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The Sunnyland SCOOP

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November 2017

A Note From the Principal

Dear Sunnyland Families,

Welcome to November! The calendar is moving right along and so is the learning your students are doing here at Sunnyland. This morning I watched first graders writing and reading their plans for Work Time, third graders learning to make reasonable predictions of upcoming events in a book, and fifth graders expanding their vocabulary and learning about the structure of non-fiction. So much happens on a daily basis to support students in “growing their brain” and applying academic skills.

When talking with your student about their day at school, open ended questions usually yield the best responses. Here are some conversation starters that encourage students to give more than one-word answers about how their day at school unfolded.

- What book did you read today? What do you think would happen in the book?
- Show me what learning you worked on in math?
- Did you have a specialist today? What was your favorite part of specialist time?
- What was the best thing that happened at school today?
- Who was kind to you today? How did they show you kindness?
- Who were you kind to today? How did you show them kindness?
- What learning was easiest/most difficult for you today?

We're looking forward to parent conferences and hope you are too! In addition to having time to discuss your child's progress in learning, we will have computers set up for those of you who haven't had a chance to complete our parent survey yet.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to partner with you in your student's education. We're grateful for that partnership!

Please feel free to contact me at any time with questions or comments at 360-676-6446 or lynn.heimsoth@bellingshamschools.org.

Principal Lynn

Upcoming Dates

- Nov 1,2 & 9th Sunnyland hosts Boys & Girls Club
- Nov 2nd—Afternoon Conferences
- Nov 3rd—all day Conferences
- Nov 8th Individual Picture Retake Day
- Nov 9th—afternoon Conferences
- Nov 10th—Veteran's Day, No School
- Nov 16th—afternoon Conferences
- Nov 20th—PTA meeting & community dinner 5-7:30 pm
- Nov 22nd—12:45 early release
- Nov 23rd & 24th—Thanksgiving Break
- Nov 30th—8:15-9:00 Coffee & Conversation



After-School Dinner Program Free for All Students 18 and Under

Bellingham Public Schools currently offers free hot dinner to all children 18 and under in the community. These meals are offered **Monday through Thursday** until June 6, 2018. Dinner is served from **5 to 6 p.m. at Shuksan Middle School**, located at 2717 Alderwood Avenue (at the corner of Northwest and Alderwood).

Please note: Accompanying adults are charged \$4. All meals must be eaten onsite in the Shuksan cafeteria and to go options are not available.

Dinner will **not** be served on the following Thursdays that are middle school early dismissal days: Nov. 2, 9, & 22 (Wed.), Dec. 7, Jan. 11, Feb. 8, March 8, April 26.



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Food Bank Times and Locations

Bellingham Public Schools and the Bellingham Food Bank will continue to offer a school food pantry from

5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Thursday
at Alderwood Elementary School,
located at 3400 Hollywood Avenue.



Other food bank locations and times include:

- **Christ the King Community Church**, located at 4173 Meridian Street, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. every Tuesday
- **Food Bank (main location)**, 1824 Ellis Street, Monday: 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Wednesday: 1 to 6 p.m., and Friday: 11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All families welcome at any location.



THREE IMPORTANT CLOSURE DATES **for the Bellingham Boys & Girls Club** **November 1 and 2, and November 9.**

The Club has major construction that must be completed in the gym, and it's been determined the children should not be exposed to the extremely pungent FUMES.

Club members who attend Sunnyland can attend the temporary Club Site at Sunnyland, but no other Boys & Girls Club after-school programs will be available on 11/1, 11/2 and 11/9.

Sunnyland Temporary Site Hours

Nov 1: 2:30 pm to 5:30 pm

Nov 2 & 9: 12:45 pm to 5:30pm

November Harvest of the Month

The November Harvest of the Month is **root vegetables** and will be served on

Wednesday, November 29th

in cafeterias. School lunch will include mashed potatoes and carrot coins served alongside a roasted chicken drumstick.

It's a great time to try school lunch!



Unity Care NW

is a nonprofit organization available to assist - free of charge - those who do not have employer-sponsored health insurance.

Open enrollment is Nov. 1 to Jan. 15, but the deadline for January coverage is

Dec. 15. Plans for 2018 are available until Jan. 15.

Call Unity Care NW for more information, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday at

360-788-2669.

Common Threads

Putting Our Fall Garden to Rest

The last week of October marks the end of fall gardening classes with Sunnyland students. I'd like to thank all staff members, teachers, parents, and especially the kiddos for your support in making this season so much fun. Some of my favorite garden memories include planting cover crop with fourth graders, collecting colorful leaves with the kindergarteners, and harvesting the fall bounty with the fifth graders. I'm looking forward to getting back in the dirt in March!

Cooking with Common Threads

Cooking in the classroom begins November 6th! Classes will enjoy cooking lessons once each month through March 8th. In November, students will prepare and taste a fresh green salad that includes all six parts of the plant: root, stem, leaf, flower, fruit and seed. Volunteers wanted! If you're interested, please contact me: blair@commonthreadsfarm.org. For more information about Common Threads please visit www.commonthreadsfarm.org

