October 2025 Harbor Learning Center (HLC) Newsletter

September/October/November Calendar

Sept 24 Early Release @ 12:45 PM for District Wide Collaboration
Oct 3 Early Release @ 11:00 AM for SLC prep
October 6 First day of After School Program
Oct 8 Blood Drive
Oct 8 Family Night 5-7
October Conferences- see dates and time below
Oct 9 and 10 NO SCHOOL, Conferences only
Oct 16 Great Shake Out Drill @ 10:16 AM
Oct 22 Early Release @ 12:45 PM for District wide Collaboration
October 29 Picture retakes
Nov 11 No School Veterans Day
Nov 26, 27, 28 No School Thanksgiving Break

Principal's Message: Student Led Conferences!

It's almost time for our favorite fall activity- HLC Student Led Conferences! This gives all of our families the opportunity to meet individually with their student's advisory teacher and drop in for quick visits with other teachers. Our GHA and Open Doors staff also offer conferences during those days as well. We use this opportunity to schedule 504 Meetings and Attendance Intervention (CEB's) Meetings, too. Sometimes, IEP's are scheduled if needed. Students prepare a short google slides presentation and talk about the progress they are making in their classes and progress toward graduation. **Please contact your student's advisory teacher to book/confirm your conference time.** The changes to the calendar for SLC's include:

Friday, October 3 Early Dismissal for students 11:00 AM (Conference Prep time for Staff)

Wednesday, October 8

- Regular School Day 8:10-2:45
- Conferences from 4-7:30 PM
- Family Night 5-7 PM

Thursday, October 9

- NO CLASSES
- Conferences from 1-4:30 PM and 5-7:30PM

Friday, October 10

- NO CLASSES
- Conferences 9-11:30 AM

Title One Family Night- Wednesday, October 8, 5-7 PM

All students and families are welcome to our first 2025-26 Family Night on Wednesday, October 8, from 5-7 PM. We purposely scheduled a time during conferences when many families are already on campus. Stop by the cafeteria to meet the After School Program staff. We will have snacks, some fun activities, and information about the After School Program and other available academic supports.

HLC Staff Changes

We have added some new staff members this year. Eric Semanko is our new social studies teacher. Our Open Doors/GED Program has grown so big we added an additional case manager to assist Emma Wimberley this year. Her name is Brittni Leitch. She is a certificated experienced teacher so she is a great addition to our Open Doors Program. We have hired an additional MTSS para educator to assist in tutoring. His name is Jacob Borden. Our new SFSA, Student Family Support Assistant, is Crystal Sanchez. She is here Wednesday mornings, but always available by district cell phone.

Great Shake Out October 16 at 10:16 AM

The Great Shake Out is coming 10:16 AM on 10/16/25! Our school district will participate in an earthquake drill followed by a tsunami evacuation/drill. Students should be ready for the weather and ready to hike up the hill. We had a lot of fun the last couple of years, and it is so important for students to know where to go in case of an emergency. This activity takes students off campus for up to an hour.

Counseling Office message- Kasi Turner kturner@asd5.org

Here we go! It has been a great start to the 2025-2026 school year. You have probably heard about SchooLinks from your student. SchooLinks is a new program that is used statewide. It connects the students' High School and Beyond Plan from school to school across the state. What does that mean? It means that if a student moves from one school to another, anywhere in Washington State, their information will follow them. This is great for student progress and tracking their future and current plans. As the School Counselor, I find this very exciting because students are able to track credits, graduation requirements and learn about their options for college and/or a career. Students will continue to track their class progress in Skyward. Make sure you click on the "P" to see how many points your student has in each class. Students must complete a contract with a teacher for 100 points to earn a .5 credit. Having trouble with Skyward? Check with me, the secretaries, or Amy Moyer in the computer lab. Do you have questions about your student's progress toward graduation? Give me a call or stop by. Does your student need someone to listen and assist with problem solving? I can do that, too. I can also assist your family in accessing BHR counseling services. We have LOTS of seniors this year, so I will be busy making sure each of our seniors has an individual plan to complete their high school graduation requirements. - Kasi Turner - School Counselor - kturner@asd5.org - 360-538-2186

HLC Online Classes

If you are attending the Harbor Learning Center and curious about online classes, feel free to contact Robert or Kasi. If you are looking for a challenge, Edgenuity offers Advanced Placement and honors classes. We also offer foreign languages (Spanish, French, German, Latin, Chinese, or ASL Sign Language); upper level science classes like chemistry, physics, or astronomy; and math, including Algebra 2, Trigonometry, or Pre-Calculus. We can also offer psychology, sociology, and economics. If you're interested, please feel free to reach out to Robert or Kasi to explore some options.

Advisory

Advisory is a class students attend **every day.** Our 9-12 students earn points in advisory just like their other classes and earn elective credits. There are **REQUIRED** activities in Advisory, and students are expected to complete them just like they would complete assignments in their other classes. This class is where students access SchoolLinks activities referenced by our counselor, Kasi, in her newsletter section. Like the 24-25 school year, HLC will be hosting clubs and projects twice a week during advisory. Students sign up for the club or project they want to do. We will be starting clubs/projects after Student Led Conferences.

Graduating Senior Information!

Reminder, if your graduating senior is interested in participating in the AHS Annual All Night Safe and Sober Party on Friday, June 5, a senior parent/guardian fundraiser meeting was held at 6 PM at Duffy's restaurant. The remaining meetings are typically monthly at the same time and place. To volunteer or get more information you can email seniorparentsof2026@gmail.com or pick up a flyer at the HLC.

You can also order a yard sign to celebrate your senior! It is all online at https://ahsclassof2026.itemorder.com/shop/home/

They are $40 each, and if you have any senior sign questions contact Lindsey Scott @ 1-360-581-4596.

After School Program

We are still offering the After School Program at Harbor Jr/Sr High. Grays Harbor Academy on-line students and GED students can attend our After School Program. The After School Program starts October 6 and is from 2:45-4:00 Monday through Thursday. In addition to a snack, we offer homework help, state test tutoring, and fun activities. Our focus this year will be to create a community we can thrive in and prepare for success. GED/Open Doors students and GHA students are welcome as well. For any questions, please feel free to reach out to Lisa Griebel at lgriebel@asd5.org

Technology message- Amy Moyer

Please fill out and turn your signed Acceptable Use Policy to Amy Moyer in room 19 as soon as possible. If not turned in by the end of September your access to your school email and devices will be disabled. Students who misuse their electronic devices can also have their account restricted or lose their device so please only use school devices for school activities. Our district uses Linewize to monitor students' online communication and computer use when a student is logged into their ASD account, accessing our district network, or using a district provided device. Reminder: to get a new device for the school year, all prior devices must be returned to their original school. For any questions, please feel free to contact Amy Moyer at amoyer@asd5.org
Please regularly turn off your devices and charge them up nightly so that they work well and are charged up for school.

Don't forget that room 19 isn't only for technology but we also have a maker's space and library. If you want to work quietly on a project or check out a book we are open 10 minutes after each class starts. You will need a note from your teacher and will need to return the last 10 minutes of class to show your work.

Safe and Supportive Campus Expectations

Our school is a choice school. Students and families **CHOOSE** to attend. We follow the same district policies and expectations as our other district schools. We continue to work with our students to follow these expectations which in turn supports a safe learning environment. We enforce our state, district, and school policies and expectations around Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying **AND** Gender Inclusive Schools. Many of our students chose our school knowing that it is a safe place to **be themselves**. We expect all of our students to be respectful of students' gender and gender expression. That includes using a student's preferred name AND not discussing other students' gender or gender expression. It is important that our teens are always respectful of others and make it right when they forget to do so. We have limited bathrooms at our small school. We appreciate your student being patient and understanding while waiting in line. We also appreciate that your student does not linger unnecessarily in the bathroom since others are waiting. Get in and Get out! We follow the same dress code as Aberdeen High School (see below).

Dress Code

All students are expected to come to school or any school sponsored activity appropriately dressed. Dress and appearance must not present health or safety problems, nor be vulgar, offensive or cause a disruption; including drugs, alcohol, gang references or sexual depictions. Clothing styles that create conflict or an atmosphere of intimidation are prohibited. Individual teachers may restrict appearance and attire (i.e. hair, clothing) with special consideration for safety and health issues. **The administration has the authority to make changes at any time to the dress code based on any disruptions to the learning environment, safety and or health concerns.**

- Dress for education- School is for learning.
- Students must wear clothing including both a shirt with pants or skirt, or the equivalent (for example, dresses, leggings, or shorts) and shoes.

- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front and on the sides (under the arms).
- **Sports bras, swimsuits, bralettes, etc. are NOT tanktops so are not considered shirts.**
- Clothing must cover undergarments (waistband and straps excluded).
- Fabric covering breasts, genitals and buttocks must be opaque (not see through).
- Hats and other headwear must allow the face to be visible to staff, and not interfere with the line of sight of any student or staff. Hoodies must allow the face to be visible to the school staff.
- No bandanas are to be displayed or worn in school during the scope of the academic day; exceptions may be approved by administration for special events.
- No flags can be worn as clothing.
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop, and other activities where unique hazards exist.
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear.

- **Clothing MUST take into account we have small children on campus.**

On-line Updating of Student Information

All families in the Aberdeen School District are expected to use Skyward to update their student's information and fill out required back to school paperwork. **Let us help you get it done!**

Open Doors/GED Program

Welcome back, Dragons! We are now in year SIX of our Open Doors / GED program, and it has been very successful. If your student is at least 16 years old by September 1st of this year and is behind in credits, this might be the program for them!

The Open Doors program is a flexible way for students that are struggling to still achieve their academic goals. Students are assigned to a "Flight" in order to provide needed support. The flights ensure that students can access academic interventions and get the guidance they need to pass the GED tests OR complete contracts for High School credit! Remember - something new and exciting to the program last year was that we added a Diploma Pathway for students - a way for students to meet their high school graduation requirements, and receive a high school diploma, along with their GED.

Just this last year, we had 40 students complete their GED and 8 complete their High School Diploma! If this program sounds like something that would help your student please contact Emma Wimberley, our GED mentor, at ewimberley@asd5.org or send a text at 360-986-0122.

Grays Harbor Academy Information

Welcome to the 2025-26 school year! I hope you all had a wonderful, relaxing summer and are ready to start back with school again. Our first day of classes for this new year was Thursday, August 29, and classes will end on Friday, January 17, 2026. Our enrollment in GHA is readily open throughout the semester; however, ***students who enroll late will still need to complete the entire courses from the beginning***. With the exception of grades K-5, we cannot waive coursework for online students.

Grays Harbor Academy is still accepting applications for the 2025-2026 school year. It is important to talk to us before considering this online option. We contract with an online school, Edgenuity. It is a 100% ONLINE school with ONLINE teachers and the expectations are **VERY HIGH!** It works best for students who are self motivated, self starters, who enjoy writing, and love working on a computer for over 5 hours a day. Students who struggle online are required to come to the HLC and receive support as part of an intervention. ***Students who do not make satisfactory progress online will be returned to in person school.*** It is possible to earn a high school diploma through Grays Harbor Academy, and we have had several graduates over the years. Contact rsutlovich@asd5.org

Grays Harbor Academy FAMILY PORTAL- HOW TO KEEP TRACK OF YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS
To access the Family Portal, request access from one of your student's teachers by providing your STUDENT'S FIRST AND LAST NAME, YOUR FIRST AND LAST NAME, AND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS. You will then receive an email with a LINK to the

portal, and another with a randomly generated access code. Click the LINK, then enter the ACCESS CODE and your EMAIL ADDRESS, and create a PASSWORD.
After initial setup, you can log in with your email address and password at any time to review your student's progress.

With the addition of more staff to support our students, we have changed some of the tasks/ responsibilities. We hope this helps direct you to the correct contact. As always, anyone can point you in the right direction.

GHA: Who to contact?

Online Support Teacher/Coordinator **Robert Sutlovich** rsutlovich@asd5.org Call: (360) 538-2180, ext 3303 Text or Call: (360) 581-1154	Parent meetings/communication Student Learning Plans Weekly check-ins Monthly progress reports Conferences Course Enrollments/Schedules Senior outreach for HSBP Student 504 Plans
MTSS Paras **David Bennett** dbennett@asd5.org Call: (360) 538-2180, ext 3327 **Aaron Doull** adoull@asd5.org Call: (360) 538-2180, ext 3328 Jacob Borden jborden@asd5.org	Student help sessions Printing for parents Workbook disbursement Tech Troubleshooting i-Ready testing
Kasi Turner Counselor kturner@asd5.org 360-538-2186	Credits Graduation plans
Amy Moyer, MTSS Assistant amoyer@asd5.org 360-538-2180	Computer check-outs Technology Support
Alison Cline, Special Education Teacher acline@asd5.org (360) 538-2180, ext 3315	Imagine Edgenuity Questions IEP's

ASB (Associated Student Body) Activities!

ASB is back at the HLC for year THREE with another new ASB Advisor, Alison Cline. Congratulations to our 25-26 ASB officers and class representatives. Co-presidents: Angel Covault and AJ Malone, Vice President: Eli Harriman, Treasurer: Brooklyn Larson, Secretary: Danica Alexander. Our class representatives are 12th Grade: Lizzie Wagner and Nyeli Rodriguez-Torres, 11th Grade: Carson Johnson 10th Grade: Madison Leopard and Cyn Aiken, 9th Grade: Makayla Howard and Sophie Malone, and 8th Grade: Liliana Drake and Liam Polley. Spirit week was a huge success. Thank you to everyone who participated. We will be having our annual painted pumpkin auction during conference week. We will be selling

Halloween Candy Grams. Stay tuned to morning announcements for details. Spirit Week will be the last week of October. Let your ASB representatives know any ideas you have!

Student Meals

Our school serves free breakfast and free lunch to all of our Harbor Jr/Sr High students. Students attending our After School Program will also be getting a snack. Grays Harbor Academy students are also welcome to have lunch when they are on campus. We serve breakfast until 10 AM so students arriving late can still get breakfast.