

EAGLE NEWS

Anderson Island Elementary

October 9, 2025



Good afternoon Eagle Families,

We had another great week here at Anderson Island Elementary. Even though it was a short one, our students stayed anchored in excellence and finished strong.

Next week is packed with exciting events. On Wednesday, we'll celebrate Nathan's birthday.

Then on Thursday, we'll be heading out for our big fall field trip to Schilter Farms Pumpkin Patch for a fun day of learning and exploring. To wrap up the week, we'll spend Friday in our Outdoor Classroom, connecting with nature and continuing to learn beyond the walls of our school.

A quick reminder that Conference Week is coming up, October 20–24. Families can now sign up for a time to meet with Mrs. Cunningham to talk about your student's progress. I'll also have a sign-in sheet available on Wednesday and Thursday of that week for families who would like to chat with me. Please remember that during Conference Week, students will be dismissed at 11:30 each day. We'll also be learning about Digital Citizenship that week as we celebrate Digital Citizenship Week.

Captain Corey, our bus driver, has asked me to share a couple of friendly reminders to help keep everyone safe. The bus parking area at the ferry parking lot is reserved for buses only—please avoid parking there during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up times. Additionally, we would like to remind all drivers to slow down and exercise extra caution when traveling through the school zone during arrival and dismissal times. Your help in keeping our students safe is greatly appreciated.

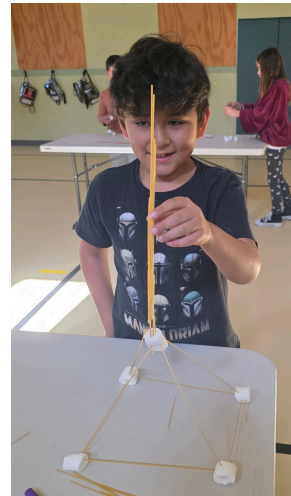
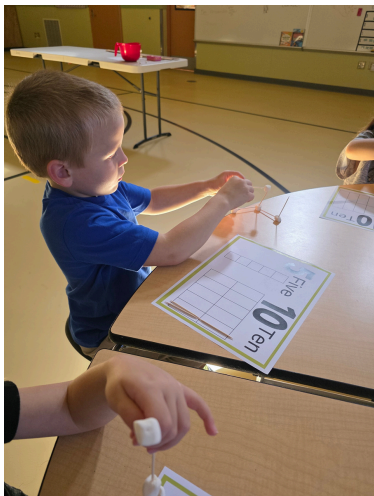
Attendance continues to make a big difference. Students who attend school regularly are more likely to read at grade level by the third grade and exhibit steady academic growth throughout the year. Every day counts, and we appreciate your continued partnership in keeping our Eagles on track.

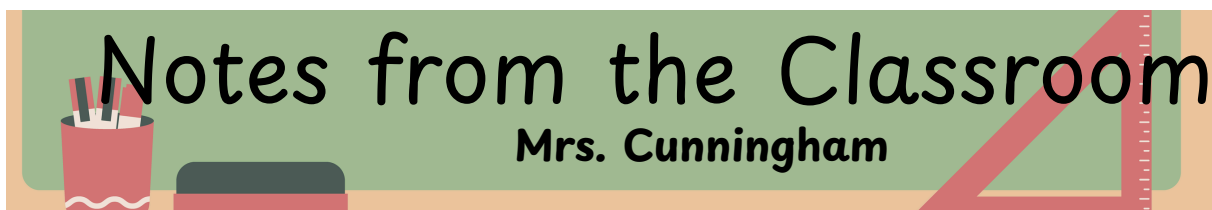
We've got some great things ahead, so enjoy this three-day weekend. Get some rest, have fun playing outside, and keep on reading.

See you all next week.

– Mr. Miller

How tall is your tower?





We knew it was going to be a short week, but it seemed to fly by...

In ELA, all grades enjoyed listening to the story of Chrysanthemum and discussing the meaning of our names. We also worked on determining the beginning, middle, and end of a story. In 3rd grade, we focused on autobiographies and read two short autobiographies: one about Navajo code talkers and another about the children's author Gary Soto. In 2nd grade, we focused on story details and comprehension, while in 1st and K, we continued to work on blending letter sounds together and recognizing sight words. TK students are almost done with their alphabet names and will move on to the letter sounds.

In math, 3rd-grade students are still learning to round and working on place value up to the hundreds place. 1st and 2nd grade students are working on addition and subtraction strategies and mental math up to 10. Kindergarten students are finishing up positional words, while TK students are still learning to have fun with numbers. Counting (forward and backwards) and counting on from any number is a great way to practice their math skills at home.

In science, all grades learned about the life cycle of the pumpkin, and we are now ready for the field trip next week.

Upcoming events:

Oct. 16 - Field trip to Schilter Farm

Oct. 20-24 - Half days/Conferences

Oct. 21 - walking field trip to the fire station

Oct. 27 - walking field trip to the Johnson Farm (pumpkin giveaway)

Oct. 31 - Harvest Party at school (end of the school day)

A note from the Highly Capable Program teacher, Mrs. Hannah Engstrom:

Each year we screen all second grade students for eligibility in the district's Highly Capable Program. This year's screening occurred with the iReady Fall diagnostic tests. Students whose scores meet at least one qualifying point for the program will be invited for further testing via a Parent Square message to their family which includes a "Request for Permission to Test." Further testing will occur during conference week, October 20-24. If you are the parent/guardian of a second grade student and do not receive this Parent Square message, you are welcome to apply for the Highly Capable Program in the Spring. If you have any questions about the program feel free to contact me via Parent Square or email at hengstrom@steilacoom.k12.wa.us.

SHSD Cares - Staying Safe Together

On October 16, our school will join millions of others in the Great ShakeOut Earthquake Drill and practice the steps: Drop, Cover, and Hold On.

This is a good time to remember that we all play a role in keeping our students safe during an emergency. It is natural to want to protect your child by coming to school - but arriving or calling can delay or prevent first responders from reaching our school to help.

Here's how you can help us Stay Safe Together:

Stay Home. Keep our roads and phone lines clear so first responders can reach our school quickly to help.

Stay Informed. Look for updates through ParentSquare and our website. In some situations, accurate information may take time to verify and share.

Be Ready. Be prepared to follow instructions from the district or public safety officers.

After an emergency, students will only be released to individuals listed in Skyward who present a photo ID. Please check your contact information and emergency contacts in Skyward and submit any changes to our school office.

Staying Safe Together also means reporting safety concerns to our district - this can be done anonymously by texting or calling 855-745-3674.

The Steilacoom Historical School District does not sponsor or endorse this event and the district assumes no responsibility for it.



The poster features a dark, spooky background with silhouettes of trees and flying bats. At the top, the text 'AIE BOOSTER CLUB' is written in a purple, dripping font. Below it, 'HALLOWEEN' is in large, orange, dripping letters, and 'TRUNK OR TREAT' is in purple, dripping letters. In the center, a white speech bubble contains the text 'Anderson Island Elementary' and 'Saturday, October 25 5 p.m.'. To the left of the speech bubble are three cartoon children in Halloween costumes (a witch, a girl, and a boy). To the right is a cartoon car decorated for Halloween with a jack-o'-lantern and spider webs.

AIE BOOSTER CLUB
HALLOWEEN
TRUNK OR TREAT

**Anderson Island
Elementary**
**Saturday, October 25
5 p.m.**

This year, we will be hosting Trunk or Treat at the school on Saturday, October 25, 5-7 p.m. This **FREE** event will give our island ghouls a fun evening of festivities and one more opportunity to wear that costume before they outgrow it.

Cars will be parked on the back edge of the field (trunks toward the building). Activities, popcorn, and cocoa will be provided in the covered area.

You can decorate a trunk, bring a pop-up tent, or reserve a table in the covered area to give out treats or set up activities. Please reserve your spot today. Please text your name, type of spot (table, popup, or trunk) to Dana @ 253-226-1407

Booster Club Meeting
Tuesday, October 14
5 p.m.

Riviera Restaurant

**Appetizers & Soft Drinks
Provided**

**Join us to
Finalize the 2025-26 Budget.**

**Review Calendar
Set goals**

Playground Update

Track Update

& More