November 2025 Harbor Learning Center (HLC) Newsletter

October/November/December Calendar

October 27-31 Spirit Week
October 29 Picture retakes
Nov 11 No School Veterans Day
November 25 Rotary Thanksgiving Meal, Special Bell Schedule
Nov 26, 27, 28 No School Thanksgiving Break
Dec 3 Early Release 12:45
Dec 19 Early Release 11:00 AM
December 22-January 2 Winter Break
January 5 School Resumes

Principal's Message:

As we move into November, our school community is filled with gratitude for the connections, learning, and growth we've shared with one another this school year. The upcoming holiday season is the perfect time to reflect on what we're thankful for and to appreciate the many ways we support one another. We encourage families to take time to rest, recharge, and enjoy moments together during the upcoming school breaks. Our staff remains dedicated to creating a caring and inclusive environment where every student can do their best. We wish for you a peaceful and joyful start to the holiday season! The HLC is planning some festive activities and opportunities for students to give back and get creative, so keep an eye out for upcoming events. We look forward to Turkey Grams, Winter Wishes, and other fun events planned by students for students.

NEW SCHOOL

Advisory Clubs and Activities- Back again to HLC this year is Advisory Fun! We surveyed students, and then staff planned fun advisory activities. Students then chose which activity they wanted to participate in. Activities range from yoga, games, open gym, quiet studying, ASB meetings, 3D Printing and more! We are doing these activities on Mondays and Wednesdays. All the activities are popular, BUT board games seem to be the MOST popular one right now.

Winter/Holiday Activities- We plan lots of fun Holiday activities during the month of December. Winter Wishes is a new tradition at the Harbor Learning Center. Students make simple and reasonable wishes for themselves and/or other Dragons. Our school community spends the weeks leading up to Winter Break granting student wishes. Let us know if your family would like to participate by granting a student wish in some way. The day before Winter Break is our annual student pancake breakfast along with other fun holiday activities. Staff sponsor a holiday activity in their room and students sign up to participate in the activity. It's a fun way to send off students before the two week break. Don't forget students are released at 11:00 AM that day.

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. **SENIORS**: The FAFSA is open. Come see me to get information about financial aid. 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 is hosting clubs and projects twice a week during advisory. Students sign up for the club or project they want to do. We started 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 online students and GED students can attend our After School Program. The After School Program started October 6 and is from 2:45-3:45 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 or Emma Wimberley at ewimberley@asd5.org

Technology message- Amy Moyer

Room 19- Library Expectations. Do you need a quiet place to study or do you need a fun book to read? Or maybe you need some supplies for a poster or diorama? This is your place. Reminders. (So everyone can enjoy the library.)

- Bring a note from your teacher so I know they know you are here.
- We work one per table unless your teacher specifies otherwise.
- We work quietly so others can also read and think.

- We clean up after ourselves.
- We go back to class the last ten minutes to show our teacher what we worked on and turn in finished assignments.

Tech message:
Please regularly turn off your devices and charge them up nightly so that they work well and are charged up for school.

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).

Open Doors/GED Program

Can you believe we are already on week ELEVEN of school? The GED program is busier than ever and has 83 students enrolled. We have been incredibly successful this year with 5 GED graduates already! We've also already had our first student graduate with their high school diploma through the program. If your student turned 16 before September 1st and is behind in credits, this might be the pathway for them!

The Open Doors program is a flexible way for students that are struggling in a traditional high school to achieve their academic goals. Students are assigned to a "flight" in order to provide needed support. This ensures that students can get the guidance they need to pass the GED tests OR to complete contracts for their High School Diploma. Remember - last year we added the Diploma pathway for students, which is a way for students to meet their high school graduation requirements and graduate with their diploma on top of their GED!

Last school year, we had 40 students complete their GED and 8 complete their High School Diploma. If this is something you or your student are interested in, please reach out to our GED mentors Emma Wimberley (ewimberley@asd5.org) and Brittni Leitch (bleitch@asd5.org) or text us at 360-986-0122.

Grays Harbor Academy Information

We are well into the 2025-26 school year, and we are off to a good start! 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***. Since time is quickly passing, late enrollments will end up with fewer classes, and that can put a high schooler behind in credits. With the exception of grades K-5, we cannot waive coursework for online students.

In grades 7-12, we are using a new program this year called School Links, it can be accessed through Clever. This program helps students prepare for the High School and Beyond Plan, which is a graduation requirement. There will be periodic tasks to complete throughout the school year. Currently, there are two short assignments to complete: "Onboarding" and a short reflection survey. Please let Robert, or Kasi, know if you need assistance finding, or completing, these.

All GHA students are included in i-Ready diagnostics, as well as the Panorama Survey. When these are available, the expectation is that students complete these in a timely manner. We do these in the fall, winter, and spring. Please be checking your email frequently to stay up to date on things that need to get completed, and respond as necessary. Good communication is critical to being a successful student online.

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/Grades 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 Transcripts
Amy Moyer, MTSS Assistant amoyer@asd5.org 360-538-2180, ext 3333	Computer check-outs/check-ins 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!

Our pumpkin auction was a huge success. We raised over $470.00. The students have chosen to have a prom in the Spring and the funds will go to help cover the cost. We are also selling candy grams for Halloween. Our ASB plans the student/staff competition for our Student of the Month Assembly each month. The October competition on Oct 31 is going to be a huge hit! Our ASB is working with the HLC Leadership club to plan future events for our school.

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.