OLYMPIC PENINSULA ACADEMY

Friday, September 18, 2026

Friday Blast
School News

Coming up Soon

Fri. 9/18	Family Movie Night (see below)
9/22– 9/24	Middle School RAFT trip
Fri. 9/25	Monthly Feedback Due in SDS
Fri.10/2	Fall Family Social (see PTO page 6 for more info).



Click HERE or scan QR code for our LinkTree
It is updated regularly with information on events and fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities.

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Community Corner

A Look Inside Our Classrooms

As I continue my classroom walkthroughs at OPA, I want to share a little about what I'm looking for when I visit classrooms. These walkthroughs are an opportunity for me to see the great learning happening across our school and to better understand the experiences our students have each day.

Among the things I look for are students developing the ability to read with comprehension, write effectively, and communicate successfully; building a strong foundation of knowledge; and applying core concepts across math, science, civics, history, geography, the arts, and health. I'm also looking for students who are thinking analytically, logically, and creatively as they solve problems, make connections, and apply what they have learned in meaningful ways.

Equally important, I'm looking for evidence that students are engaged in meaningful learning, challenged to think, and supported by strong relationships with their teachers. I appreciate the work our staff puts into creating these opportunities for our students, and I look forward to continuing to visit classrooms and celebrate the learning I see happening throughout OPA!

Sincerely,
Gary Pringle
OPA Principal

Otter Ovations




Tonight!
FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
THE SUPER MARIO GALAXY MOVIE
September 18th
6:30pm
OPA GYM
bring chairs, blankets & your own snacks. Popcorn provided!
*not a drop off event
sponsored by:
OPA
PTO

PTO Updates





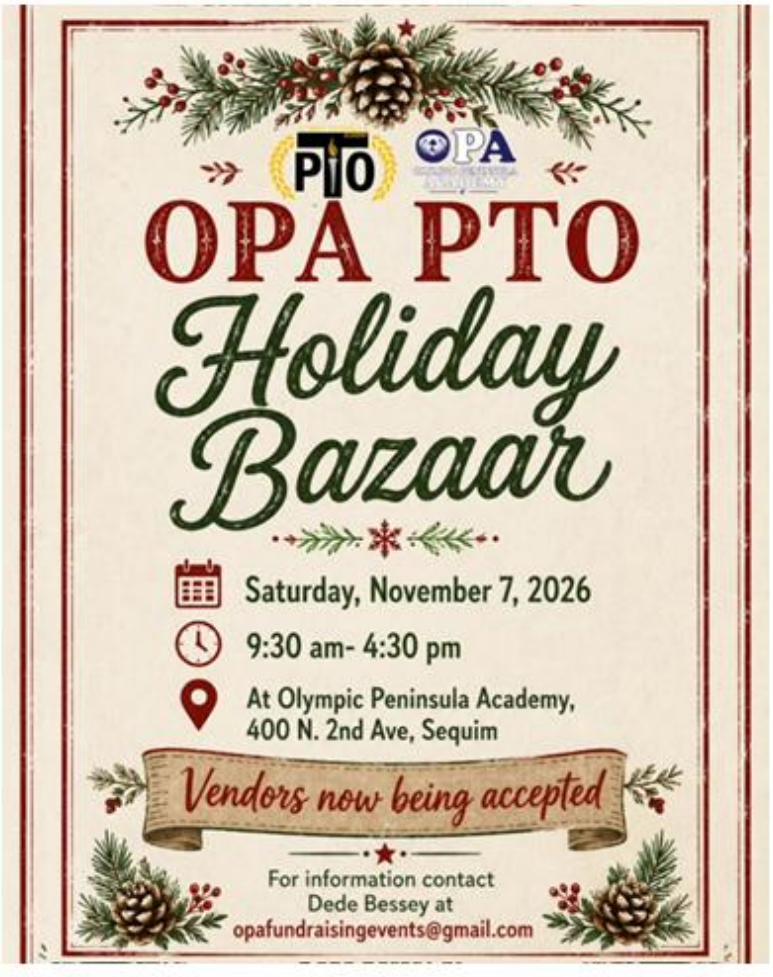
Order merch anytime of the year! Allow 3-4 weeks. Pickup items in the office.

Next Meeting:
OCTOBER 13TH

Earn one hour towards your volunteer requirements for attending!

Meetings are from 5:15-6:30pm, 2nd Tuesday of each month room 9

OLYMPIC PENINSULA ACADEMY
OPA PTO
Empowering Strong Young Minds To Ignite The Future!



We want to hear from you!

Attendance Matters.

Please see the **next page** of this newsletter for important information on how to excuse your student from school.

Fall 2026 Student Housing Questionnaire

The answers to the following questions can help determine the eligibility for services under the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435.

The McKinney-Vento Act provides services and support for children and youth experiencing homelessness.

If the student lives in a home owned or rented by the parent or LEGAL guardian, you do not need to complete this form unless there are inadequate facilities (no water, heat, electricity, etc.).

Scan the QR Code or click on the link

Fall 2026 Student Housing Questionnaire – Fill out form

Attendance PRO
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Dear Sequim School District Families,

Staying on top of your child's attendance just got a lot easier.

Starting this fall, we will be using a new text-based system to keep Primary Guardians informed when your child is absent. This system is called Attendance Pro and its job is to make it simple for you to respond, ask questions, and share notes, all without a phone call.

Here's what's new:

- **The Primary Guardian listed in Skyward will receive a text when your child is absent**. A message will come from one of the phone numbers below. Please save this number in your contacts so you never miss a notification.
- If you wish to change who is Primary Guardian and thus receiving absence notification texts, please contact your school office. Later this fall, Attendance Pro will be introducing a new feature called Multi-Guardian Outreach so that multiple guardians can be notified of absences at once. We will let families know when this feature is available.

School Site	Attendance Pro Text Line
Greywolf Elementary	1-360-873-0437
Helen Haller Elementary	1-360-506-6610
Sequim Alternative Schools	1-360-363-0684
Sequim Middle School	1-360-299-5985
Sequim High School	1-360-363-0402

- **You can text back directly**. Reply to confirm an absence, share the reason, or ask a question. It's that simple.
- **Primary guardians can send photos of notes by text**. Need to submit a parent note or a doctor's note? Just take a photo and text it to the same number — no need to drop anything off at the office.
- **Primary guardians can proactively text us**. Know that your child will be absent? The **Primary Guardian** can send a text to the Attendance Pro Text Line numbers above and we'll update the record accordingly.

If you are unable to use Attendance Pro

The school attendance office will continue to accept a parent/guardian-signed note, a doctor's note, an appointment summary, an email, or a phone call.

Greywolf Elementary	(360) 582-3300	rsharp@sequimschools.org
Helen Haller Elementary	(360) 582-3200	rbacchus@sequimschools.org
Dungeness Virtual School	(360) 582-3403	ktphillips@sequimschools.org
Olympic Peninsula Academy	(360) 582-3403	ktphillips@sequimschools.org
Sequim Middle School	(360) 582-3503	tbixby@sequimschools.org
Sequim High School	(360) 582-3608	llestage@sequimschools.org

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As the school year moves forward, we will be adding additional authorized guardian phone numbers who can also text in notice of anticipated absences.

The texts are powered by our AI attendance assistant, and every response goes directly to our attendance team, and your child's record is updated accordingly upon confirmation that your text was received.

Please note, if the Primary Guardian sends a text to the numbers above, he or she will **always** receive a confirmation text. If you do not receive a text back, the Attendance Pro system did not recognize your number as the Primary Guardian and thus you will need to call or email the school.

We're grateful for your partnership and committed to making every school day count.

Regan Nickels,
Superintendent
Sequim School District

Rooms
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Dear Sequim School District Families,

Staying connected with your child's school and teachers is an important part of a successful school year. To make that connection easier, Sequim School District is beginning implementation using Rooms, a communication tool that brings classroom and school communication into one convenient place.

With Rooms, families can:

- Connect directly with their child's teachers and school staff
- See classroom announcements, materials, and information
- Stay up to date with school and district messages
- Choose how they receive notifications, including email and text

The good news is, you are already enrolled in Rooms! There are three easy ways to get started:

1. From a message or invitation
When a teacher or staff member sends you a Rooms message, you'll receive a text or email with a link. Click the link and enter the verification code you receive to sign in.

2. Through the Sequim School District app
Open the district app, select Rooms, and choose Continue to sign in. Enter the personal phone number or email address associated with your account, then enter the verification code you receive.

3. From a text or email invitation
Click the link in the invitation, then enter the phone number or email address that received the invitation. You'll receive a verification code to complete your sign-in.

Once you're signed in, Feed keeps you connected to school updates, Rooms shows your child's classes and classroom information, and Messages allows you to read, reply to, and send messages to teachers and staff.

A few helpful things to know

Teacher communication: Rooms is designed to make communication between families and teachers easier and more direct. If your child's teacher uses rooms, families can expect responses from teachers during their regular working hours. As with any school communication, teachers may not be able to respond immediately while they are teaching or outside of their workday.

Managing notifications: You can customize how and when you receive Rooms notifications. Within the app, go to More → Settings ⚙ → Notification Preferences to choose your preferred notification options for messages and announcements, including email and text notifications.

We're excited about this new way to strengthen communication between our schools and families. Our goal is simple: to make it easier for you to stay informed, connected, and engaged in your child's education.

Thank you for being an important part of the Sequim School District community!

Regan Nickels,
Superintendent
Sequim School District

ADVENTURE FRIENDSHIP FUN!

CUB SCOUTS®



START THEIR ADVENTURE WITH CUB SCOUTS!

Cub Scouts is a year-round program for Kindergarten–5th grade girls and boys that builds confidence, character, and skills for life—through fun, hands-on adventures!

IN CUB SCOUTS, YOUR KINDERGARTENER WILL:

EXPLORE & DISCOVER
Try new things, ask big questions, and explore the world around them.

MAKE FRIENDS
Build lasting friendships and be part of a team.

BUILD CONFIDENCE
Gain new skills, set goals, and feel proud of what they can achieve.

LEARN VALUES
Practice kindness, respect, responsibility, and help make their community better.

HAVE FUN!
Go on adventures, attend exciting events, and make memories that last a lifetime!

JOIN THE ADVENTURE NEAR YOU!

PACK 4490
SERVING SEQUIM, WASHINGTOW

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP?

VISIT BeAScout.org to learn more!

CONTACT your local Pack to sign up or ask questions!

CONTACT PACK 4490 TO LEARN MORE!
425-429-0690 | sequimpack4490@gmail.com

ADVENTURE TODAY. SUCCESS TOMORROW. SCOUT ME IN!

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SACPA.ORG (360) 775-2119 225 E 5th St. info@sacpa.org

SHORE AQUATIC CENTER

YOUTH ACTIVITIES

AT THE SHORE AQUATIC CENTER

SWIM LESSONS

Group Lessons: $48/8 classes!

SEPTEMBER: 09/07/26 - 10/01/26
OCTOBER: 10/05/26 - 10/29/26
NOVEMBER: 11/02/26 - 11/25/26
(no class 11/26/26, Thanksgiving, price pro-rated)

Choose Mon/Wed or Tue/Thu Lessons for kids age 6mo-12yr

Ask which level is FREE this month!

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE & INCLUSION

We believe every child should have the opportunity to participate. Financial assistance for swim lessons, SPARK Squad, or a Pool Membership is available for qualifying families through our Scholarship Program. We also provide one swim lesson level per month that is 100% free, covered by scholarships/grants. Inquire at the front desk to learn more!

DATE NIGHT 5:00-9:00pm

AGES 5-12 $32/kid

Kids: pizza. swimming. toys. games. movie. friends. fun. Are you in?
Parents: wanting a night off but having trouble finding a sitter? Sign the kids up for the pool's Date Night event! Only $32/kid, we host a monthly evening of childcare so you can enjoy your weekend without breaking the bank!

SEP 19th ★ OCT 10th ★ NOV 14th

PUMPKIN PATCH IN THE POOL

Celebrate the fall season at the SHORE Aquatic Center Annual Pumpkin Patch in the pool! Swim among hundreds of floating pumpkins, searching for the perfect one to take home. All ages are welcome. Admission is **$10/person**, including swimming & a pumpkin for the road! Special Events are not included in a pool membership.

Oct 17th 5:00-7:00pm

SPARK SQUAD Afterschool Care

$360/mo $22/day

M-F 2:00-5:30pm during the school year.
Kindergarten - Age 12
September 2nd - June 12th
Pickup from PASD Bus Stops available.
Winter, Spring, & Summer Break Camps available!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Book your birthday party at the pool! We offer year-round weekend parties Fri-Sun.
View our party packages, starting at $225 for 15 swimmers, 2hrs in the party room, and unlimited pool time on our website!
sacpa.org --> rentals --> party rentals

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Now is the perfect time to join Girl Scouts!
We have a Troop for YOU!

Sequim Troop 41981 is accepting girls K thru 8

JOIN TODAY!

Be a Girl Scout!

Scan here to join

girl scouts of western washington

Girl Scouts of Sequim
troop41981@gmail.com

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ANNUAL SEQUIM MERCHANT'S

TRICK OR TREAT!

Bring your kids for an evening of treats, games, and costumes!

Downtown on Washington Street
Saturday, October 31st 2026
3pm - 5pm



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Saturday, October 3

9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

at Carrie Blake Park







A FREE community event celebrating local, county, and state emergency services!

- Touch-a-Truck and meet local EMS responders
- Disaster preparedness booths
- Presentations on planning, home safety, and prevention before, during, and after a disaster
- Learn about local volunteer opportunities
- Family activities, passport game, and prizes!

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CITY OF SEQUIM

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SWIM LESSONS

YMCA OF SEQUIM
610 N. 5th Ave. Sequim, WA

Small Class Size | Expert Instructors | Safe Environment | Build Confidence

GROUP LESSONS – FALL

COST: $55 for YMCA members / $75 for non-members

FALL SESSION A – September 8th – October 1
Registration opens August 21 for Y Members / August 24 for non-members

FALL SESSION B – October 5th –October 29
Registration opens September 25 for Y Members / September 28 for non-members

FALL SESSION C – November 2nd – November 19th
Registration opens October 23 for Y Members / October 26 for non-members

PRIVATE LESSONS

Available for all ages, year-around. 30 minute sessions.
COST: $40 for YMCA members / $55 for non-members

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION
www.olympicpeninsulaymca.org/sequimswimlessons

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FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

YMCA OF SEQUIM

FALL YOUTH PROGRAMS

CHEER SPARKLE SQUAD
WHEN: THU, SAT
TIME: 3-4 P.M.
AGES: 3-5
Learn fundamentals of cheerleading in a fun environment. Team performs at YMCA Saturday basketball games.

SPORT ACADEMY
WHEN: THU
TIME: 4:30-5:30 P.M.
AGES: 3-5
5 week program, 5 weeks of sports. Participate in games, skill-building activities, and scrimmages. Fall A and B sessions available

BASKETBALL
Season runs from Sep 21 to Nov 21
AGES: 3-14
Each week includes practice and game play. Various age groups. Available in Sequim and Port Angeles.

STORYBOOK BALLET
WHEN: TUE, THU
TIME: 5:30-6:30 P.M.
AGES: 4-6
Learn fundamentals of ballet and dance through movement, storytelling, and music.

MINI LIFEGUARD ACADEMY
WHEN: TUE
TIME: 4-5 P.M.
AGES: 7-11
Learn all the swim skills of a lifeguard while having fun with relays, obstacle courses, and team challenges.

FREE MIDDLE SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP
Did you know 6th - 8th graders on the Olympic Peninsula get a FREE YMCA membership! Stop into your local Y today!

Programs have various start dates and costs. Please review registrations for details.

YMCA OF SEQUIM | 610 N. 5TH AVENUE
360-477-4381
SEQUIMMSR@OLYMPICPENINSULAYMCA.ORG

REGISTER

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YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE
OLYMPIC PENINSULA YMCA

SEASON DATES
Practices Begin Week of September 21
Games Begin October 2
Season Ends November 21

REGISTRATION FEE
Y Member – $80*
Non-Member – $120*
** Price Increases $20 on August 22*

At the Y, we are focused on youth development. Our youth basketball leagues focus on refining your child's skills while emphasizing strong self-esteem, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Open to children ages 3-14* in Sequim and Port Angeles

**Little Dribblers Program for 3 year olds consists of one weekly practice with scrimmages. $65 for Members; $80 Non-Members*

For more info, contact your local YMCA or visit www.olympicpeninsulaymca.org

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Sequim Education Foundation
Inspiring and supporting a lifelong love of learning

Hopes & Dreams Annual Fundraiser Dinner

October 24th, 2026 @ 5:00-8:00 pm
Guy Cole Center, 202 N. Blake Ave, Sequim, WA

Join us for our 3rd annual Teaching Grant Fundraiser Dinner, a celebration of creativity, learning and community impact. Last year, we awarded $84,600 in teaching grants that reached all five Sequim School District schools. These grants brought new life to classrooms fueling projects in literacy, science, the arts, athletics and experiential learning. Join us for an unforgettable evening that directly supports students and educators who make our community shine.

Purchase your tickets by October 17th at sequimeducationfoundation.org/fundraiser

The Sequim Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that raises and distributes funds to address the financial gap between state funding and the needs of Sequim students through teaching grants and scholarships.

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