Greywolf Elementary 2022-2023

March 24th * Family Newsletter

Office Hours: 7:30am - 3:30pm • E-mail: greywolf@sequimschools.org • Office: 360-582-3300 • Bus Garage: 360-582-3274

Greywolf families,

Friday morning we welcomed Book-It Theater, a traveling theater company out of Seattle. We look forward to their performances each year because they bring books to life by acting out a book or a portion of a book, word-for-word as the author wrote it. Our Greywolf PTA has been the sponsor for these performances for years and we appreciate them providing this opportunity for our students!

The PTA Read-a-Thon, happening now, pays for these assemblies and many more, including our upcoming Reptile Man assembly and evening family shows, and new to Greywolf this year, a Big Air BMX show! Olympic and X Games BMX athletes will be coming to Greywolf to share a message of inspiration on working hard, making positive choices, and anti-bullying, along with some pretty amazing BMX action! Thank you for supporting our PTA Read-a-Thon and making these kinds of experiences possible for our students! If you haven't gotten started, it's not too late! See page two of our newsletter for details.

~ Mrs. Lopez, GWE Principal

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thurs	Friday		
27) LATE START MONDAY 9:20AM	28)	29) Read-A- and any form due by Spring	s/money	31)		
Happy Spring Break April 3rd to April 9th						
10) LATE START MONDAY	11) 6:45 PTA Meeting	12)	13) Strategic Planning 6pm	14) Free Family Movie Night-		
9:20AM	¿Preguntas? Llama a la Sra. Lopez, 360-582-3301		Last Day	"Spirit" (G)		

Sodexo Future Chefs cooking competition was March 18th. Students from Greywolf & Helen Haller chopped, mixed, measured, and baked some yummy creations!

Grand Prize:

- Brynn Kendall—Rainbow Salad Silver:
 - 2nd Jude Reno "Tomaidacan" Salad
 - ▶ 3rd Morgan Breithaupt—Berry Doughnut
 - ◆ 5th Giovanni Navarro- Cucumber Salad

Congratulations Greywolf!



Sodexo's Future Chefs

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- Every kid gets a free yearbook!
- School assemblies
- · Monthly family movie nights
- · Support for school clubs, field day, field trips and so much more

The fundraiser runs from March 17-March 29

Does your child enjoy reading?

- Sign-up
- Get pledges for reading
- Log reading minutes
- Raise funds for:
 - Special Assemblies
 - Free Yearbooks
 - Family Movie Night
 - Art Supplies/Activities

Individual Prize

A Book from Dungeness Kids Co. & a cupcake from That Takes the Cake!

Class Prize

Read-in GLOW Party



It's Simple!

Register your child at:

www.mybooster.com

Start reading!





Looking to be involved with the Greywolf PTA?

Join a monthly meeting to hear what they do.

Second Tuesday of each month

6:45pm in person or on Zoom! greywolfpta@gmail.com or Facebook



"Click Me"
to join the
Zoom Link

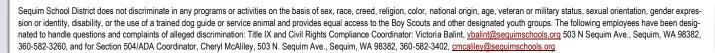
Have You Registered to chaperone for field trips or volunteer?

- ▼ Interested in volunteering in a class?
 Please contact the teacher for information.
- Teachers are starting to plan field trips.
 - 1. Must complete volunteer application at least 2 weeks in advance
 - 2. Online Application (Link) also found at www.sequimschools.org
 - 3. Upload Photo I.D.
 - 4. Have a valid email address for confirmation
 - 5. Application must be completed each SCHOOL year





Help us keep the air we share healthy and fragrance free :)







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There are 2 ways to raise \$:

- 1. If you signed up with www.mybooster.com in the fall then your account is already active and you can just log-in! If just follow the below steps:
 - a. Click on "Sign Up"
 - b. Click on "I'm a Parent/Guardian"
 - c. Enter your information
 - d. Search for Greywolf Elementary
 - e. Enter Student's name and select classroom. You'll have the opportunity to add multiple students under one pledge page!
- 2. OR: The attached pledge sheet can be used to collect cash and checks from donors not wanting to use the online platform.

There are 2 ways to track minutes read:

- 1. Track minutes in 30 minute intervals on www.mybooster.com.
- 2. Track the minutes on the reading log attached and turn in on 29 March.

Prizes for donations & reading:

- The top earner and reader for each grade will receive a certificate for a free book from <u>Dungeness Kids Co.</u> and a free cupcake from <u>That Takes the Cake!</u>
- 2. The top class in reading and donations from each hallway will get a <u>Read-in</u> Glow Party!

Greywolf Elementary

P Read-a-thon pledge sheet for cash & check collection.

Student Name:						
Teacher:						
Please return this pledge sheet with all cash & checks by March 29.						
Checks should be made out to: Gre	ywolf PTA					
Sponsor's Name	Amoun	t Paid?				
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2023 READ-A-THON READING LOG

You can either log reading here or on www.mybooster.com, if using the log please turn in on 29 March to your teacher.

DATE	BOOK TITLE	MINUTES READ

March 18, 2023

Dear Sequim Families and Staff,

As many of you are aware, our school district is facing a significant budget shortfall for the next school year 2023-2024. A community forum was held last Monday evening outlining the reasons for the budget gap of \$3.6M and introducing possible remedies to the problem. Another budget forum is planned for this Monday evening, March 20th at 5:00 p.m. in the Sequim High School library and by Zoom. (Register in advance: <u>HERE</u>)

Three of the proposed solutions are shared below as we feel it is important for all to be aware of the details and discussions surrounding these ideas.

- Elementary School Reconfiguration: Moving from two K-5 elementary buildings to a PreK-Grade 2 school based at Greywolf and a Grades 3-5 school based at Helen Haller Elementary.
- Increase to Olympic Peninsula Academy: The current waitlist at OPA will be addressed to a greater degree.
- Reduction in Virtual School Services at Dungeness Virtual School: K-5 online schooling services at DVS will be eliminated.

In addition, several staff members have announced retirements and those positions will not be replaced at the secondary level (Grades 6-12). District Office departments are also facing proposed reductions in excess of \$1M.

There are challenging times ahead for Sequim School District, but we will pull together and make sure these challenges bring positive outcomes for our students. The decisions that will give our district financial stability bring with them a silver lining. Creative thinking about programmatic solutions and academic opportunities have emerged and given us an opportunity to reevaluate research-based ideas that have been considered by our district in the past. One such idea is the reconfiguration of our elementary program.

This potential reconfiguration compliments my vision for our future which includes uniquely designed centers of learning dedicated to the developmental needs of students during critical childhood development spans. I picture a future in which a PK-2 Early Learning Center provides support and learning experiences; specially designed for 5–7-year-olds, who learn through play and early literacy experiences. I see a Learning Foundations Focus for Grades 3-5 in which basic academic foundations are not only built, but practiced, including reading, writing, math, communication, and social skills. These two reconfigured schools will prepare our students for an eventual middle school experience built on a strong foundation of learning basics and behavioral and social skill development. In addition to the positive academic and behavioral outcomes for our elementary students, the idea will save our district between \$875,000-\$1.2M as I will discuss further at the meeting on Monday.

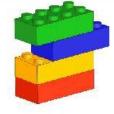
Concerns have been raised about logistics and are being heard. People are curious about where this path might lead us. Logistical questions about transportation, moving programs, building maps, and communication efforts must still be answered. The district is working on a *Frequently Asked Questions* tab on our website which will be available soon so that families and staff can find answers and we will continue to reach out and be as transparent as possible through the process.

Sincerely,

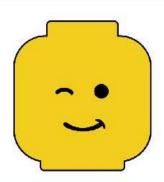
Regan Nickels Superintendent Sequim School District



Mother Son Lego Block Party!



Building bonds between mothers and sons one brick at a time!



presented By:



Saturday, March *25TH*, 2023 5:30-830 pm. Dinner served at *7*

Tickets available at bgc-op.org or at the front desk

- Dinner
- Dessert
- Four rounds of bingo*
- Dance contests
- Lego building competition
- Raffles & prizes*
- Selfie Station*
- Lego Movie

\$10 for each additional child

\$20 per 'couple'

Block Party is for moms and sons ages 4 & up, or any other female role model.

Admission includes dinner for two (sandwich bar)
dessert for two, and four bingo cards!
*\$5 unlimited selfie station
*\$1 raffle tickets
*\$1 extra bingo cards

Located at the Boys & Girls Club in Sequim, 400 W. Fir. Street For more information email Tessa; tjackson@bgc-op.org or call 360-683-8095.

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