

Greywolf Elementary 2023-2024

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FAMILY NEWSLETTER

Office Hours : 7:30am – 3:30pm ♦ Office: 360-582-3300 & Bus Garage: 360-582-3274



Ms. Drescher's Kindergarteners enjoyed "Ugly Sweater" day!



Greywolf families,

Our 12 Days of Giving wrapped up this week with Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Koenig bringing in the most items for days 11 & 12! Together our Greywolf families and staff brought in 3,287 food items which equaled 3,571 pounds for the Sequim Food Bank. Students also collected \$247.00 for fresh produce and dairy! We are proud to partner with you to help cultivate a spirit of giving and to share with our community. **Students were in awe** seeing the food line up in boxes down the hallway each day and they are very proud of their collective efforts!

Today, **Studio 360** of Port Angeles came to perform a ballet version of **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** at our assembly. Our students were mesmerized by watching other children perform a crowd favorite! It was the highlight of the week, especially for all the budding ballerinas at Greywolf!

Please enjoy **Winter Break** and know that your children truly are gifts to our school! We hope the break brings rest and joy and we can't wait to see our students back in the new year! Lastly, I wouldn't be a principal if I didn't mention how beneficial it is to read with your child each day over Winter Break, even if just for a few minutes. We have mid-year reading assessments in January and we are so excited to see and share the progress they have made during the first part of the year!


Mrs. Lopez,
GWE Principal



Winter Break
December 23 to January 7

HELLO
January



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8) Welcome Back <i>HAPPY New Year</i>	9)	10)	11)	12)
15) No School MLK Jr. Day	16)	17)  ¡Habla español!	18) ¿Preguntas? Llama a Sra. Carlson, 360-582-3310, por ayuda.	19)

We had a successful fire evacuation drill this week!

Please give a giant HOWL to our Greywolf staff and students!



DID YOU KNOW?



From Our District Nurse

Fight Flu and Germs

You've probably already heard it: the telltale sniffles of flu season, which peaks in January and February. Navigate flu and germ season with these tactics for prevention and care:

If Your Child Is Sick

Children who are feverish can spread their illness to others. Before returning to school, your child needs to have gone without a fever or vomiting for at least 24 hours, off of any fever reducing medication. [When to keep your child home from school - Sequim School District \(sequimschools.org\)](https://www.sequimschools.org/instruction/highly-capable-hi-cap)



STRESS THE IMPORTANCE OF HANDWASHING

Hand washing with soap and water works best!

The first course of action to reduce the spread of infectious organisms, and our risk of contracting an infectious condition, is to wash hands with soap and water.

Use these guidelines:

- Use clean running water, it doesn't matter to the germs if it's warm or cold!
- Use soap, it's more effective than water alone at removing soil and microbes, and people tend to wash more thoroughly with soap.

Avoid hand sanitizers as a first line of defense. Soap and water is more effective at removing or inactivating certain germs. Hand sanitizers do not work on soiled hands and are not effective in removing food allergens.

Collect your Cough.

Cough into your sleeves, not hands, to prevent the spread of germs.



Keep hands away from eyes, nose, and mouth. Trash the tissues. Used tissues are full of germs. Remind your family to immediately put used tissues in the trash, and then wash their hands.

Be the first line of defense!

Thank you,
Sonja Bittner RN
sbittner@sequimschools.org

CLEANING YOUR CHILD'S CLOSET?

On occasion, students at Greywolf Elementary are in need of changes of clothing during their school day and health services frequently provides them with pants and underwear.

If your children have outgrown any of their clothing, we would greatly appreciate your donation! Pants with stretch and elastic waistbands work to fit a wider variety of sizes.

Your donation to us would help our students get back to class and feeling good! We are in dire need of pants sizes 5-10.

Thank you very much,
School Health Services Staff
(360)582-3305.



Highly Capable Program

The Sequim School District's Hi-Cap Program referral window is now open. New student referrals for the Highly Capable program beginning Dec. 1 through January 31.

The Sequim School District is accepting referrals to the Highly Capable Program now through January 31st.

The program is designed to provide services for students performing in the top 3% of the student population based on high cognitive ability, high academic achievement, or intense creativity. Details on the program and the referral process, including the referral packet, can be found on the district's website at <https://www.sequimschools.org/instruction/highly-capable-hi-cap> or the Greywolf office.

All materials are available in Spanish as well.

Questions? Jodi Olson,
Highly Capable Program Teacher

(360) 775-7083 or email
jolson@sequimschools.org



Sequim Boys & Girls Club

December Winter schedule

- ♥ 7:45am to 12:00pm ~ \$15 per day
- ♥ 12:00pm to 6pm ~ no charge
- ♥ Open 12/27 to 12/29; 1/2 to 1/5
- ♥ Closed 12/25 and 12/26; 1/1
- ♥ Questions? 360-683-8095

ANTICIPATED ABSENCE REMINDER

Please follow these steps.

1. **Must notify teacher at least 3 days prior to leaving town**
2. **Fill out top portion of absence form. Form available from office, teacher, or print [click me](#).**
3. **Sign form and send to the teacher**
4. **Teacher will fill out assignments**
5. **Admin approval required to excuse absences**
6. **Upon return, you have 5 days to turn in completed**



We're exploring possibilities...



Do you know a preschool-aged child?



TRANSITION TO KINDERGARTEN

The Sequim School District is considering adding a Transition to Kindergarten Program (TK).

This **FREE**, full day, early learning program will focus on essential academics, social-emotional skills, and learning habits to empower children as they launch into their academic journey.

Children may be eligible for Transitional Kindergarten if they meet the following criteria:

1. Child is age 4 by August 31, 2023 and
2. Child has had limited or no experience in a formal preschool, daycare or other learning environment and
3. Families that are not eligible for early learning programs such as Head Start or Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program

INITIAL APPLICATION FORM:



Scan this code with your smart phone

If you have a child in this age range and are interested in more information or have questions, please email our early learning team at sequimtk@sequimschools.org



REGISTER NOW

www.sequimlittleleague.com

REGISTRATION OPEN THROUGH JAN 1, 2024

\$100 PER PLAYER, FIN. AID AVAILABLE



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