

TUMWATER HILL ELEMENTARY

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FREE & REDUCED APPLICATION

Hello, Families!

We need your help!

Meal applications (free/reduced meal applications) can help our school receive essential funding and resources. Tumwater Hill is always needing more funding to support our students, and these applications are the easiest way for us to access that money.

Paper applications are in our office or [visit our district website here for the online application process.](#)

Please take a small amount of time to make a big impact on our school's future.

Thank you very much!

Principal Halvorson

LIBRARY NEWS

The book fair will be open during conference week.

Stay tuned for information about hours and how to share the book love!

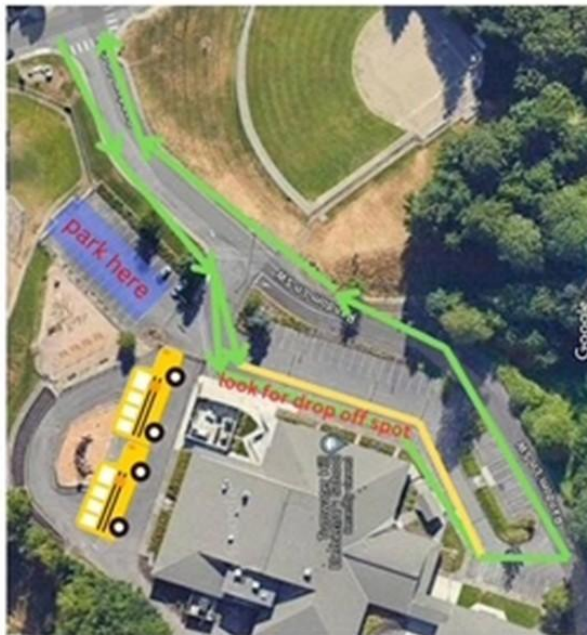


PARKING LOT SAFETY

Please Slow Down!

Drop-off and Pickup Lane Guidance

It works like an airport!



BUS ZONE: NO CARS



DESIGNATED PARKING SPOTS

DROP-OFF

8:35-8:45



Mon.-Fri.

PICKUP

3:15 PM



Mon.-Thurs.

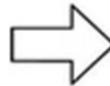
*ACT Fri: 2PM



Listen to staff
They are there to help



Be patient and
considerate



Use your turn signals



Cars will weave in and
out; this is expected and
not cutting the line

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- Enter Ridgeview Loop, yielding to the crossing guard.
 - Proceed in the line of cars until you reach the sidewalk; this is where drop off/pickup begins. If there is an open spot ahead, weave in and stop.
 - Cars closest to the sidewalk are stopped and unloading/loading.
 - Allow your child(ren) to get out/in on their own; **Caregivers should not exit the car**
 - Slowly exit the drop-off lane. **Don't delay; this keeps the line moving.**
 - Those that need more time or assistance should park in the lot or on the street and walk to the gate.
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Thank you for your help in making these times of day smooth!

PE NEWS

In PE we have spent the first several weeks of school participating in games and activities that help to foster a safe and caring class community.

As we get into October, we are starting to get into our fall physical fitness tests (running, push-ups, curl-ups, reach). We will also be learning about the 5 Components of Fitness (muscular endurance, muscular strength, cardiorespiratory endurance, flexibility, and body composition). We will be participating in exercise stations, and games that reinforce the 5 Components of Fitness learning.



COUNSELOR NEWS

During Social Emotional Learning (SEL) in September, students focused on building strong classroom and school communities. Classroom teachers have done a phenomenal job fostering kind, supportive, and helpful environments where students feel connected and valued. Students also explored what it means to be their best selves by developing greater awareness and understanding of their emotions.

In October, students will begin exploring the connection between their emotions and thoughts. They will also learn about self-talk and how the way we talk to ourselves can influence our self-esteem and self-efficacy. These lessons will help students develop a deeper understanding of themselves and the ways their thoughts can shape how they feel and respond to different situations.





Veterans Day 2026

Veterans Day Assembly

Tuesday, Nov. 10th @ 9:05am

– Veterans are invited!! –

It's time for Tumwater Hill's tradition of honoring our community of Veterans with a performance by the 4th & 5th grade Choir and a special Veterans slideshow. Choir families are invited to attend!

Here are a few ways to honor our Veterans in our show:

Option #1: Invite a Veteran! We would love to fill the gym with our THE military members (past or current!) Students will have an opportunity to stand by their Veteran if they want at one point during the assembly.

Option #2: Send in a digital photo! → → → **Due by** Friday, Nov. 6th!!

If you have a picture of your Veteran (can also include the THE student!), please email the digital image to Mrs. Stoker by Friday, Nov. 6th. heather.stoker@tumwater.k12.wa.us If you have an original photo, please scan it or take a photo of it and send by email. Please do not send in original photos.

****If you had pictures in last year's slideshow,** they will be there again!! If you want to update with new pictures/information, please let me know.

Include the following information in your email with the image:

1. Student's first and last name
2. Veteran's name (write exactly how you want it shown on the slideshow – rank/title optional)
3. Veteran's relationship to student ("Wyatt's uncle", "Isabelle's great-grandmother", etc.)
4. Branch of service (Army, Air Force, National Guard, etc.)
5. Years of service (optional)

Option #3: Decorate & cut out a star(s) ★

There will be paper stars available for students to take home and decorate! They can write a military person's name & branch... or even just decorate with Armed Forces branch names, red/white/blue, etc. We'll hang these in the hallway by the gym, so Veterans and families can enjoy them as they enter the assembly. **Return by Nov. 6th.**



PUSH-UPS Contest! We're looking for military members who would like to compete against some 5th graders in a push-ups contest!! Please email me ASAP if you're interested!

Please contact me if you have any questions!!

Heather Stoker, K-5 Music heather.stoker@tumwater.k12.wa.us

TSD IS HIRING!

Our district is hiring for multiple substitute positions – we are especially interested in hiring additional substitute bus drivers! If you are interested in a flexible position that supports students and schools, we encourage you to apply. Learn more and apply here:

- [District Employment Page](#)
- [Substitute Bus Driver Posting](#)



Tumwater School Board Meeting Schedule

October 22nd : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
November 12th : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
December 3rd : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
January 28th : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
February 25th : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
March 25th : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
April 22nd : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
May 20th : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
June 10th : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
July 22nd : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office
August 26th : 6:00 pm Board Meeting at the District Office

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