Greywolf Elementary 2023-2024

SEPTEMBER 2023 BACK TO SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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

Greetings Greywolf Families!

First of all, I'd like to welcome all families new to Greywolf Elementary, we are glad you are here! Welcome back to returning families; it has been fun reconnecting with your children this first week back! Our staff got to spend a few days together prior to the arrival of students making plans for the school year and narrowing down our highest priorities. I'm excited to share that our three highest priorities all go hand in hand to give students the best start to their education! You will see through our family events and newsletter publications that we are focusing in on family involvement, attendance, and literacy-learning to read and write. Daily attendance is so critical in helping students stay caught up with what their class is learning and the more days that are missed, the harder it is to get caught up. Families can support learning at school by expressing to their children the importance of being at school each day, and by making daily attendance a priority. Staff at each grade level will be working together to help all students in their grade level be successful through daily instruction on specific literacy skills. We are pouring all available staffing resources into these daily skills sessions and are excited to see students soar this year!

With each school day, Carlsborg Road traffic during drop-off and pick-up times has gotten better and better! As we welcome kindergarten families this week and developmental preschool families the following week, we can continue to improve by having all incoming traffic traveling South on Carlsborg Road to enter our campus. We do not have left hand turns into Greywolf Looper or Park and Pick-Up areas so if you are coming from the highway, please take Mill Road (between Sunny Farms and Paisleys) or Joslin Road (at Cornerstone Baptist Temple) to Runnion Road, then drive South until you get to the Greywolf entrances. Shoulder parking while you wait helps Carlsborg Road through traffic continue. By Friday we were only about 12 cars shy of having the looper lane entirely clear before buses arrived which is our goal! Please see the following maps for traffic flow and park and pick up waiting areas for each grade level.

In our newsletter each week you will find important information about our school as well as flyers attached at the end from local non-profit organizations that are resources for our families. You will find things like sign-up flyers for soccer, basketball, baseball, football, and other opportunities for your children. We hope to be a resource hub for not just school information, but also activities in the community that are great for our students!

Looking forward to this school year with your family!

Mrs. Lopez, GWE Principal



¿Preguntas? Llama a Sra. Carlson, 360-582-3310 scarlson@sequimschools.org



Still need to register? It's not too late! Your child can start 2-3 days after enrollment is completed.

https://www.sequimschools.org/ our_district/enrollment-_registration_information

Please help us out and follow these simple rules for your child's safety.

Park & Walk Entrance:



- AM Please park and walk your student across the crosswalk.
- PM- Please park and walk across the crosswalk to wait on the sidewalk in your child's grade-level area. Walk your child

back to the car using the crosswalk.

- Looper Lane—The continuous looping lane is for drop-off and pick up of students who can independently buckle/unbuckle and open and close their own car door.
- You MUST LOOP if your child is not ready or has not come out yet..
- Need extra time? Please use Park & Pick-up lot.
- Please pull completely forward in Looper Lane... (eases congestion on Carlsborg Rd.)
- NO Passing allowed in the Looper Ln.
 NO Parking in the Gas Station, Faculty Parking Areas or Fire Station.
 - NO Distractions Please... NO Texting or Cell Phone use.

Leo's Photography Picture Day September 20th



More choices on-line www.leosphotography.com School Code: FAL223710



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



















Too many absences—excused or unexcused—can keep students from succeeding in school and in life. How many are too many? 10% of the school year—that's 18 missed days or 2 days a month—can knock students off track.



Late Start Mondays

Monday's First Bell 9:20am

Did you know Greywolf has Late Start Mondays? Students are expected to head to class at 9:20am and their day begins at 9:30am.

If your child rides a bus, they will be picked up an hour later than usual.

YES! Early Drop-offs

Students can arrive at 7:45am Monday-Friday.



Greywolf Website: <u>www.qwe.sequimschools.orq</u>

Email: Greywolf@sequimschools.org



Skyward & Web Access

Our Greywolf website is chock-full of information. Feel free to check weekly for updates, announcements, PTA, etc.

 Skyward Family Access: Button located on our Greywolf Home Page. You can update phone numbers and addresses. Check attendance and food service. Need login?
 Check in the office. We can send a reset!

www.gwe.sequimschools.org

GREYWOLF COMMUNICATION

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Sharing Closet

New to Greywolf? Did your child outgrow clothes this summer?

LINKS

Our sharing closet can always use gently used leggings, sweats and pants sizes 5 to 10 or S, M, L.

We also take shoes or boots. Rainy season is coming and kids will need dry shoes.

If you have any questions, call us at 360.582.3300.



The 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:00pm

Hallways Are Closed

For your child's safety, GWE and the Sequim School District have established a policy that has all exterior doors locked.

We are happy to greet you at the main entrance. Ring the door bell of give us a call 360-582-3300.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Volunteer & Chaperone Applications Each School YEAR Renewal Required

Process is now on-line registration ONLY.

Volunteer Registration is for:

- 1. For Field Trips
- 2. Classroom Helper
- 3. Or any other reason for extended stay in our building with office check-in & permission.

Want to volunteer/chaperone for the 2023-2024 school year?

Complete an online application on the Sequim School District's website

https://www.sequimschools.org/ADE/volunteering

A current Washington State driver's license is needed for a background check. Clearance is good for one year. Questions? Please call the district office at (360) 582-3260. A computer kiosk is available at the District office 503 N. Sequim Ave. if you need assistance.

Remember: Do this today! (You need to apply least TWO weeks prior to a field trip to be cleared in time to go).

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Greywolf Website: www.gwe.sequimschools.org

GWE Office: (360) 582-3300

Pink Slips/Bus Stops

Pink slips are filled out by parents and guardians to indicate a change of plans for a student at the end of the day.

We have carbon copy pink slips. One for the office and the pink one for the teacher to be given to the bus driver.

If picking up choose Looper or Park & Pickup.

If riding bus the slip must include the "Bus Stop". If you have any ques-

tions about a stop please Contact the bus garage 360-582-3274.

Please, call the office **BEFORE 2:00 pm**. It's very difficult to get change of schedule to students after this time.

FYI: Extra pink slips can be found in the office for you to fill out.

We cannot accept Pink

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for after-school changes after 2:00PM.

360-582-3300 office Grey-

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SSD Transportation Pass

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○ Pickup Drive Through —Looper —Park & Pick-up

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Person Completing Form:



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State Report Card



Greywolf Elementary's Report Card and the Sequim School District Report cards can be found on the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) website - washingtonsta-

<u>tereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/</u> . Search for our school by typing in Greywolf and clicking on GO. Paper copies are also available in our office.

District Policy

Sexual Harassment

Students and staff are protected against sexual harassment by anyone in any school program or activity, including on the school campus, on the school bus, or off-campus, such as a school-sponsored field trip.

Sexual harassment is unwelcome behavior or communication that is sexual in nature when:

- ◆ A student or employee is led to believe that he or she must submit to unwelcome sexual conduct or communications in order to gain something in return, such as a grade, a promotion, a place on a sports team, or any educational or employment decision, or
- ◆ The conduct substantially interferes with a student's educational performance, or creates an intimidating or hostile educational or employment environment.

Examples of Sexual Harassment:

- Pressuring a person for sexual favors
- Unwelcome touching of a sexual nature
- Writing graffiti of a sexual nature
- Distributing sexually explicit texts, e-mails, or pictures
- Making sexual jokes, rumors, or suggestive remarks
- Physical violence, including rape and sexual assault

How do I report sexual harassment?

You can report sexual harassment to any school staff member or to the district's Title IX Officer, HR Director Victoria Balint. Email: vbalint@sequimschools.org or call 360-582-3261.



Greywolf Elementary celebrates each student's birthday on their special day. We do not have classroom parties. Parents, please do not bring special treats to school due to an **extreme amount of life-threatening food allergies** in classrooms. If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher for clarification.

Sequim 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 a 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: Title IX and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator: Victoria Balint, vbalint@sequimschools.org 503 N Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA 98382, 360-582-3260, and for Section 504/ADA Coordinator, Cheryl McAliley, 503 N. Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA 98382, 360-582-3402, <a href="mailto:cpillo:cpi



GREYWOLF PARK-N-PICKUP PROCESS

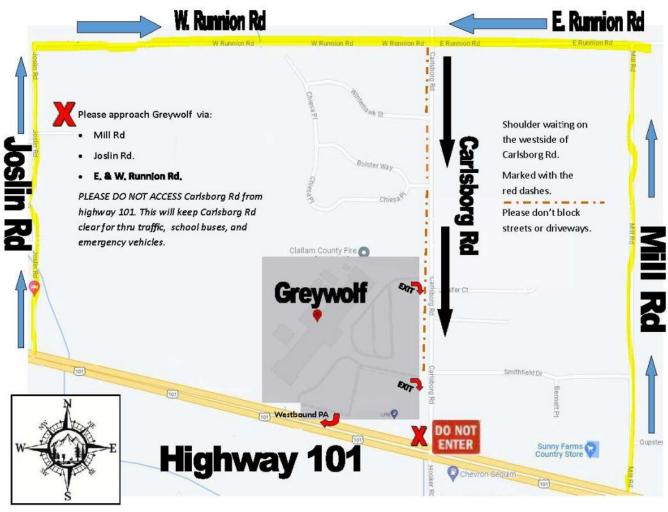
KINDERGARTEN WAITS WITH TEACHERS BY THE FLAG POLE.

GRADES 1 & 2 WAIT WITH THEIR TEACHER IN THE GRASSY AREAS IN FRONT OF SCHOOL.

PLEASE USE CROSSWALKS.







PARENTING JOURNEY

A 12 WEEK COURSE FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN OF ALL AGES AND STAGES

HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES AND GUIDED DISCUSSIONS HELP YOU DEVELOP KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS THAT SUPPORT YOU AS A PARENT AND AS A ROLE MODEL



PARENTING CLASSES ARE FREE DINNER AND CHILDCARE ARE PROVIDED

Classes offered quarterly!

Scan the QR code to register!













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First Step is an equal opportunity employer and provider.



Parenting classes sign up link for box.

First Day of Kindergarten in Monday, September 11th WAKIDS Conferences for Kindergarten are Sept. 6, 7, 8

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Classes Begin: September 6, 2023 Classes End: June 18, 2024

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PLD - PROFESSIONAL LEAKNING DAY	UNIDAYS BREAKS & VACATION DATES

HOLIDAYS, BREAKS, & VACATION DATES Labor Day - September 4

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President's Day - February 19 Semester Break - February 2 Spring Break - Apr 1 - Apr 5 Memorial Day - May 27 Juneteenth - June 19

MAY 2024

1st Qtr Ends - November 13 (45 days) GRADING PERIODS (Q)

2nd Qtr Ends - February 1 (45 days) 3rd Qtr Ends - April 12 (44 Days) 4th Qtr Ends - June 18 (44 Days)

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PLD (Certificated Staff) - No Students August 31, September 1, October 30 TRI (enrichment) Day: August 30 (District Morning/Buildings Afternoon) *SNOW MAKE-UP DAYS (If needed) * - May 10, May 24, June 20



Greywolf and the Sequim School District actively participate with parents of students participating in the Title I, Part A Program. More information about this program can be found on the Sequim School District website located on the main menu under the Instructions Tab/Title 1 or this helpful link http://www.sequimschools.org/instruction/title_i . We also have informational handouts located in our GWE office.

Teacher/Paraeducator Qualification Notice

In efforts to keep parent(s)/guardian(s) informed of the qualifications of teachers/paraeducators, the Every Students Succeeds Act (ESSA) allows parents to inquire at school whether their child(ren)'s teacher(s) have met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject taught.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) may inquire whether a teacher is under emergency or conditional certification through which state qualifications were waived, and they may request information about undergraduate or graduate certification and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration.

Parent(s)/guardian(s) can also ask about paraeducators working with your child in reading, writing, and/or mathematics. We can tell you whether your child receives help from a paraeducator and whether he/she meets state qualifications and/or licensing requirements.

Sequim School District annually conducts an audit of teacher assignments to assure that no teachers are assigned to areas for which they do not meet the Washington State certification and/or endorsement requirements. Only on rare occasions does the District seek a waiver to certification. When it does occur, it is typically for a teacher who is within a few credits of their endorsement and is actively working on completion.

For Your Information

SAMPLE DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT PROCEDURE LANGUAGE

Under state law (WAC <u>392-190-060</u>), school districts and public charter schools must use effective methods to annually inform all students, parents, and employees about the district's or charter school's discrimination complaint procedures. This notice must be provided in a language that each parent and guardian can understand, which may require that the district or charter school translate this information for limited-English proficient parents and guardians.

OSPI's Equity and Civil Rights Office has developed the following sample wording that school districts and charter schools may include in student and/or staff handbooks or other district publications to meet compliance requirements.

Translations are pending

COMPLAINTS ABOUT DISCRIMINATION

What is discrimination?

Discrimination is unfair or unlawful treatment of a person or group because they are part of a defined group, known as a protected class. Discrimination may include treating a person differently or denying someone access to a program, service, or activity because they are part of a protected class, or failing to accommodate a person's disability.

What is a protected class?

A protected class is a group of people who share common characteristics and are protected from discrimination and harassment by federal, state, or local laws. Protected classes under Washington state law include sex, race, color, religion, creed, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, and the use of a trained dog guide or service animal.

How do I file a complaint about discrimination?

If you believe that you or your child has experienced unlawful discrimination or discriminatory harassment at school based on any protected class, you have the right to file a formal complaint. Before filing a complaint, you may wish to discuss your concerns with your child's principal or with the school district's Section 504 Coordinator, Title IX Officer, or Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator. This is often the fastest way to revolve your concerns.

Greywolf Website: <u>www.qwe.sequimschools.orq</u>

PTA: <u>www.greywolfPTA.com</u>

Title IX Officers and Civil Rights Compliance Coordinator:

Victoria Balint, 503 N. Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA 98382. 360-582-3261, vbalint@sequimschools.org

Section 504 Coordinator:

Cheryl McAliley 503 N. Sequim Ave., Sequim, WA 98382. 360-582-3402, cpillon@sequimschools.org

For a full copy of the school district's nondiscrimination procedure, visit <u>www.sequimschools.org</u> or contact the school district at 360-582-3260.

Step 1: Complaint to the School District

A complaint must be in writing, describe what happened, and state why you believe it is discrimination. It is also helpful to include what actions you would like the district to take to resolve your complaint. In most cases, complaints must be filed within one year from the date of the event that is the subject matter of the complaint.

Complaints may be submitted by mail, fax, e-mail, or hand delivery to any district or school administrator or the district's Compliance Coordinator.

When the school district receives your written complaint, the Compliance Coordinator will give you a copy of the district's discrimination complaint procedure. The Compliance Coordinator will then make sure that the school district conducts a prompt and thorough investigation. You may also agree to resolve your complaint in lieu of an investigation.

The school district must respond to you in writing within 30 calendar days after receiving your complaint, unless you agree on a different date. If exceptional circumstances related to the complaint require an extension of the time limit, the school district will notify you in writing about the reasons for the extension and the anticipated response date.

When the school district responds to your complaint, it must include:

- 1. A summary of the results of the investigation;
- 2. Whether or not the school district has failed to comply with civil rights requirements related to the complaint;
- 3. Notice of your right to appeal, including where and to whom the appeal must be filed; and
- 4. Any corrective measures determined necessary to correct any noncompliance.

Step 2: Appeal to the School District

If you disagree with the school district's decision, you may appeal to the school district's board of directors. You must file a notice of appeal in writing to the secretary of the school board within 10 calendar days after you received the school district's response to your complaint.

The school board will schedule a hearing within 20 calendar days after they received your appeal, unless you agree on a different timeline. At the hearing, you may bring witnesses or other information related to your appeal.

The school board will send you a written decision within 30 calendar days after the district received your notice of appeal. The school board's decision will include information about how to file a complaint with OSPI.

Step 3: Complaint to OSPI

If you do not agree with the school district's appeal decision, you may file a complaint with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI). A complaint must be filed with OSPI within **20 calendar days** after you received the district's appeal decision. You may send your complaint to OSPI by e-mail, mail, fax, or hand-delivery:

E-mail: Equity@k12.wa.us Fax: (360) 664-2967

Mail: OSPI Equity and Civil Rights Office, PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200

Complaints cannot be filed with OSPI unless they have already been raised with the school district and appealed, as outlined in Steps 1 and 2 above, or if the school district did not follow the correct complaint and appeal procedures.

For more information, visit www.k12.wa.us/Equity/Complaints.aspx, or contact OSPI's Equity and Civil Rights Office at (360) 725-6162/TTY: (360) 664-3631 or by e-mail at equity@k12.wa.us.