y crezca!

Nuestro programa de Transición al kindergarten:

- Atiende a estudiantes de 4 a 5 años.
- Es un programa preescolar gratuito de día completo, financiado por el estado, de lunes a viernes.
- Atiende a niños y familias que demuestran una necesidad a través del proceso de solicitud y evaluación de Transición al kindergarten de prekindergarten.

Para aprender más sobre Transición al kindergarten, complete el formulario de consulta preescolar del distrito en www.sno.wednet.edu/preschoolform. ¡Al completar el formulario, un especialista en inscripción del distrito se pondrá en contacto! Las evaluaciones y colocaciones normalmente se realizarán en marzo, junio y agosto.

Otros programas de aprendizaje temprano del distrito

Además de la transición al kindergarten, ofrecemos una serie de programas de aprendizaje temprano incluyendo preescolar de desarrollo y educación temprana infantil y apoyo (ECEAP). El Preescolar de desarrollo sirve Estudiantes de 3 a 5 años que cumplen con los requisitos para servicios de educación especial. ECEAP es un preescolar gratuito financiado por el estado para familias de ingresos limitados.

Learn more about Transition to Kindergarten and the district's early learning programs at www.sno.wednet.edu/earlylearningprograms.

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Did you know the majority of people who live in the Snohomish School District do not have school-aged children? The purpose of School Views is to let our community know about the programs,

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.

Middle school reconfiguration proposed



In December 2023, we shared with our community the district's plans to recommend a reconfiguration of our grades by moving the 6th grade to middle school, creating K-5 elementary schools and 6-8 middle schools. This proposed change will impact every segment of our system for the benefit of our students.

The reason the school district is looking to reconfigure is based on the academic and developmental needs of our students. This consideration is meant to enhance the middle school experience by creating a three-year middle school. In moving to this model, our intent is that the district:

- Rely on the curriculum experience of teachers who are experts in their content areas, such as science, English language arts, math, and social studies.

- Provide electives in which students can explore and cultivate their talents.
- Increase student engagement through participation in school-sponsored clubs and after-school programs.

Our goal is to implement this change beginning with the 2025-2026 school year. This timeline provides time to plan, seek input, listen, and work through the challenges and concerns of this reconfiguration. The official decision to make this change will be made by the School Board in February 2024. We understand that this transition may raise questions, and we are committed to seeking input and keeping our community informed through the process.

Visit www.sno.wednet.edu/middleschool read more about this recommendation, the "why," timelines, the FAQs, and how you can get involved.