

# Picnic Point Elementary

November 2023

**A safe and nurturing environment that promotes passion for lifelong learning**

## **Ali Williams, Principal**

Now that we are settled in to the 2023-2024 school year, we would like to remind families about schedules. Picnic Point school hours are 9am-3:25pm (2:10pm on Fridays). Students should be brought to campus no sooner than 8:40am and picked up by 3:45pm. With the cold weather coming in, please make sure your students are healthy and feeling well before they come to school and that they are dressed for the weather and prepared if it changes. From now until spring, students should always bring a jacket with them.



This next week we will be celebrating Veterans Day with an assembly on Thursday, November 9th. We welcome families to help us honor our veterans. We appreciate their dedication and are thankful for their service.

## **Rhya Milici, Dean of Students**

### **Upcoming Assemblies**

We are excited to announce our first school assembly this year will be our Veterans Day assembly on Thursday, November 9th from 1:15-1:45pm. We want to welcome all veterans in our community to attend as we honor you at this special time of year. Thank you to families who have sent in photos of their veterans to Whitney Lippincott to share in our wonderful slideshow. This is a great time for us to connect to our community and learn about gratitude.



Additionally, in December, we will have our End of Trimester 1 Assembly on Thursday, December 7th at 9:15am for Kdg-2nd grade and at 10:00am for 3rd-5th grade. We are a growing community and want to have an opportunity for as many families to find seating during these popular celebrations of student achievement. We are trying a separated primary/intermediate assembly

structure this trimester to see if this helps with capacity in our gym and are open to feedback about how this goes for our families. In early December, we will email families of students who will be receiving awards at that assembly, and we also welcome anyone in our community who would like to attend and celebrate the end of our first Trimester with us.

Warmly,

Rhya Milici

Dean of Students

## **Bethenee Grant, Counselor**

**Hello Wonderful Picnic Point Panther Families! This time of year brings family gatherings and celebrations, but we know that at any given time, these holidays make extra financial demands. At all times, across our District we have families in need of a little extra help. Below I have included local resources who provide help for Christmas gifts, Thanksgiving Dinners and/or food, and bills/utility assistance. If you need help, please reach out to these resources--- they are there to provide support for you!**

**A Christmas House (Toys/Gifts for Qualifying Families):** Christmas

House provides an opportunity for qualifying, low-income,

Snohomish County parents to select free holiday gifts for their children age infant – 18 years old. If you have questions call **425-338-2273**. **Information and application form can be found at:**

<https://christmas-house.org/>

**Toys for Tots (Toys/Gifts):** The program provides toys/items for kids. c/o Reach Church (formerly Foundation Church), 2730 Oakes Avenue (corner of Oakes and CA), Everett, WA [98201](https://www.everettwa.gov/98201). You can find an application form here: [https://toysfortots.org/request\\_toys/apply-for-toys.aspx](https://toysfortots.org/request_toys/apply-for-toys.aspx)

**DSHS-DCFS** (425) 339-4768 Provides referrals to holiday programs. May be aware of Angel Tree offerings from the Salvation Army.

**Holiday Basket Bureau** of Snohomish County (425) 259-3191 EXT: 13017 • Basic Subsistence-Holiday Food/Gifts- Provides a clearing house for all Holiday Food Baskets and gifts distributed in Snohomish County for Thanksgiving and Christmas to insure that all people needing assistance receive such and that there is no duplication. • Apply in person 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM, M-F.

**Salvation Army (Everett)** 425-259-8129

Numerous emergency assistance and food programs are offered from the pantry. Seniors, children, and the poor are the main recipients. Other assistance includes financial help for energy bills, Christmas assistance, winter coats, and referrals.

**Westgate Chapel** is offering a free **Thanksgiving Dinner** to anyone in the community on Thursday, November 24, 2023. There are seatings at 11:00 am, 1:30 pm and 3:30 pm. There will be family entertainment, gifts for kids and arts/crafts. No reservations required for dinner. Westgate Chapel is located at 22901 Edmonds Way, Edmonds. More information: <http://www.westgatechapel.com> The church also operates a Food and Clothing Bank. Free canned food, formula, and other assistance is available. Gently used clothing may also be passed out. (425)775-2776

**North Sound 211:** an easy-to-remember phone number for people to call for referrals and other assistance to meet their needs. By calling 211, you can get help with utility assistance, food, housing, health, childcare, after school programs, elder care, crisis intervention and much more!

**PUD Bill Assistance:** PUD offers electric rate and water rate discounts of 25% or 50% off to income-qualified households. Download application here: [https://www.snopud.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2350\\_DiscountApp\\_223\\_web.pdf](https://www.snopud.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/2350_DiscountApp_223_web.pdf)

**Snohomish County WIC program (Women, Infants, Children)**





This federal and state funded program is run out of several offices in the region. This can provide free food, infant formula, groceries, nutritional supplements to low -income women, families, and their children.

Pregnancy Aid of Snohomish County 425-316-8929

Snohomish Health District - Everett Clinic 425-252-5303

Snohomish Health District - Lynwood Clinic 425-258-8400

**Federal Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):** Help with heating bills is available through this program, whether residents heat with electricity, natural gas, propane, oil, or wood. *Certain eligibility requirements apply.* Grants range from \$100 to \$1,000. For more information, Snohomish County residents should call **425-388-3880**.

**Project Pride:** offers grants and is administered by St. Vincent de Paul and is funded by voluntary contributions from PUD customers. To see if you qualify for assistance, call St. Vincent de Paul at **425-374-1243**.

### **Edmonds Community Services (Food pantry at Baptist church)**

121 5th Avenue North, Edmonds, WA. (425) 775-7724

Canned goods and more, such as Christmas meals and clothing, is distributed from the center. Call for hours and information.

### **Lynnwood Food Bank**

5320 176th St SW, Lynnwood, WA, 98037 425-745-1635

### **Mukilteo Food Bank**

4514 84th St SW., Mukilteo, WA 98275 425-212-2653

## **Health Room**

Are your kids outgrowing their clothes? We are on the lookout for gently used, weather appropriate clothes for our students who need to borrow a change of clothes. If you have any spare shirts, sweatshirts or long pants you want to get rid of, we will happily take them so we can lend them in emergencies. Thank you



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## **Picnic Point Contact Information**

Office Staff

Ali Williams, Principal

Rhya Milici, Dean of Students

Angie Stansfield, Administrative Assistant

Yul Coronado, Registrar/Attendance

24-hour attendance line - 425.366.345

5819 140th St SW

Edmonds WA 98026

425.366.3400 | Fax: 425.366.3402

School Hours:

Mon-Thurs 9:00am-3:25pm

Friday 9:00am - 2:10pm



Students may be on campus starting at 8:40am

## November Calendar

November 3 - Picnic Point Walk-A-Thon

November 5 - Standard Time begins. Set clocks back one hour

November 7 - Election Day

November 8 - Picture Re-take day

November 9 - Picnic Point Veterans Day assembly 1:15pm

November 10 - Veterans Day (observed) - No school

November 11 - Veterans Day

November 17 - Substitute Educators Day

November 20-22 - Family/Teacher conferences - No school for K-5

November 23-24 - Thanksgiving break



## Indigenous American Heritage Month

We acknowledge we are on the ancestral homelands of the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin since time immemorial. We respect this place and honor the sacred spiritual connection to the land, water, and its people, past, present, and future.

By acknowledging these lands and their original Indigenous inhabitants, we reach back to our own indigenous roots and reflect on the impacts of colonialism and the lands from which all

our people come. We are connected to our ancestors through this connection to land, for the land is what connects us all.

We express our deepest respect and gratitude to the traditional people of this territory, the Snohomish and Tulalip Tribes, for their enduring care and protection of the land which we currently share.



## National Native American Heritage Month

Paying tribute to the rich ancestry and traditions of Native Americans.

🔗 [nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov](https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov)

## Substitute Educator Appreciation Day November 17





We would like to take a moment to thank all of our substitute school personnel. Thank you to our substitute teachers, paras, office staff, custodial, nutrition, transportation, and all substitutes. You are truly appreciated, and we could not do it without you!

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## Arrival and Dismissal Safety

As we are settling into this new year, and the season (and daylight!) is starting to change, we would like to take the opportunity to share some reminders of the arrival and dismissal process to help keep our students and families safe.

Please do not park in areas designated as No Parking zones. Parking in these areas blocks visibility for cars at the stop sign which could cause safety issues. We are lucky to be located within such a beautiful neighborhood location and we want to support our community.

When you are in the parent pick-up line, please stay in line, pull all the way forward, and remain in your car (exceptions may arise for kindergarten). It really does make the line move quicker!

Do not encourage your student to cross the parent pick-up line if you are parked on the sidewalk. We cannot let students cross through the traffic.

Lastly, please be mindful of your speeds at all times in the school zone.

We thank you for your partnership in keeping us all safe!



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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),

[nealsr@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:nealsr@mukilteo.wednet.edu)

Section 504 Coordinator Becca Anderson (425-356-1277),

[andersonra@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:andersonra@mukilteo.wednet.edu)



**Mukilteo**  
School District



ADA/Access Coordinator Karen Mooseker (425-356-1330),  
[moosekerkw@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:moosekerkw@mukilteo.wednet.edu)

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)

[allenwr@mukilteo.wednet.edu](mailto:allenwr@mukilteo.wednet.edu)

Address: 9001 Airport Road in Everett, WA 98204.



**Angie Stansfield**

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