

Coyote Pup News 10/2/26

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.

Our 2026-2027 Student Leadership Council

Please welcome our amazing Student Leadership Council for the 2026-2027 School Year. Left to Right:

Sandra Lira, Reid Main, Braven Hoylroud, Kennedy Rusch, Chesney Bollinger, and Axel Gilliss. These students wrote papers and gave speeches to be selected by their peers. Well done to each of you and great voting by our students!



Our September Students of the Month

Dusty Hetrick, Natalie Sanchez, Lovey Woodiwiss, Charlotte Quilici, Amahleya Kirby, Valerie Foley, Ray Haberman, Natalie Rheinberger, Natalia Caballero-Ibarra, Brice Campbell, Brooke Andersh, Mason Martin



Staff Members of the Month: Mr. Pina and Mrs. Coons

One of the first activities our Student Leadership Council was responsible for was running the Student of the Month Assembly and selecting the Staff Members of the Month. They did a great job honoring students, staff, and teaching our students about Habit 1 Being Proactive.



Tech Time

Our students are learning skills toward Digital Literacy Standards in the State of WA through Mrs. Ruby Rodriguez, our Library Para Tech. If you would like to read more about the standards for your child(ren)'s grade levels, please check out this link: <https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/2023-08/k-12-edtech-standards-complete-2018.pdf>



Run a Mile in PE Week- Ms. LaFrenier Ran With 5th Graders!!!

Our students are getting ready for the Presidential Physical Fitness tests coming soon. Ms. LaFrenier has not attempted to run a full mile in many years. Maybe a decade or more. She finished the mile in just over 13 minutes with a few walking paces in there. Next month, she will run again and try to beat that time. We are hoping to motivate our students to keep moving!



Mr. Pina Demonstrates Great Form in Recess Football

We have had a wonderful time getting to know Mr. Pina. He is teaching students how to play at recess time. This goes hand-in-hand with how to win and lose graciously. It is also a great way to release stress and invigorate the brain for continued learning throughout the day.



Seahawk Fridays and/or Spirit Game Days! Wear your gear on Oct 9



Our Swings on the North Playground are Open!

Thank you to our PTO and families, the Clerf Foundation, and Advantage Dirt for donating money, time, and materials to the opening of our new swingsets. The students are absolutely loving them!!!





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!

Volunteer Form Reminder- Background Checks and Hall Passes Required

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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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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

Calendar Updates:

9/30 Student of the Month Assembly/Coyote Spirit Wear Day
10/2- Seahawk or Coyote Spirit Friday or whatever team your child wants to rep
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!)
10/9- Seahawk or Coyote Spirit Friday or whatever team your child wants to rep





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



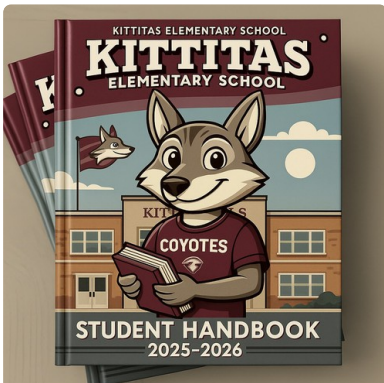
Principal's Corner

Dear Coyote Families,

Our swings are open, we had a fabulous first Student of the Month Assembly, our reading intervention groups are up and running, and the general vibe here is absolutely amazing. We have a fun staff, dedicated staff and are helping our community raise wonderful young citizens!

Have a great weekend everyone.

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 (No meeting in January.) 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

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