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Message from the Superintendent



Dear families and friends ~

As we close out the 2024 -2025 school year, I want to take a moment to reflect on the accomplishments and momentum we've built together. The stories and highlights we routinely share through School Views, our website, newsletters, and social media shine a light on the heart of Snohomish School District - our students, staff, families, and community - whose dedication continues to inspire.

As you may know and as I've shared before, some districts across our region and state have faced difficult financial decisions, including staffing cuts, program reductions, and even school closures. Snohomish is not in that situation. Despite financial pressures - from unfunded mandates to pandemic-related challenges and enrollment shifts - we've remained focused and responsible in our approach. Today, our district is on solid financial ground.

A few key factors have helped us stay on track:

- Community support: Local levy dollars make up about 16% of our district's budget. While this might seem like a small percentage, it's incredibly important in helping us deliver quality education to our students.
- Steady enrollment: Our student numbers are steadily climbing back toward pre-pandemic levels. We project around 9,550 students in the 2025 -2026 school year.
- Healthy fund balance: We are in compliance with district policy #6022, maintaining a 4 -6% unassigned fund balance.
- Thoughtful financial decisions: We take a collaborative, thoughtful approach to budgeting to ensure long-term sustainability and community support.
- Strong bond ratings: Our high ratings (Moody's Aa3 and S&P AA-) reflect our sound financial stewardship and reliability.

A solid financial foundation plays a key role in supporting student success. Financial stability keeps our focus where it belongs: on our students, ensuring each one has access to the opportunities, support, and high-quality education they need to reach their full potential. And, these achievements are only possible because of our collective efforts. It's not the work of one person or department. It's a shared commitment to student success across our entire district.

Looking ahead, I encourage you to explore our summer and back-to-school offerings, including the Kids' Café summer meal program, Book Café and summer literacy efforts, and important registration and meet-the-teacher events. You'll find more details in this issue of School Views.

As we look ahead to summer and the 2025-2026 school year, we remain steadfast in our mission to support every student's journey. Thank you for being an important part of our Snohomish School District community. Together, we are helping ensure that every student thrives.

Wishing you a safe, restful, and joy-filled summer.

Dr. Kent Kultgen
Superintendent



Machias Elementary kindergarteners celebrated Earth Day with a special visit to the Snohomish Senior Center, planting flowers and spreading joy! We're thankful for our district's meaningful community partnerships.

Fostering inclusion through physical education



A unique and impactful program is redefining physical education and inclusion in the Snohomish School District. Unified PE, launched during the 2021-2022 school year at Glacier Peak High School (GPHS), brings together general education students and students in the life skills classroom (those in the special education program), for a shared PE experience. The program sets an inspiring example of how sports and teamwork can bridge gaps and create meaningful connections.

"After observing our traditional PE setup and listening to feedback, we knew we could do better," said GPHS teacher Darci Desilet adding the team discovered the Unified PE model created by Special Olympics and built its class around it. Before Unified PE, life skills students participated in standard PE classes, often supported by paraeducators and working separately. Today, they are fully integrated into engaging, inclusive activities that are carefully adapted to fit a wide range of abilities. This includes modified equipment, individualized support, and collaborative teamwork.

"It's a powerful experience to see students working side by side, learning from one another, and building awareness."

- Teacher Jordan Gere

"Our students with disabilities thrive," GPHS teacher Jordan Gere said adding that he finds it is often general education students who grow more. "They gain leadership skills and develop patience, compassion, and greater understanding of their peers. ... It's a powerful experience to see students working side by side, learning from one another, and building awareness."



GPHS sophomore Brooklyn DeClusin said Unified PE has been a class favorite of hers. She appreciated being able to step into a leadership role and feels like it has made her more well-rounded and helped her understand more about the needs of those with disabilities.

"The cool thing is that the general education peers make all the difference," said GPHS paraeducator Brett Willis. "This is not adapted PE. Everyone is playing together."

Learn more at www.sno.wednet.edu/news/unified-pe.



Kids' Café
Summer Meal Program

Free breakfast and lunch for all kids 18 and under

Available every Monday through Friday June 23 though August 29 (no service on Friday, 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.

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

Disponible de lunes a viernes del 23 de junio al 29 de agosto (no habrá servicio el viernes 4 de julio).

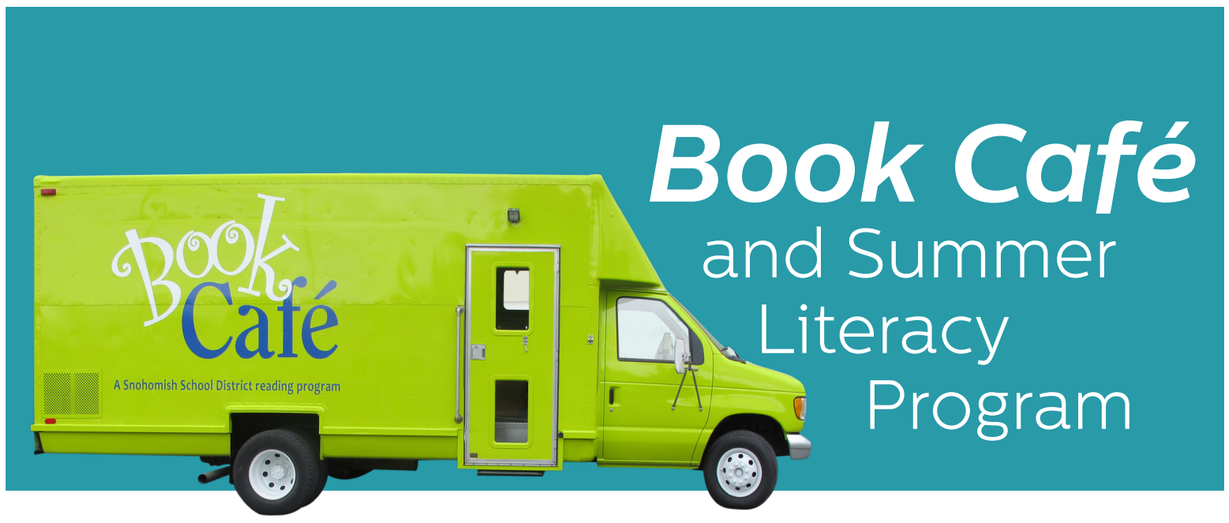
No hay que anotarse antes. Los niños únicamente necesitan venir y disfrutar un desayuno y/o almuerzo muy rico.

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.

Location/Lugar	Time/Hora
Snohomish High School Commons 1316 Fifth Street, Snohomish	8:30 – 9 a.m. (breakfast) (desayuno) 11:30 a.m. - Noon (lunch) (almuerzo)
Three Rivers Mobile Home Park 13201 Elliott Road, Snohomish	11 - 11:15 a.m. (lunch only) (solo almuerzo)
Circle H Mobile Home Park 6413 123rd Avenue SE, Snohomish	11:45 a.m. - Noon (lunch only) (solo almuerzo)
Snohomish Library 311 Maple Avenue, Snohomish	8:45 - 9:15 a.m. (breakfast) (desayuno) 12:15 - 1:15 p.m. (lunch) (almuerzo)
Snohomish Boys and Girls Club 402 2nd Street, Snohomish	8 - 8:30 a.m. (breakfast only) (solo desayuno)

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.

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 institucion 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 8 - August 14) at the following locations:

¡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 (8 de julio - 14 de agosto) en los siguientes lugares:

Tuesdays/Martes:		
Three Rivers Mobile Home Park	13201 Elliott Road, Snohomish	11:15-11:45 a.m.
Snohomish Boys and Girls Club	402 2nd Street, Snohomish	Noon-12:20 p.m.
Thursdays/Jueves:		
Plantation Park Mobile Home Park	9425 56th Street SE, Snohomish	11-11:20 a.m.
Snohomish Mobile Home and RV Park	1330 Avenue D, Snohomish	11:30 a.m.-Noon
Circle H Mobile Home Park	6413 123rd Avenue SE, Snohomish	12:30-1 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 2 through August 20):

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 2 de julio al 20 de agosto):

- 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 28. Please check district or elementary school websites throughout the summer months for the times of those individual events.

Centennial Middle School

Tuesday, August 19	
9 a.m. – Noon	7th graders
Wednesday, August 20	
9 a.m. – Noon	8th graders
4 – 6 p.m.	7th and 8th graders

Valley View Middle School

Tuesday, August 19	
10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	8th graders
Wednesday, August 20	
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 Qmlativ student login access; get school photos taken; and more.

Glacier Peak High School

Tuesday, August 19	
11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Freshmen and seniors (born January – June)
12:30 - 2 p.m.	Freshmen and seniors (born July – December)
2 - 3 p.m.	Open session for all students
Wednesday, August 20	
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 19	
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 20	
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 3:** First day of school for 1st – 7th and 9th graders.
- **Thursday, September 4 and Friday, September 5:** All students except kindergarteners, preschoolers, and Transition to Kindergarten students attend school.
- **Monday, September 8:** 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 11.

Skyward Qmlativ

Skyward Qmlativ will open at 3:30 p.m. (elementary) and 4 p.m. (middle and high school) on Thursday, August 28, 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

Visit www.sno.wednet.edu/backtoschool throughout the summer for more information about school supply lists, high school summer assignments food service and free/reduced meal applications, immunizations, student transportation and more.

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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.

Cameras enhance safety efforts



In recent years, Snohomish School District has significantly enhanced campus security by installing and upgrading more than 250 security cameras, along with viewing platforms and other vital equipment, across multiple locations.

These cameras are strategically placed in high-traffic areas, including both interior spaces and exterior locations such as athletic fields and parking lots, ensuring comprehensive coverage throughout the district. Their primary purpose is to monitor and record activity, deterring potential incidents, safeguarding students and staff, and providing crucial documentation in the event of emergencies or security concerns.

"Safety remains our top priority in the Snohomish School District," said Jeff Scott, the district's manager of Safety and Security. "Our teams are continually evaluating school buildings and grounds to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors. Protecting the security of our schools and campuses is also crucial to safeguarding the community's investment in education."

Approximately $1.5 million has been invested to enhance the district's security infrastructure through the installation of these cameras and related equipment.

"There is still more to be done," Scott noted, highlighting that additional cameras will be replaced and installed at other school locations this summer and in the coming years. "We are committed to ensuring our schools and campuses remain safe, welcoming spaces for learning."

Thank you, voters, for your support of the district's Replacement Levy for Technology, Safety, and Facility Improvements, which has made these important safety and security enhancements possible!