

Eagle News



Anderson Island Elementary

March 6, 2026

Good afternoon Eagle Families,

We had an AWESOME week here at Anderson Island Elementary, capped off this morning with our Community Breakfast. Thank you all so much for the great turnout. It was wonderful to see so many families and community volunteers join us. Special thanks to Kiwanis for the grant we used to purchase STEAM items that students used to create their story displays.

Thank you to everyone who participated in our month-long Read-A-Thon fundraiser, which raised over \$4,900! Former students and community members joined in the fun, and together we read 36,970 minutes-WOW. Nathan Tromble will be the principal for the day on Wednesday, March 11. I can't wait to hear his plans. The support for this school and the care for these kids is so evident, and we couldn't be more proud of the effort our students put into reading this month. All 16 of our Eagles participated and read throughout the month. Talk about staying Anchored in Excellence—our Eagles know how to do that for sure!

Next week will be a four-day school week, as next Friday, the 13th, will be a district-wide Professional Development Day for staff. We will also get to celebrate Mrs. Cathy's birthday next week, which will be a lot of fun.

I hope you all have a great weekend. Remember to get some rest, get outside, and although I probably don't need to say it... keep reading!

Thank you again for your support of our students and for joining us this morning for breakfast.

Go Eagles!

See you all next week.

- Mr. Miller



March 13 No School (Professional Development for staff)
March 27-School Closure make up day (school in session)
April 1-3 Conference Half Days
April 23 Point Defiance Zoo Field Trip (Extended Day_

Notes from the Classroom

Mrs. Cunningham

And just like that... Spirit Week is done! Thank you for all your fun and creative ideas! This week was full of wild socks, stuffed animals, and wonderful books to read! We enjoyed finishing up our fairy tales, building amazing settings, music with stuffed animals, and taking pictures with our stuffed animals. We ended the week with a scrumptious Wild about Reading breakfast. Thank you to everyone who helped out and made Wild about Reading (and writing) an event that will not be forgotten.

Not only was February a month all about reading, every student worked through the writing process from brainstorming to editing to create their very own fairy tale.

Younger students used the "roll the dice" technique to choose their characters, setting, magic, and conclusion. Once they had the basics selected they orally dictated their fairy tale to an adult for the first draft. Later they edited and added more details as needed.

Older students brainstormed using a "web" that included characters (hero and villain), setting, problem, and conclusion. This was a lot of work but well worth it! It was so much fun to watch everyone proudly show off their fairy tales!

Next week will be a short 4 day week followed by a week of Sr. Patrick's Day learning and activities.

Thank you again for a record breaking Read A Thon Fundraiser and for helping your student become Wild About Reading (and writing).

P.S. - Happy Birthday Remy!

Important dates:

March 5 -Remy's birthday

March 13 - no school

March 27 - we have school (not a snow day)





3rd grade assessments

Dear Anderson Island 3rd Grade Families,

As we move into spring, our 3rd-grade students will be participating in the Washington State Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) in English Language Arts (ELA) and Math. These assessments provide important information about student growth and help us reflect on how we continue supporting each learner at Anderson Island Elementary.

Testing Dates:

Smarter Balanced Assessments (ELA & Math):

May 12, 13, 19, and 20

Because we are a small school and work closely with each student, consistent attendance during testing days is especially important. Please plan ahead to ensure your child is present and arrives on time. If possible, avoid scheduling appointments or activities that may conflict with testing.

Participation Requirement:

State testing is required for all students. If you are considering refusing to have your child tested, a meeting with an administrator is required prior to April 3. Refusal requests will not be accepted without a prior meeting, and no refusals can be granted after that date.

How You Can Support Your Child:

Ensure they get a good night's sleep before testing days

Provide a healthy breakfast

Encourage a calm, confident mindset

Remind them that this is simply an opportunity to show what they know

At Anderson Island Elementary, we focus on growth, effort, and perseverance. We are proud of the work our 3rd graders have done this year, and we are confident they will approach these assessments with focus and determination.

If you have questions or would like to schedule a meeting regarding testing, please contact the school office before April 3.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.



Total Funds Raised
\$4,951.60
Total Minutes Read
36,970

Top Student Readers
Nathan Tromble
Harper Noordman
Thea Tromble

Top Student Fundraisers
Nathan Tromble
Thea Tromble
Jimmy Hoggarth

Top Island Kid Readers
Damian Tromble
Summer Music-Imbert
Sirenity Music

Top Island Kid
Fundraisers
Damian Tromble

Top Community Readers
Cheyenne Walter
Dana-Lynn Ballou
Tiffany Tarter

Community Fundraisers
Dana-lynn Ballou
Kerry Larsen

Thank you Readers!

Cheyenne, Nathan, Tiffany, Harper, Thea, Damian,
Mrs. Ballou, Jimmy, Adam, Merritt, Sirenity, Leo, ,
Emma, Rose, Alkai, Remy, Miracle, Sharifa, SW,
Summer, Aliya, Olivia, Faye, Mrs. Cunningham