

EAGLE

NEWS

Anderson Island Elementary

March 27, 2025

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

We had a good week at school, and the students continue to work hard. Next week is conference week. Please make sure you have signed up to conference with Mrs. Cunningham or Mrs. Tate. This is an important step in keeping the great momentum our students have created in the classroom. Let's keep it going until June!

Please also remember that because of our conference schedule, next Wednesday, April 2nd, through Friday, April 4th, are half days to accommodate our conferences.

I hope you all have a great weekend. Get some rest, get outside, and remember that April is Inventor's Month. Maybe start thinking of an incredible invention that you could bring to life!

I look forward to seeing you all next week.

Mr. Miller

**Students welcome spring
by counting and naming the
daffodils**



**SPRING STUDENT
CONFERENCES**

**APRIL 2-4, 2025
11:30 DISMISSAL**



3/28 Snow Day No SCHOOL
4/1-30 Inventor's Month
4/2-4 Conference Half Days 11:30
Dismissal
4/5-13 Spring Break
4/22 Earth Day
4/24 Point Defiance Zoo Fieldtrip
4/30 Inventors Night 5 p.m.



News from the Classroom

Welcome to the unpredictable Spring weather! You never know if it will rain during recess, so it's a good idea to keep a backup jacket at school.

We started our literacy unit on strong characters/ leaders with Sitting Bull this week. Did you know that Sitting Bull was not always his name? Ask your student how his name changed as he grew and why.

We are very thankful to have had a wonderful art lesson on cubism and Pablo Picasso. Thank you, Island Arts, for expanding our art knowledge! Thank you, volunteers Buela, Virginia, Co, and Kerry, for your ongoing support of art at Anderson Island Elementary.

Next week is conference week. We will be at school for a full day on Monday and Tuesday, then half days for the rest of the week. Just a reminder that we don't eat lunch at school on half days, but your student can order a sack lunch to take home.

Enjoy the 3 day weekend!

Mrs. Cunningham

Picasso Projects with Island Arts





Highly Capable Program **1st-4th grade** Referral window **March 19-April 14, 2025**

Are you interested in making a referral?

The Steilacoom School District provides services to students who are identified as Highly Capable through an assessment process. Students may be referred by parents and teachers Spring referral window. *Keep in mind that students can be referred and tested only once every two years.* Referral forms can be found here: [Highly Capable Program referral forms](#). You may also email **Hannah Engstrom** directly at hengstrom@steilacoom.k12.wa.us to request forms.

Is my child a bright child or a gifted learner?

"Identification of gifted students is clouded when concerned adults misinterpret high achievement as giftedness. High-achieving students are noticed for their on-time, neat, well-developed, and correct learning products. Some adults assume these 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 perceptions than is typical of high achievers." ~Bertie Kingore

The following comparisons hopefully will assist parents and teachers in identifying students as highly capable.

~Adapted by Kingore from Szabos

A bright child...

Knows the answers
Is interested
Is attentive
Has good ideas
Works hard to achieve
Performs at the top of the group
Learns with ease
Enjoys peers
Is accurate
Enjoys school
Absorbs information
Is pleased with own learning
Gets A's
Popular with peers
Is socially mature
Understands complex/abstract humor

A gifted child...

Asks the questions
Is curious
Is selectively mentally engaged
Has wild, silly, creative ideas
Plays around yet tests well
Is beyond the group
Already knows
Prefers adults or older children
Is original
Enjoys learning
Manipulates information
Is highly self-critical
May not be motivated by grades
May not fit in with peers
May be emotional and immature
Creates complex, abstract humor

Please Note

- ♦ Referral forms can be found on the district website or here: [Referral forms](#).
- ♦ Please complete ALL 3 forms: Cover Sheet (with parent signature), Parent Referral, and Teacher Referral
- ♦ Return paper or electronic forms to Hannah Engstrom at either Cherrydale or Chloe Clark
- ♦ All forms are due by Monday, April 14, 2025.
- ♦ Evaluation and testing will be done in late April.
- ♦ Families will be informed of scores and status in May.

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

31

Breakfast Options:
Muffin (V)
Cereal Bar (v)

Lunch Options:
Cheeseburger or Hamburger
Cheese Pizza (V)
Jelly and Sunbutter Sandwich

Roasted Broccoli

1

Breakfast Options:
Egg and Cheese Sandwich (v)
Pancake Bites (v)

Lunch Options:
Bean & Cheesy Nachos (v)
100% All Beef Hot Dog
Turkey and Cheese Sandwich

Aztec Corn

2

Conference Half Day

Breakfast Options:
Pancake On-a-Stick
Mini Waffles (v)

Lunch Options:
Crispy Chicken Sandwich

3

Conference Half Day

Breakfast Options:
Breakfast Pizza
Benefit Bar (v)

Lunch Options:
Ham and Cheese Sub

4

Conference Half Day

Breakfast Options:
Donut Friday (v)
Muffin (v)

Lunch Options:
100% All Beef Hot Dog

** Now featuring daily hot vegetable**

7

Spring Break Week

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Spring Break Week

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Spring Break Week

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Spring Break Week

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Spring Break Week

Lunch Includes: Choice of entrees listed, variety of fruits and vegetables, and milk.

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Breakfast Options:
Banana Muffin (V)
Golden Grahams Cereal Bar (V)

Lunch Options:
Pretzel W/ Cheese Sauce (V)
Cheese Pizza (V)
Jelly and Sunbutter Sandwich

Roasted Broccoli

15

Breakfast Options:
Pancake-on-a-Stick
Pancake Bites (V)

Lunch Options:
Bean & Cheese Nachos (V)
Corn dog
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich

Aztec Corn

16

Breakfast Options:
Breakfast Pizza
Cinni-Mini (V)

Lunch Options:
BBQ Chicken Sandwich
Cheese Pizza (V)
American Sub

Baked Beans

17

Breakfast Options:
Breakfast Pizza
Benefit Bar (V)

Lunch Options:
Bake Penne Pasta (V)
Chicken Nuggets W/ Roll
Chicken Caesar Salad

Roasted Carrots

18

Breakfast Options:
Donut Friday
Muffin

Fry-Day Lunch Options:
100% All Beef Hot Dog
Toasted Cheese Sandwich (V)

Sweet Potato Fries

Lunch Includes: Choice of entrees, variety of fruits, vegetables, and milk

21

Breakfast Options:
Muffin (V)
Cereal Bar (v)

Lunch Options:
Chicken Meatball Sub
Cheese Pizza (V)
Crispy Chicken Salad

Roasted Broccoli

22

Breakfast Options:
Egg and Cheese Sandwich (v)
Pancake Bites (v)

Lunch Options:
Bean & Cheesy Nachos (v)
Corn Dog
Turkey and Cheese Sandwich

Aztec Corn

23

Breakfast Options:
Pancake On-a-Stick (v)
Mini Waffles (v)

Lunch Options:
Chicken Nuggets W/Roll
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza (V)
Chicken Caesar Salad

Baked Beans

24

Breakfast Options:
Breakfast Pizza
Benefit Bar (v)

Lunch Options:
Beef Dippers W/Rice
Pretzel with Cheese (v)
SunButter & Jelly Sandwich

Roasted Carrots

25

Breakfast Options:
Donut Friday (V)
Muffin(V)

Lunch Options:
Crispy Chicken Sandwich
Toasted Cheese Sandwich (V)

Classic Crinkle Fries

28

Breakfast Options:
French Toast
Muffin (V)

Lunch Options:
Cheeseburger or Hamburger
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza (V)
Jelly and Sunbutter Sandwich (V)

Roasted Broccoli

29

Breakfast Options:
Egg and Cheese Sandwich (v)
Pancake Bites (v)

Lunch Options:
Bean & Cheesy Nachos (v)
100% All Beef Hot Dog
Turkey and Cheese Sandwich

Aztec Corn

30

Breakfast Options:
Pancake On-a-Stick
Mini Waffles (v)

Lunch Options:
Crispy Chicken Sandwich
Pepperoni or Cheese Pizza
SunButter & Grape Jelly (V)

Baked Beans

MEAL REQUIREMENTS

Must select at least 3 of the 5 offered components:
Meat/Meat Alternative;
Grain; Veggies; Fruit; Milk

ONE SELECTION MUST BE A 1/2 CUP OF FRUIT OR VEGGIE!

TAKE THE EARTH MONTH CHALLENGE

APRIL IS EARTH MONTH

Do your part to save water all month long. You can make a difference by using reusable water bottles, turning off the tap when you wash your teeth, and taking shorter showers.