

Coyote Pup News 9/18/26

Kittitas Elementary School

At Kittitas Elementary School, our mission is to cultivate a welcoming and supportive environment where every student feels safe, valued, and empowered to grow academically and personally, preparing them for future success.

Mrs. Taylor's Second Grade Saves Fred!

This week Mrs. Taylor's 2nd graders have worked on a series of STEM challenges involving Fred the Gummy Worm. They have saved Fred, built him a parachute, a bridge, a safe shelter and even a zip line. These challenges helped us practice problem solving and working cooperatively.



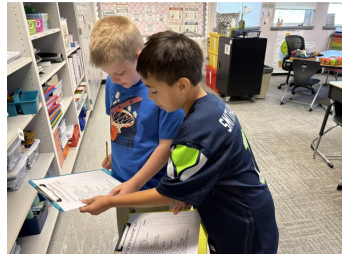
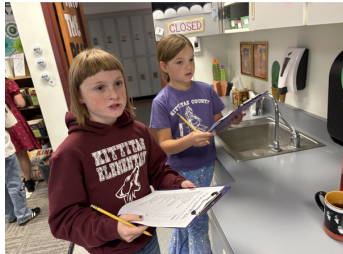
Ms. Byer's Second Graders Make Math Meaningful

Our second graders in Ms. Byer's have been busy learning through math centers! Students worked independently and with classmates to practice important skills, solve problems, and explain their mathematical thinking. Math centers provide an engaging way for students to build confidence while learning from one another.



Mrs. Kelleher and Mrs. Eres' Third Graders Had Learning Adventures!

Mrs. Kelleher's and Mrs. Eres' third graders have been busy learning through exploration, teamwork, and creativity! Students worked together during a classroom scavenger hunt that encouraged problem-solving and careful observation. They also put their engineering skills to the test during a STEM challenge to design and build a sturdy perch for Harry the pompom. These hands-on activities made learning both meaningful and fun!



Mrs. Perez's Fifth Graders Explore Volume

Fifth-grade students in Mrs. Perez's class jumped into Unit 1 of the Illustrative Mathematics curriculum through Imagine Learning! During their first week, students explored cubes to develop a clear understanding of volume and how it is measured. This hands-on investigation helped students build a strong foundation for the learning ahead.



Seahawk Fridays and/or Spirit Game Days! Wear your gear
on Sept 25



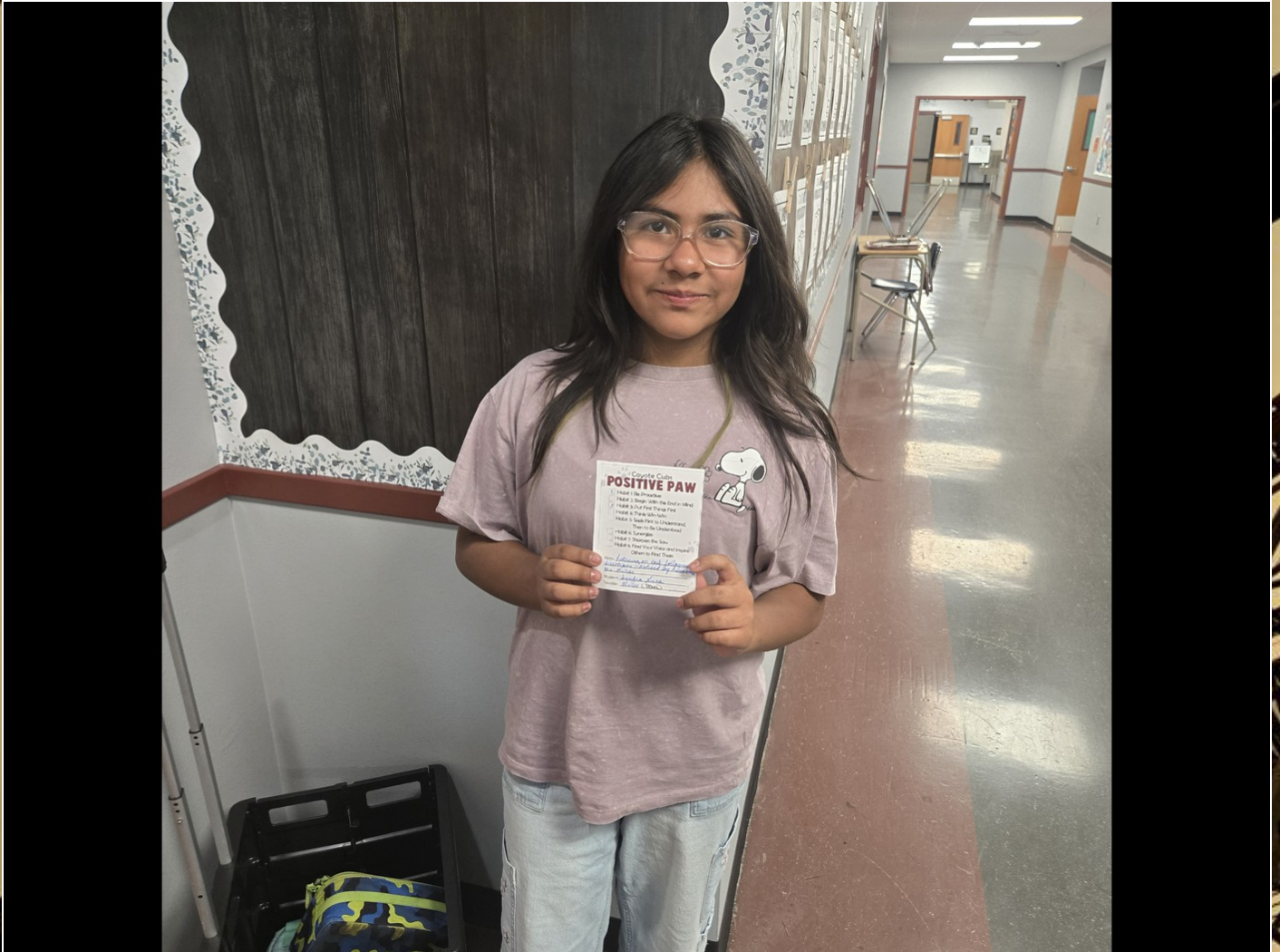
Mrs. Ravet Won the "Guess What's in the Beverage
Dispenser Jar!"



No Personal Technology in School Reminder

Please remember that cell phones, ear buds, Smartwatches, tablets, etc. (any technology device not owned by the district) is prohibited from use on the school campus. If brought to school, it must be turned off and in the backpack. If student has the device out or on their person, it will be confiscated and submitted to the Principal or designee until the end of the day and will be required to be picked up by a parent or guardian. If you haven't seen it yet, we are also hoping our families will consider participating in the [Wait Until 8](#) program. Thank you!

Miss Sandra Lira is Our First Leader of the Week!



Celebrating Our Positive Paw Winners! These Students Practiced the Coyote Way!



Volunteer Form Reminder- Background Checks and Hall Passes Rquired

Hi all. If you plan on being in our building, we need volunteer background checks completed. Please pick one up from Miss Abby in the main office. She will need a copy of your driver's license/State ID to complete the process. Once she receives the form and driver's license/State ID, it is forwarded to the district office for the background check process. This is not instantaneous, so please allow ample time before you wish to participate in a classroom or field trip. Also, a big reminder, **ALL visitors, even before school dropping off your littles, MUST sign in and receive a visitor badge at the main office.** Thank you for helping keep our students safe and following basic safety procedures.

When is your child too sick for school?

School attendance is a powerful predictor of school success and on-time graduation. Research shows that when students miss fewer than 10% of their school days, they have much stronger success in school. Use these tips to tell when your child is too sick to attend school.

Send your child to school if they...	Call a healthcare provider if they...
 Don't feel great but are able to participate in normal activities.	 Have a fever of 100.4°F or higher for more than 2 days.
Keep your child home if they...	 Throw up or have diarrhea for more than 2 days.
 Feel sick and have a fever of 100.4°F or higher, test positive for flu or COVID-19, or can't participate in normal activities.	 Have the sniffles for more than a week and aren't getting better.
 Have thrown up in the past 24 hours.	 Have asthma symptoms after using asthma medicine. If they have trouble breathing after using an inhaler, call 911.
 Have diarrhea and increased stool frequency.	 This is general guidance. Schools, healthcare providers, or the Health Department may advise differently based on individual circumstances.
 Have a rash of unknown origin. They can return to school when a healthcare provider says it's okay.	
 Have an oozing sore or wound you can't cover or contain.	



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Adapted from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department in partnership with the WA State Department of Health

Calendar Updates:

9/18 Seahawk Spirit Friday (or whatever team your child wants to rep)

9/25 Seahawk or Coyote Spirit Friday or whatever team your child wants to rep

9/25 Picture day

9/30 Student of the Month Assembly/Coyote Spirit Wear Day

10/6 PTO Meeting 6:30pm in KES Library (If you think we have enough members for the activities going on all year, you would be incorrect. More hands make for less work. Please join us!)



**CALENDAR
UPDATES**



Kittitas Elementary Behavior Expectations

	RESPONSIBLE	RESPECTFUL	SAFE
CLASSROOM	- Follow classroom procedures - Complete all work on-time - Always do your best	- Use kind words and actions - Honor differences in others	- Keep hands and feet to self - Keep classroom clean - Use materials and furniture appropriately
HALLWAY (Level 0 voice)	- Stay in line - Keep to right when possible	- Quiet feet - Hands off walls and lockers - Listen to all staff directions - Be aware of others around	- Keep hands and feet to self - Keep hallway clean - Walk facing forward only - Open doors carefully
RESTROOM (Level 1 voice)	- Go, flush, wash 2 Pumps of Soap, 2 Paper Towels, Trash - Report problems to an adult	- Wait your turn; give privacy to others - Stay in your stall and unlock when not in use	- Keep hands and feet to self - Walk only - Keep restroom clean
LUNCHROOM (Level 2 voice)	- Focus on eating - Eat your own food - Eat breakfast before you play	- Use kind words and actions - Stay seated until excused - Raise hand for help	- Walk only - Carry tray with both hands - Keep hands and feet to self - Keep lunchroom clean
PLAYGROUND (All level voices)	- Report problems to an adult on playground - Line up when the whistle blows - Stay within boundaries	- Use kind words and actions - Take turns and share - Include others	- Return things you take out - School-appropriate play - Run on grass areas only - Use playground equipment appropriately
DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP	- Report problems to an adult (if you see something not school appropriate) - Maintain safety and security of district devices - Use assigned accounts only	- Be positive - Use kind words and actions	- Protect personal information like passwords, phone numbers, or addresses. - Use school appropriate sites

Voice Levels:

Level 0



Level 1



Level 2



Level 3



Principal's Corner

Dear Coyote Families,

We are having an absolutely wonderful time kicking back off the new year. The youngest of our pack are tired at the end of a first full week, but learning is abounding. We have completed initial testing for any reading intervention needs and have almost completed our baseline data for reading and math using the

Renaissance STAR system. Our end of year state testing from last year has come in and our school is on the rise!

Our focus this year is on student accountability toward academic, attendance, and behavior. We also have our energy going toward improving family engagement with school. The highlights of our School Improvement Plan will be shared at the board meeting and then with you all in our next newsletter.

Please get those volunteer forms in, attend the PTO meetings, and join us as we work together to educate your child(ren) in preparation for future success. The first PTO meeting is Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30pm in our library. We really hope to see you there.

Ms. LaFrenier
Principal

[Student/Family Handbook 2026-2027](#)



About Us

We are a small rural school with around 250 students in grades Transitional Kindergarten through grade five. We have 16 certificated teachers and offer music, PE, and library as specialist times throughout the week.



We value our parent and community volunteers since we know it takes a village to raise productive citizens. What impact are you able to make? See below to contact us.

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Childfind

Are you worried about your child's development?

Parents or caregivers who think their child may be developmentally delayed in one or more areas (adaptive, motor, concepts, language/articulation, and/or social emotional) can contact their local district to receive a free Child Find Screening. Children ages 3-5 are eligible for a screening.

Complete a screening request here or call Abby at 509-955-3120, Option 2.

English: <https://docs.google.com/.../1AmS.../edit...>

Spanish: <https://docs.google.com/.../1R2HkTVfNIR9uT.../edit...>

Nuts and Bolts of our Days!

Drop off/Pick up: We want your children to be safe. Please do not drop off or allow students to walk to school before we have supervision out. No earlier than **8:45am** on Mondays and no earlier than **7:45** Tuesday through Friday. Additionally, please use the crosswalks and do not walk children out between the cars.

PTO- Please consider joining the Parent teacher organization. All money raised by this organization is meant to benefit the students, staff, and families of KES students. PTO meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30pm in our library (except January is the second Tues.) Come join us to plan fundraisers and great events for our students.

Box Tops- If you sign up for the Box Tops app, you can scan your receipts for money sent in to our school. The funds go directly to Kittitas Elementary School's ASB account and our Student Leadership Council gets to determine how to spend the money.



Jenny Lafrenier

Jenny is using Smore to create beautiful newsletters