



# Eagle News

Anderson Island Elementary

October 31, 2025

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

We had another great week here at school, filled with fun fall activities and an air of excitement. Next week, we'll kick off November with PE on Monday, STEAM on Tuesday, Library Wednesdays, and play practice and music on Thursdays, and our Outdoor Classroom on Friday—all part of keeping our Eagles Anchored in Excellence.

A big thank-you to the Johnson Family Farm for donating the pumpkins for our fall fun this week! The kids loved the activities, and our costume parade was a big hit—always a highlight of the season.

Olivia will be celebrating her birthday on November 2nd, and we'll celebrate when we return to school next week.

Attendance note: Every day of school really does make a difference. Missing just two days a month adds up to more than 18 days in a year, and that's a lot of valuable learning time. Thank you for helping your Eagle arrive here on time and ready to learn each day.

Have a Happy Halloween, everyone! Get outside and play, get some rest, and find a good book to read.

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

- Mr. Miller

Nov 10 Veterans Day Tea 12:10

Nov 11 No School Veterans Day

November 26 Half-Day Thanksgiving Feast

Nov 27 & 28 No School Thanksgiving

# Notes from the Classroom

## Mrs. Cunningham

Bats and Pumpkins.. oh my!

This week was filled with all sorts of information about bats and pumpkins. We started with an amazing discovery of pumpkins on our trail behind the school. Although our field trip to the Johnson Farm was cancelled, the pumpkins were delivered to the school just in time. Next, we read one of my favorite stories Stellaluna.

Bats...

Stellaluna, by Janell Cannon, is a fictional story about a baby bat that is separated from her mother and raised by birds. In the end, Stellaluna finds her mother and extends her new bird family into the life of her bat family. After Stellaluna, we read a nonfiction book about bats and learned many bat facts. To end our unit on bats, we created our very own little bats that should be in your student's backpack.

Pumpkin Science...

You can't end October without investigating pumpkins! On Wednesday we had a morning filled with pumpkin science. We weighed and measured pumpkins, determined if pumpkins sink or float, and used describing words to illustrate and draw our perfect little pumpkins. We concluded the week with a wonderful lesson from Island Arts and a Fall Craft Party.

Science words of the week:

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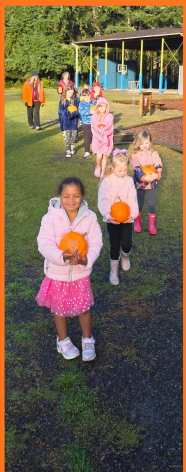
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See you Monday,  
Mrs. Cunningham

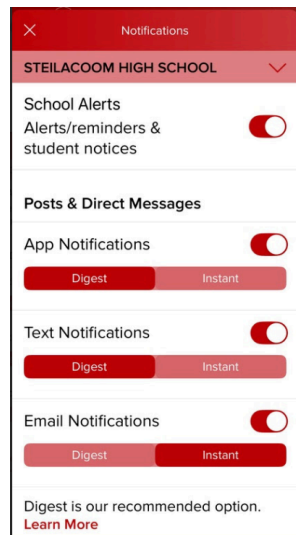




# Steilacoom Historical School District News

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## ParentSquare Update



How would you like us to communicate with you?

Did you know ParentSquare provides options of how and when you receive communication from our school?

From either a web browser or the ParentSquare app, you can click on Account and then Notifications to select which mode(s) will receive notifications, and how often you will receive them. For each mode (text, email, and app) you can choose to receive instant notifications or a daily digest notification.

Have questions? Check out this ParentSquare article or reach out to the school office for assistance.

## Free & Reduced Lunch Benefits during Government Shut-Down

The Child Nutrition Eligibility and Education Benefit (CNEEB) Application for Free and Reduced-Price Meal Benefits for Families Affected by the Government Shutdown

Due to the federal government shutdown, households of furloughed employees may be eligible for free or reduced-price meal benefits. A furlough is a unique situation where households may not have information on the duration of the furlough or the ultimate impact on the household income. While free or reduced-price meal eligibility is intended to reflect actual annual income, applications may reflect the current household situation.

Families whose household income has been impacted by the government shutdown are encouraged to apply for free/reduced-price meal benefits for their student(s). Information on completing the application form can be found on the district's website [here](#).

Should the economic hardship due to the furlough be remedied, families whose applications were approved should terminate or update their free/reduced price status.

Please reach out to [studentnutrition@steilacoom.k12.wa.us](mailto:studentnutrition@steilacoom.k12.wa.us) if you have questions or need additional assistance.



## Help your child avoid foot fugus (Tinea Pedis)

Athlete's Foot (Tinea Pedis) Athlete's foot is a common contagious infection caused by a fungus. It grows best in dark, warm, moist places.

### Prevention

Keep feet clean and dry by wearing socks and shoes that allow good airflow (no vinyl, rubber or shoes that are too tight). Dry wet shoes, and if needed, add antifungal powder or antiperspirant spray.

The athlete's foot rash appears between the toes or on the arch of the foot. The skin can be red with clear bumps and small blisters, or it will peel, crack, or flake. They can make you very itchy and sometimes burn.

Contact your pediatrician if your child has ongoing problems.