Pinewood Panther School News

"Better Together"

Pinewood Elementary
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Pinewood Office Hours
8:15 AM-4:15 PM

February 2026

February News: Celebrating Heroes and Staying Healthy!

Happy February! This month is all about honoring the past and taking care of our future. Here is what's happening around our school community:

Celebrating Black History Month: 100 Years of Stories!

This February is extra special because it marks the 100th anniversary of the very first "Black History Week," which eventually became the month-long celebration we know today.

- What we're learning: Our students are exploring the incredible contributions of Black scientists, artists, and leaders who changed the world.
- Theme for 2026: This year's theme is "A Century of Black History Commemorations." It's a great time to talk with your child about how history helps us build a kinder, more inclusive world for everyone.

Flu Season: Help Us Keep Our Classrooms Healthy!

We love seeing our students every day, but during this busy flu season, the best way to help your friends is to stay home if you are sick.

According to the CDC's Weekly Flu Report, flu activity is very high right now, especially for kids. To keep our school a safe place to learn, please remember:

- The "24-Hour Rule": Students should stay home until they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without using medicine.
- Wash Your Hands: We're practicing our "20-second scrub" in the hallways—remind your little ones to do the same at home!

We hope this month brings new opportunities for growth, learning, and appreciation. Thank you for being part of this journey as we celebrate the importance of history, community, and respect for all.

Go PANTHERS!

Rich Middaugh

Principal

Important Dates

PTSA Sponsored Events
See Calendar On Page 3

February
2/13/26 No School

2/16/26 President's Day
No school

March
3/20/26 Weather Make-Up Day

3/30/26-4/3/26
Spring Conference Week
Early Release 12:40 PM

April
4/6/26-4/10/26 Spring Break
No School

May
5/22/26 Possible Weather Make-Up Day

5/25/26 Memorial Day
No School

June
6/12/26 Last Day Of School
Early Release 11:20 AM



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MSD25 DISTRITO Y ESPECIALISTLÍDER DEL AS DE FAMILIAS/ESTUDIANTES Y ENLACE DE PADRES APOYAMOS:

A LAS FAMILIAS

- Ayudar a los padres con información escolar, en su idioma nativo para comprender
- Apoyar en reuniones de padres y maestros como apoyo
- Visitas a domicilio, Defensor de las familias
- Ayudar a las familias a navegar por el sistema escolar
- Proveer información de recursos comunitarios y referencias.

AL PERSONAL

Información de Servicios disponibles para familias/staff:

- Coordinar eventos familiares con el apoyo del personal o PTA
- Entrenamientos culturales y escuelas/clases acogedoras
- Provee herramientas al personal para conectar con las familias
- Visitas a casa (temas de salud, asistencia y otros)

A LA COMUNIDAD

- Conocer y compartir recursos y servicios de organizaciones, para con familias y escuelas.
- Asista a las reuniones para obtener información útil para los padres.
- Defensores de la comunidad Hispana/Latina.

MSD25 DISTRICT LEAD, FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALISTS, PARENT/STUDENT LIAISONS SUPPORT:

FAMILIES

- Assist parents with school information, in their native language to better understand.
- Attend Parent/teacher meetings as an advocate for resources.
- Home visits, with another school administrator.
- Help families navigate the school system.
- Provide information on community resources and referrals when needed.

STAFF

- Information on Services available for families/staff.
- Coordinate family events with the support of school staff and/or PTA.
- Cultural training and welcoming schools/classrooms.
- Provide tools to staff, to connect with your own families
- Home visits (health, attendance, etc)

COMMUNITY

- Network with Key leaders to know and share resources and services for our families.
- Attend meetings to get information helpful to parents.
- Advocate for our Hispanic/Latino community.

ABSENCES and TARDIES

Please call the ATTENDANCE LINE at 360.965.1301

If your student will be absent or late arriving to school for any reason, please call the attendance line. If not answered this line goes directly to voice mail, which makes it available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. When you know in advance that your child has a medical or dental appointment that will keep them out of school or arrive to school late, leave a message at this line. We are able to take the information in advance. If you do not leave a message and your child is not at school, an automated call will go out to attempt contacting you to ensure that your child is safe. Your child will be marked unexcused if contact is not made..

Please help us by calling in by 9:00 am. When your child is absent, please call or send a note with your child to excuse the absence within 3 days. Pre-arranged absences for family reasons need prior approval by the principal, provided that the absence will not adversely affect your child's progress in school. Absence approval forms are available in the school office. If you child arrives at 9:25 or later, please check in at the office for a tardy slip to minimize disturbance in the classroom.

How Does Your Child Go Home?

There may be days when your child is uncertain of the manner by which they are expected to leave school. Some days a child may be picked up by a parent or other adult and other days they may ride the bus or walk. This may cause some confusion especially as we see the change of weather . Please help your child know in advance what is expected of them at the end of the school day. It may be a good idea to create a plan with your child, reinforcing each morning how they are to get home. Of course, emergencies do happen. When the plan changes during the day, the office is happy to send a parent message to the student by 3:00 PM. Our goal is to ensure that your child returns home safely and as quickly as possible.

Student Messages

We are receiving many messages for students concerning end of the day plans. In order to avoid interruption of instructional time, we ask that plans for after school be discussed before school each day. Please keep end of the day messages for emergency changes only!

Pinewood Attendance

H E R O
HERE EVERYDAY READY ON TIME



Counselor's Corner February 2026

From the SCHOOL COUNSELOR Ms Davis

My name is Katie Davis, and I am excited to introduce myself as the school counselor at Pinewood Elementary.

Resources in our Community

Operation School Bell- They provide a free bag of clothes and pair of shoes to students.

Food for Thought-They provide bags of nonperishable food that go home every Friday from the Marysville Food bank.

Panther Pantry- If your student needs a backpack, clothes, winter coat, gloves, food or hygiene products fill out this form!

If you are interested in signing your student up for either of these programs or have questions please reach out to me at (360)965-1366 or katie_davis@msd25.org

Be Your Best

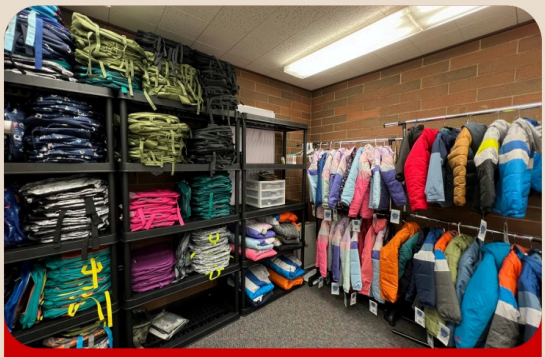
During the month of February our school is focusing on the character trait **Courage.** We are encouraging students to try new things, ask for help, speak up, and do the right thing even when it feels challenging.

How Families Can Support at Home:

- Encouraging your child to try something new or challenging
- Talking about times when they felt brave (or when you did!)
- Praising effort when your child faces a fear or makes a tough choice
- Practicing speaking up respectfully and asking for help when needed

Thank you for partnering with us to support your child's growth!

PANTHER PANTRY



If your family needs food, coats, or hygiene supplies fill out the request form below and we will pack a backpack with what you need to be sent home with your student.

Panther Pantry Request Form
https://forms.gle/FEi4pMbJEF98q1Ln9

Pinewood PTSA News



We raised $6600 from our Cherrydale fundraiser and had just over $4000 in sales at the book fair. We were also able to get Ms Doty all her requested books.

We got started on our Auction ideas and had a few great suggestions, such as pie a staff member in the face, glitter beard, and more.

One of our hopes is to have each grade put together something. Whether it be a basket or an art project, we are open to ideas.

TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Thank you, Pinewood PTSA!

We appreciate everything you do for our school.

Follow us for more info at Pinewood PTSA Facebook page www.facebook.comPinewoodElementaryPTSA



Just a friendly reminder…….
-Watch for more students walking to and from school.
-do not block driveways
- do not drive on wrong side of the road to enter school parking lot.
- be mindful of crosswalks and speed in the school zone.

Thank you!

Morning Drop-Off Procedures

- Students should not arrive on campus before **9:10 a.m.**, as we do not have adult supervision available prior to that time.

- When dropping off students, please pull **all the way forward** in the drop-off line. This helps ease traffic congestion and allows us to be respectful of our neighbors who are also heading to work.

Afternoon Pick-Up

- In the **north parking lot pick-up area**, please park your car and walk to the undercover area to meet your child. This ensures students are walking with an adult when cars are present and helps us prioritize student safety.

- Pick-up should occur as close to **3:45 p.m.** as possible. This is when our school day ends, and we do not have supervision beyond that time.

Family Access in Skyward (http//family.marysville.wa-k12.net)
Family Access is a great way for parents and guardians to access your child's grades, view attendance, discipline, meal account activity, and update your personal information such as phone numbers or emergency contacts. In some cases, the district will post forms in Family Access that require viewing and/or a signature. Family Access is part of our student data system. Each account is private and viewable only to those who have approved credentials and a login and password. For the protection of our students, this cannot be done over the phone

- **Setting up a Family Access Account:** In order to set up an account for Family Access, you will need to have an email in your child(rens) records in the data system. This is typically added when you enrolled your child(ren) in school but can become outdated over time. Follow these steps to get connected:
- If you have not provided an email, please contact your child(rens) school office and provide them with parent/guardian email addresses.
- If you have an email but do not have your login information or you need to create an account, go to https://www.msd25.org/o/district/page/skyward-family-access--38 and choose Family/Student login under the resource column.
- Click on the "forgot username or password" link and follow the steps.
- You can also connect to the Family Access App once you have an established account. Search "Family Access" on your smart phone App store.

PAY ONLINE

Marysville School District's Point of Sale system has made it easy for families to pay for fines etc. without a transaction fee. This system is called Touch-Base and utilizes the same login as assigned to you for Skyward Family Access.
The login page may be found at: http://payments.msd25.org/
If you need help with your login, please feel free to contact our office.

safeSCHOOLS

Report It!

SafeSchools Alert reporting system lets students, staff & parents confidentially report safety concerns, including bullying, weapons & threats of violence.
Email: 1248@alert1.us
Text or Phone: 360 799-5414
Online: http://1248.alert1.us
For Emergencies call 911

Dogs at School?

Please do not bring your dog to school when picking up your students. Only certified service animals are permitted on District properties.



Health Room News and Information

The health room is in desperate need of children's pants and sweatshirts. If you have any used clothing you would like to donate, please drop them off at the office.

If your child has borrowed clothing, please have them return them .

Thank you kindly,

Mrs. Nemra



Lost And Found

Lost and found items can be found in the gym.
All lost & found items will be packed up the end of each month.
All goods go to the Good Will on the last day of the month.



DO YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER?



Volunteers must complete their volunteer packet, including criminal background check (every 2 years).
Volunteer applications are available online - click HERE.

There is an email set up for volunteers to send in their application (volunteer@msd25.org).

Pinewood's Values:

- Kindness
- Learning
- Passion
- Respect
- Teamwork

Pinewood's Vision Statement:
Pinewood embraces having a growth mindset and taking risks to learn from our successes, challenges, and mistakes. We believe anything is possible and look for solutions with an adventurous spirit through strong teamwork.

Pinewood's Mission Statement:
The Pinewood Elementary staff guides and inspires each student to grow into knowledgeable, responsible, compassionate, and resilient individuals.

Quality Service Standards:
Pinewood has adopted and adheres to our District's

Quality Service Standards.

Student Conduct

The Marysville School District acknowledges that conduct and behavior is closely associated to learning. An effective instructional program requires a wholesome and orderly school environment. The district requires that each student adhere to the rules of conduct and submit to corrective action taken as a result of conduct violations. The rules of conduct are applicable during the school day as well as
during any school activity
conducted on or off campus. Special rules are also applicable while riding on a school bus.

A copy of Policy 3240 "Student Conduct Expectations and Reasonable Sanctions" is available online at www.msd25.org or at the District Office: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA, 360-965-0000.

Weapon-Free, Drug-Free, and Tobacco-Free

The Marysville School District is a Weapon-Free, Drug-Free, and Tobacco-Free environment. You can find the standards
and procedures set forth in Policy 4210 - "Regulation of Dangerous Weapons on School Premises" on the District's web-site at www.msd25.org. The document describes the regulation for which corrective action or punishment (i.e., discipline, suspension, and expulsion) may be imposed. Paper copies may be requested in the office of your child's school or at the receptionist's desk in the School District's Service
Center, 4220 80th Street NE.

Nondiscrimination Statement

The Marysville School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator
Name and/or Title: Executive Director of Human Resources
Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98271
Telephone Number: 360-965-0098
Email: nick_perigo@msvl.k12.wa.us

Section 504/ADA Coordinator
Name and/or Title: Executive Director of Special Education
Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98271
Telephone Number: 360-965-0008
Email: robert_hascall@msvl.k12.wa.us

Title IX Coordinator
Name and/or Title: Executive Director of Human Resources
Address: 4220 80th Street NE, Marysville, WA 98271
Telephone Number: 360-965-0098
Email: nick_perigo@msvl.k12.wa.us

Title IX inquiries may also be directed toward the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (OCR) : https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/index.html