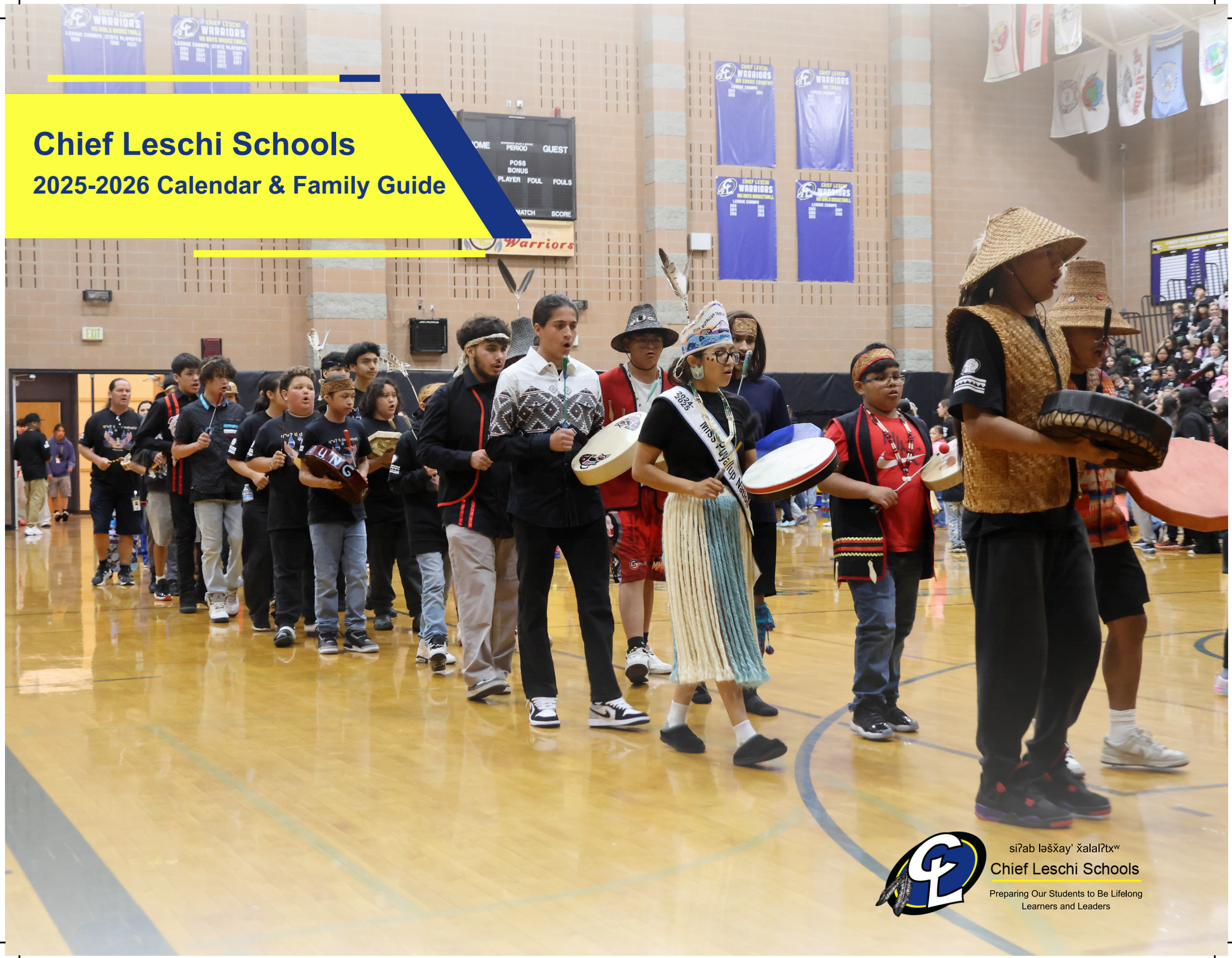
Chief Leschi Schools

2025-2026 Calendar & Family Guide



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Chief Leschi Schools

Preparing Our Students to Be Lifelong Learners and Leaders

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year!

We're excited to welcome you to another year of learning, growth, and collaboration. This year, our district is placing a strong focus on strengthening literacy and math instruction, while continuing to prioritize student mental health through trauma-informed practices and partnership with Puyallup Tribal Health Authority.

At the elementary level, our partnership with Lexia and the adoption of the new CKLA literacy curriculum will help ensure students are on a path toward meaningful academic growth. At the secondary level, targeted math intervention programs will support students in mastering essential skills that prepare them for future success.

All staff members will be working together in Professional Learning Communities to share effective strategies and support one another in delivering high-quality instruction for every student. We invite students, families, and community members to stay connected and engaged with us as we work to foster a transparent, inclusive, and supportive school environment for all.

Chief Leschi is a unique place where cultural immersion and individual recognition are at the core of our educational approach. As a staff, we are dedicated to ensuring that every student receives personalized attention and support throughout their learning journey. Let's make this year a remarkable one, filled with growth, collaboration, and success for all!

-Don Brummett, Superintendent of Chief Leschi Schools



Blake Baird
Secondary Principal



Gregory Barnes Jr
Secondary Assistant Principal



Christa Caamano
Elementary Principal



Monique Alicea
Elementary Assistant Principal



Kathryn Yates
Early Child Education Principal

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MISSION STATEMENT

Through a rigorous academic experience rooted in cultural teachings, we will give our students the courage and space to amplify their voices in a society of barriers and erasures.

VISION STATEMENT

We are Pulling Together to create a safe and welcoming learning space. We celebrate the uniqueness of everyone in an environment full of cultural heritage that teaches our children to be lifelong learners and leaders.



pədkʷəxʷic

"Time of silver salmon"

The silver salmon are running.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

We work cooperatively together for the good of our people.

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Labor Day SCHOOL CLOSED	2	3 First Day of School WA Kids Testing	4 WA Kids Testing	5 WA Kids Testing	6
7	8 Fishing Wars Recognition Day SCHOOL CLOSED	9 Pre- School & Kindergarten First Day of School	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 Fair Day STUDENT EARLY RELEASE 12:30 pm	18 School Board Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Family Dinner/ Open House	26	27
28	29	30				

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ACADEMICS
1,200+

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"Time of elk mating call"

The male elk makes their mating call.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

All natural things are our brothers and sisters... they have things to teach us if we are aware and listen.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Indigenous Peoples Day SCHOOL CLOSED	14	15 School Board Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release 12:30 pm	23 Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release 12:30 pm Family Dinner	24 Parent Teacher Conferences Early Release 12:30 pm	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

OCTOBER 2025

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"Time of dog salmon/chum"

The dog salmon/chum are running.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

We live in harmony within the circle of life, with all natural things, with our community and with ourselves.

NOVEMBER 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 End of First Quarter	7	8
9	10 Teacher PD Day NO SCHOOL	11 Warrior's Day SCHOOL CLOSED	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 School Board Meeting	20 Family Dinner	21	22
23 30	24	25 Student Early Release 12:30 pm	26 Potlatch Days SCHOOL CLOSED	27 Potlatch Days SCHOOL CLOSED	28 Potlatch Days SCHOOL CLOSED	29

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"Sheath your paddles"

The waters are generally too rough to travel safely. Therefore, the paddles are sheathed, i.e., put away.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

Our older children look after their younger brothers and sisters.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Family Dinner	12	13
14	15	16	17 School Board Meeting	18	19 Student Early Release 12:30 pm	20
21	22 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	23 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	24 Winter Break NO SCHOOL & Medicine Creek Treaty Days SCHOOL CLOSED	25 Winter Break NO SCHOOL & Medicine Creek Treaty Days SCHOOL CLOSED	26 Winter Break NO SCHOOL & Medicine Creek Treaty Days SCHOOL CLOSED	27
28	29 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	30 Winter Break NO SCHOOL	31 Winter Break SCHOOL CLOSED			

DECEMBER 2025

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słali
"Good Month"
Translated by Arthur Ballard.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

We honor the old ones for their wisdom. They are not cast aside, but continue to hold a place of honor in our families and communities.

JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Winter Break SCHOOL CLOSED	2 Winter Break SCHOOL CLOSED	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day SCHOOL CLOSED	20	21 School Board Meeting	22 Family Dinner	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 End of Second Quarter - First Semester	31

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Pearl
Pearl
Pearl
vic
vic
vic

swaq'waq'

"Frog"

The frogs croak during this month.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

We prize a good sense of humor...
especially when directed at oneself.

FEBRUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 Student Early Release 12:30 pm	14
15	16 Chief's Day SCHOOL CLOSED	17	18 School Board Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Family Dinner	27	28

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GHOST FACE
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Panasonic
MAGNUS
TL750A

pupuhigʷəd

"Gusts of Blowing Wind"

March is commonly a windy month in Western Washington.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

We respect the visions of others.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13 12:30 pm Student Early Release	14
15	16 Teacher PD Day NO SCHOOL	17	18 School Board Meeting	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Family Dinner	27	28
29	30	31				

MARCH 2026

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"Time of Whistling"

The birds whistle.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

People of old often whisper wise thoughts.

APRIL 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 pm Student Early Release	2 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 pm Student Early Release	3 Parent Teacher Conferences 12:30 pm Student Early Release End of Third Quarter	4 Daffodil Parade
5	6 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	7 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	8 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	9 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	10 Spring Break NO SCHOOL	11
12	13	14	15 School Board Meeting	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Family Dinner	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Water is life

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“Time of Digging”

This is when camas was commonly dug.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

Our way is giving and sharing... if someone is greedy, he will lose everything in the end.

MAY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 Culture Day	9
10	11 Salmon Peoples Day SCHOOL CLOSED	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 School Board Meeting	21 Family Dinner	22 Student Early Release 12:30 pm	23
24 31	25 Honoring our Ancestors Day SCHOOL CLOSED	26	27	28	29	30

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PERIOD
GUEST
POSS
BONUS
PLAYER
FOUL
FOULS

pədstəgʷəd

"Time of salmonberries"

The salmonberries are ready to harvest.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

We honor a person for what they have done for the people... not for what they have done for themselves.

JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 Honoring Our Past Leaders Day SCHOOL CLOSED	13
14	15	16	17 Last Day of School 12:30 pm Early Release	18 Teacher Work Day / Snow Make-up Day (if needed) School Board Meeting	19 Juneteenth SCHOOL CLOSED	20
21	22 Snow Make-up day (if needed)	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

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"Time of blackberries"

The blackberries are ready to harvest.



OUR TRADITIONAL WAYS

Our traditional way is to feed and make strangers feel comfortable.

JULY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Puyallup Sovereignty Day SCHOOL CLOSED	3 Puyallup Sovereignty Day SCHOOL CLOSED	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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FAMILY GUIDE

Parent Square

Stay connected with us this school year on ParentSquare for all district announcements and emergency communications. Scan the QR code for instructions on how to activate your account.

Schoology

Schoology is available for you to check your student's grades every day! Scan the QR code below to log in.



Please visit all of our shared webpages via https://www.leschischools.org

Culture





We invite you to explore our school's rich cultural heritage by visiting our Culture Department webpage.

Scan the QR code above to meet our Culture staff and access information about events and resources that celebrate and honor our community's traditions.

Special Services

The Special Services Department at Chief Leschi Schools is dedicated to supporting students with diverse learning needs, including those with disabilities or special educational requirements. We provide interventions, accommodations, modifications, and resources to ensure all students have equal access to education.

Counseling Center

Our Counseling Center is a dedicated space where students and families can access a variety of support services. Our counselors are here to assist with academic guidance, emotional well-being, and any personal challenges that may arise.

Transportation

Download the Edulog Parent Portal Lite app to stay connected with your student's bus route this year!

The Parent Portal Lite mobile app by Education Logistics, Inc. (Edulog) allows school districts to share school bus locations with parents and caregivers. The app shows the position of the school bus and sends an alert when the bus enters a notification zone.

Career Technical Education (CTE)

At Chief Leschi Schools, we are connecting classroom to culture and career! Learn more about how your students are becoming #FutureReady in their education!

CONNECTING classroom *to* culture *and* career

Bell Schedules

Scan here to view our bell schedules.

Family Dinners

Join us as we work to build a strong community and strengthen connections between families. Family Dinners offer a welcoming space to share experiences and support one another as we navigate our children's educational journeys together.

September 25th, October 23rd, November 20th , December 11th, January 22nd, February 26th, March 26th, April 23rd, May 21st.

Puyallup Tribal Preschool/ECEAP

Chief Leschi Tribal Preschool / ECEAP builds a foundation for learning about culture, and core academic skills in reading, writing, and math. Of course, our teachers provide ample amount of time for play as well to support our four-year-old students' imagination! Chief Leschi Tribal Preschool / ECEAP is offered five days a week.

Campus Security

Meet our Security Team and learn about the safety and security standards in place on the Chief Leschi Schools campus.

Volunteers & Visitors

We are pleased you are interested in volunteering at Chief Leschi Schools. We appreciate volunteers who give their valuable time and knowledge to help our students grow and learn.

For consideration, you will need to complete the Volunteer Application. **Scan the QR code for application details**.

All CLS visitors must check in with our Secondary or Elementary front offices before entering campus. All visitors will be given a pass for the duration of their visit.



Health Services

We invite you to visit our Health Services page on the school website to find important information about the health and wellness resources available to your students. Our Health Services team is dedicated to supporting the physical and mental well-being of every student.

Inclement Weather

Decisions about school closures or delays due to weather are made with student safety as the top priority. The district aims to make decisions by 5:30 a.m., though sometimes announcements may be made the night before.
If there are changes to the schedule, notifications will be sent directly to families and staff, and posted on the district's website and social media. If no announcement is made, schools will operate on a regular schedule.
In the event of school closures, delays, or early dismissals due to weather conditions, we will communicate updates through the following channels:

- **Social Media**: Follow us on our social sites for the latest announcements.
- **School Website**: Visit our homepage for real-time updates.
- **ParentSquare**: Notifications will be sent directly to your accounts.
- **Edulog Parent Portal App**: Check for bus route changes and delays.

F.A.C.E

The Bureau of Indian Education's (BIE) early childhood education office provides a Family and Child Education (FACE) program which emphasizes kindergarten readiness through collaboration among families, local resources and schools – which is critical for students' academic success. The program includes parenting education to support student development from the earliest years, providing developmentally appropriate resources guiding daily family involvement.
FACE supports three components:

Family Enrichment Services (Prenatal to 3 Years)

Prekindergarten Services (4 - 5 Years)

Adult Education Services

Athletics

Support our Warrior Athletics! Scan the QR code below to view our sports schedules, register for school sports, and stream sporting events live!

GO WARRIORS!

Photography



Throughout the school year, Chief Leschi Schools captures photos of students participating in school activities. These photographs may be used in district and school publications, on our website, and on social media pages. The District assumes permission to use a student's photo, video, or classwork in District and school publications, and on District-sponsored websites UNLESS a parent or guardian submits a request to opt out for their student. For media opt-out, please contact our Enrollment Department at enrollment@leschischools.org to update your student's information.

FOLLOW US! @CHIEFLESCHISCHOOLS
#GOWARRIORS

Menus

SCAN HERE TO VIEW THE SCHOOL MENUS

Enrollment Dates

Visit our enrollment page below

- 2025 Fall re-enrollment will close 9/19/25
- New student applications accepted for Semester 1 are open on 5/5/2025 and will close 10/10/2025
- New student applications accepted for Semester 2 will open on 1/12/2026 and will close 2/13/2026

- 2026 Re-enrollment for current students will open on March 2nd, 2026.

**Puyallup Tribal members will always be eligible to apply.*

Community Resources

Grandview Youth Center

“To provide quality and culturally appropriate early childhood care for all Native American and Alaskan Native families of our community and to provide a safe and nurturing environment for their physical, social, and intellectual growth.”

Language Program syayusadiʔ ʔə txʷəlšucid

“The mission of the Puyallup Tribal Language Program is to revitalize the Twulshootseed language in the Puyallup Tribal community through our Twulshootseed virtues: ƛ̓ububƛ̓ub, kʷaxʷalikʷ, ʔabalikʷ – be kind, be helpful, be sharing.”

Kwawachee Counseling Center

“Kwawachee Counseling Center (KCC) is a safe place where, during difficult times, crisis, or illness, clients can begin to find some purpose in these turning points in life. KCC provides a full range of preventive and treatment options to address your mental health needs.”

211

“211 is a free, confidential service that connects people to locally available programs and resources. The millions of calls, chats, and texts are from people looking for help with stable housing, utility payments, food, mental health, healthcare, disaster recovery, transportation, and other needs.”

EASE Employment / Housing

“At EASE we believe that finding meaningful employment and housing is a great step towards gaining independence and becoming a part of one’s own community.”

Common Sense Media Digital Safety

“From high-quality media recommendations to internet access for all learners, we're making media and technology safer, healthier, and more equitable for kids everywhere. Learn about the issues we stand for below.”

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Acknowledgements

Puyallup Tribe of Indians

Our school's success is deeply rooted in the rich cultural traditions and values of the Puyallup Tribe. We are honored to work in partnership with tribal council, elders, and community members who contribute to our curriculum, programs, and events.

Bureau of Indian Education

We thank the Bureau of Indian Education for their continued commitment to our school. The resources, funding, and support provided by the BIE play a critical role in helping us achieve our mission to deliver a high-quality education that is culturally rooted and academically rigorous.

Together, we are empowering our students to thrive academically, socially, and culturally. We look forward to continuing this important work in partnership with our community.



