



Upcoming Events

Dec. 23- Jan. 3
No School
Winter Break

January 17
11am Early Release

January 20
No School
MLK Jr. Day

January 21 6:00pm
School Board Meeting
in the Library

February 14
Classroom Valentine's
Parties
11am Early Release

February 17-21
No School
Mid-Winter Break

February 25 6:00pm
School Board Meeting
in the Library

March 7
8:30am Adventures in Mu-
sic Assembly
11am Early Release

March 21
Fun Friday
11am Early Release

March 28
11am Early Release

March 31-April 4
No School
Spring Break

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From the Principal/Superintendent, Patricia Beathard

Community Support Makes a Difference

Community support makes the Brinnon School District a special place for our students.

- The youth librarian from the Jefferson County Public Library spends a day at our school each month to bring engaging library-related learning activities to all students.
- The Halfway House Restaurant provides a fun dining outing for our 8th grade students and donates their famous pie for Pi Day and staff appreciation week. Their owner is a Brinnon School Board Director.
- Pleasant Harbor Marina Resort will host holiday party activities for our students.
- 4H provides a well-attended after-school program 2-3 days per week.
- Jefferson County Parks and Recreation basketball, baseball, and soccer teams use our upgraded facilities for practice throughout the year.
- Counseling is provided with grant funding through the Jefferson County Mental Health Advisory Board.
- Adventures in Music, a program through the Port Angeles Symphony, brings concerts to our school 3-4 times per year.
- Kaleidoscope Play and Learn is a program for children birth through age 5 and their caregivers. KPL meets weekly and is provided by First Step Family Support.
- West Sound STEM Network (WSSN) brings support to the Brinnon School District.
- Math tutors provide our middle school students individualized support each week.
- STEM Like ME! provides hands-on career STEM experiences to our middle school classes, bringing role models directly to our students.
- The Pacific Science Center will bring an all-school Physics Day to us in December (funded by WSSN) so that students can explore physics in a hands-on im-

mersive way.

- Our District partnered with WSSN in the successful application for a Gates Horizon Grant that will fund career and college exploration and readiness activities in our school district.
 - Our teachers have the opportunity to participate in numerous workshops and long-term WSSN cohort trainings that provide them with strategies and STEM-related teaching materials that are used in classrooms.
 - In our district, with a high level of poverty, we do not have a school supply list. Many community members and organizations generously donate supplies to help support our school.
 - * Jefferson Healthcare
 - * Jefferson Health Central Registration
 - * First Security Bank in Port Hadlock
 - * Brinnon Fire Depart.
 - * Many Brinnon residents
- What a difference a community makes! We have so much to be thankful for. Go Bobcats!

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!



We are in desperate need of bus drivers! Download a classified job application form on our website.

WINTER WEATHER AHEAD!

Register with FlashAlert <https://www.flashalert.net/id/BrinnonSD> to get updates for the Brinnon School on weather closures, bus route changes and more!

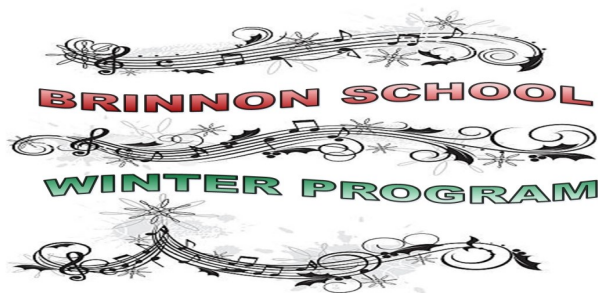
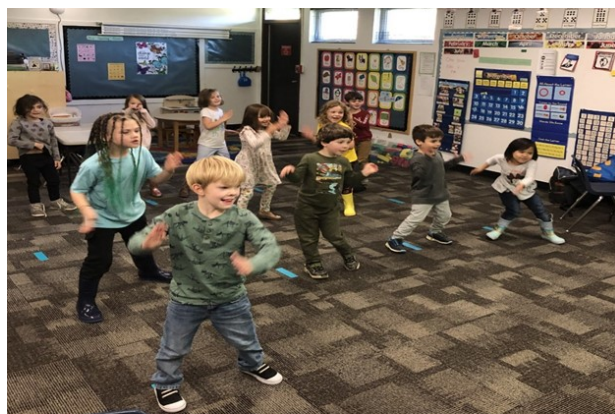




Mrs. Kaye and Mrs. McEdwards' Transition to Kindergarten and Kindergarten Class

It has been a wonderful start to the new school year. The students are learning to count, add and subtract, as well as learning to read and write.

They also like to dance. This picture is them dancing to a jazz version of head, shoulders, knees and toes. **THEY LOVE IT!!!**



BRINNON RUN CLUB DOES IT

The Brinnon Run Club sent 6 students to the Jumping Mouse Turkey Trot on November 23, 2024. Adriana led our team with a 30-minute 5k. That's 3.1 miles! Team "Nehemiah and Brodie" and Team "Sarah and Pleiades" also did a great job and finished the 5k with personal records. Diana, our kindergarten student,

completed her first 5k in 42 minutes. It was great to see our team circle back and run with the other students as they finished the race! Thanks to Alan and Nicola Simmons for picking up the registration packets and coming along to cheer on our team!





Title I, Part A Parent and Family Engagement

The Brinnon School District is a Title I school and district.

Q: How is a district identified as Title I?

A: At least 40% of students come from families identified as low income. 1/3 of public schools in Washington operate Title I programs.

Q: How are the Title I Part A funds provided by the federal government used?

A: To provide customized instruction and curricula that helps students meet academic standards and to build opportunities for children whose struggles often keep them on the academic sidelines

Parent and Family Engagement

The Brinnon School District welcomes and encourages family involvement.

Part of the Title I plan is to include families in activities and programs that promote children's development, learning, and wellness. The Parent and Family Engagement policy is reviewed annually and adapted as needed.

Miss Madill's 3rd/4th Grade Class

Grades 3 and 4 classroom having fun learning both in the classroom and outdoors. Students participating in classroom activities such as: reading, writing, math, science, history, exercising, building bridges (STEM), and creating art. The students are all collaborating, and enjoying the learning process as a group.



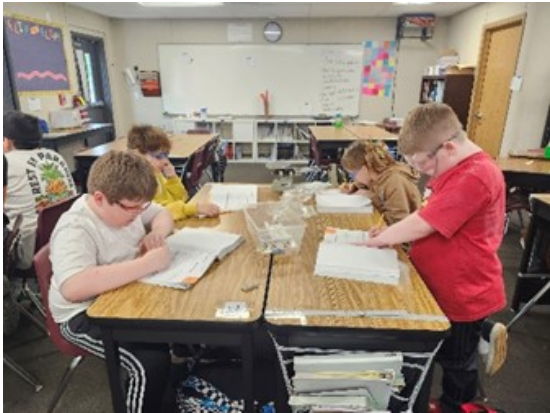
Middle School Math & Science

This fall has been busy in the middle school math and science classroom! The eighth grade students are currently exploring how the decoding process used during World War II relates to functions. By using common letters and words, students are finding different methods to decode messages. We will also be looking at some well-known code patterns and creating our own encoded messages.

The seventh and eighth grade class is using their knowledge of percentages to help them run a factory. As they figure out production and sale costs, they are looking at different ways to help the factory save

money so that they can make a good profit. Exploring percentages has given us many opportunities to discuss the importance of checking answers for reasonableness and real-life applications of this knowledge.

In science, the fifth- and sixth-grade students studied how to tell if mixing different substances produces physical or chemical reactions. The students are also becoming experts at using a triple-beam balance to find the mass of items!



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