

Picnic Point Elementary

September 2023

Welcome Back and Welcome New Panthers!

A safe and nurturing environment that promotes passion for lifelong learning



Ali Williams, Principal

Dear Picnic Point Families;

We are very happy to see so many of you attending the family engagement conferences and the staff is excited to get started on another school year.

It is our hope to have families be involved in what is happening here at Picnic Point on a regular basis, by volunteering in your child's classroom, helping on Art Docent Friday's, serving popcorn at lunch recess or getting involved with the PTA.



The ultimate goal and purpose is for all to belong and collaborate to support all of our students, families, staff and community members. Together, lets make this a great year.

Thank you for your support!!

Ali

School Information

School hours (kids can be on campus starting at 8:40am):

Mon-Thurs 9am-3:25pm

Fridays 9am-2:10pm

Office hours:

8am-4pm

Main number: 425-366-3400



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Rhya Milici, Dean of Students

Did you know? Attendance matters!

Attending school has a huge impact on student success. Families can help children succeed in school by building the habit of good attendance, starting in Kindergarten!

We realize some absences are for health or other reasons. But when students are absent 2 or more days a month (or 18 days over the school year) they can fall far behind in what they learn. Absences can add up. Excused and unexcused absences both mean missing classroom learning time.



Some Attendance Tips:

- Make sure your students keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Turn off all electronics including TVs, phones and tablets at bedtime.
- Make sure clothes and backpacks are ready the night before.
- Talk to your child about the importance of attending school.
- Check with our school nurse or office staff if you are not sure about when to keep your child at home due to illness.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor's appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to teachers and counselors for advice if your student feels anxious about going to school or if you notice a sudden change in behavior.
- Develop back up plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

If your child is ever absent from school, make sure to call or email the office each day of the absence. You can leave a message on our 24-hour attendance hotline: 425-366-3405. We will be sending emails and making phone calls to keep you updated on your child's attendance. Our hope is to bring awareness to how many days students have missed, regardless of the reason. Please let us know how we can best support you and your student so that they can show up for school on time every day. Here's a video from Attendance Works with practical tips from parents for ensuring children attend school regularly. #SchoolEveryDay

<https://vimeo.com/101425388>



Help Your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in preschool and kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year, can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just one or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences and tardiness can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school and college.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Find out what day school starts and make sure your child has the required shots.
- Introduce your children to their teachers and classmates before school starts.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Avoid medical appointments and extended trips when school is in session.
- Keep in mind that complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home. If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselors and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



Note: These numbers assume a 180-day school year.

Visit Attendance Works at www.attendanceworks.org for free downloadable resources and tools!



Ayude a su hijo o hija a tener éxito en la escuela: Desarrolle el hábito de la buena asistencia escolar desde los primeros años

¿SABÍA USTED?

- A partir de preescolar y kínder, demasiadas ausencias pueden hacer que los niños se retrasen en la escuela.
- Faltar un 10%, o aproximadamente 2 días al mes durante el transcurso de un año escolar, puede dificultar el aprendizaje de la lectura.
- Los estudiantes aún pueden quedarse atrás si faltan solo uno o dos días cada pocas semanas.
- Llegar tarde a la escuela puede provocar una baja asistencia escolar.
- Las ausencias y tardanzas pueden afectar a todo el aula si el docente tiene que retrasar el aprendizaje para ayudar a los niños a ponerse al día.

Asistir a la escuela con regularidad ayuda a los niños a sentirse mejor con la escuela y con ellos mismos. Comience a desarrollar este hábito en el preescolar para que aprendan de inmediato que es importante ir a la escuela a tiempo, todos los días. Con el tiempo, la buena asistencia escolar será una habilidad que les ayudará a tener éxito en la escuela secundaria y la universidad.

LO QUE PUEDE HACER

- Establezca una rutina regular para la hora de dormir y una rutina matutina.
- Elija y disponga la ropa y empaque las mochilas la noche anterior.
- Averigüe en qué día comienza la escuela y asegúrese de que su hijo o hija tenga las vacunas necesarias.
- Presente a su hijo o hija a sus docentes y compañeros de clase antes de que comience la escuela.
- Desarrolle planes de contingencia para llegar a la escuela si surge algo. Llame a un familiar, vecino u otro padre.
- Evite las citas médicas y los viajes prolongados cuando la escuela está en sesión.
- Tenga en cuenta que las quejas de dolor de estómago o de cabeza pueden ser un signo de ansiedad y no una razón para quedarse en casa. Si su hijo o hija parece tener ansiedad por ir a la escuela, hable con los docentes, los consejeros escolares y otros padres para que le aconsejen cómo hacer que su hijo o hija se sienta cómodo/a y emocionado por el aprendizaje.
- Si su hijo o hija debe quedarse en casa debido a una enfermedad, pídale a los docentes recursos didácticos e ideas para seguir aprendiendo en casa.

¿Cuándo se convierten las ausencias en un problema?



Nota: Estos números se basan en un año escolar de 180 días.

Visite el sitio web de Attendance Works en www.attendanceworks.org para obtener recursos didácticos y herramientas descargables sin costo.

Calendar

- Sept 6 - 8 - Family Engagement Conferences
- Sept 8 - First day of school (grades 1-5)
- Sept 11 - First day of school (kindergarten)
- Sept 11 - Patriot Day
- Sept 21 - Picture Day



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Sept 15-Oct 15

Learn about Hispanic Heritage Month [here](#)



Attendance matters!

Attendance is really important, but if your child is not feeling well, please be sure to call the school or message through Parent Square that they are out ill. Absence notification calls are automatically generated daily. If you sign your student in late or you call to excuse an absence after 10:00 a.m., you may still get the automated Parent Square notification. Please know that if you called in, e-mailed, or signed your student in late, we will get their absence updated and you can disregard that message.



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Picnic Point PTA

[Click here](#) to join the PTA sponsored Facebook page.

Contact PTA at PicnicPointPTA@gmail.com

Remember to check in on Picnic Point website's [PEACHJAR](#) page to see what fun events and activities are coming up!

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Mukilteo 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 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 Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator Simone Neal (425-356-1319),

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ADA/Access Coordinator Karen Mooseker (425-356-1330),

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Address: 9401 Sharon Drive in Everett, WA.

Inquiries regarding ADA/Access issues at Sno-Isle TECH Skills Center should be directed to Wes Allen, Director (425-348-2220)

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Address: 9001 Airport Road in Everett, WA 98204.



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