



Welcome Back to School!!!

2017-2018



Upcoming Events

- September 11 - First Day of School for Kindergarten & Sno Isle Students
- September 11 - Grades 5-8 Picture Day
- September 13 - School Board Workshop at 6:30pm
- September 20 - Early Release (Students are released 3 hours earlier)
- September 21 - Grades K-6 Curriculum Night/Open House 6-7:30
- September 27 - School Board Business Meeting at 6:30pm
- October 3 - Grades K-4 Picture Day
- October 4 - Grades 7-12 Open House 6:30-8:30 at SWHS
- October 6 - NO SCHOOL for Grades K-12 (District Inservice Day)
- October 11 - Early Release Day & School Board Workshop
- October 25 - Early Release Day & School Board Business Meeting
- November 1 - Early Release Day
- November 10 - NO SCHOOL (Veteran's Day) District Office Closed
- November 15 - Early Release Day & School Board Business Meeting
- November 20-22 - Grades K-8 Parent -Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL
- November 22 - Grades 9-12 Early Release
- November 23 & 24 - NO SCHOOL (Thanksgiving Break) - District Office Closed

[Link to School Calendar for 2017-2018](#)

[Link to School Board Calendar for 2017-2018](#)

[Link to South Whidbey School District Online Calendar](#)

LEARN MORE: [Link to www.sw.wednet.edu](http://www.sw.wednet.edu)



Letter from the Superintendent...

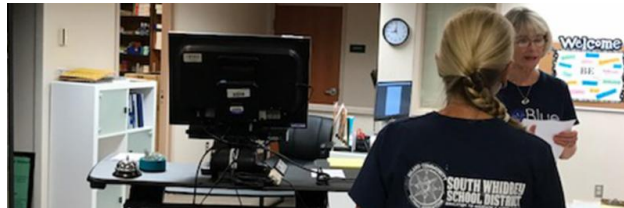
Dear South Whidbey Families,

Welcome back to the 2017-18 school year. Our year is off to a wonderful start! The change from using the LMS site to using the campuses on Maxwellton Road has begun. Many staff and volunteers helped make this happen over the summer and we are in full swing at this time. Teachers are in classrooms and doing the important work of teaching our students. Our first few days allowed us to work on our transportation and lunch schedules to ensure that students have their needs met effectively and efficiently in these two areas. Students have found their way to new locations and we are working out the minor issues that arise with any change of this magnitude. Thank you for your support and patience.

This year the Board of Directors is modifying our district goal. Our goal will change from: *By 2020 all of our graduates will leave us Career and College Ready*: to, **By 2020 all of our graduates will leave us Career, College and Culturally Ready**. Our staff spent the day on August 31st learning, listening and helping to direct the work we need to do to address this goal with our students. We will be asking the community to become active in helping determine how we address this goal too. A collective book study will begin over the next month. Look for more information to follow on our website and Facebook page.

Thank you, as always, for working together with us so that our children are well educated and successful as they learn and grow into young adulthood.

Thanks, Jo



Please welcome our new staff that joined SWSD

South Whidbey High School

Brittany Brandt, CTE Teacher

Vicki Cable, Math teacher

Carla McDowell, Counselor

Roy Newton, Spanish Teacher

Melissa Pritchett, Special Education Teacher

Seth Raabe, Agriculture Teacher

Nathan Welever, Athletic Trainer

South Whidbey Middle School

Lindsey DeMots, 6th grade ELA

James Swanson, Grades 5-8 Principal

Sue Terhar, Secretary

South Whidbey Elementary School

Katelyn Alderson, Kindergarten Teacher

Carrie Allen, Health Services Assistant

Sarah Boin, Third Grade Teacher

Megan Gaydosh, Special Education Teacher

Joanna Goodwin, Kindergarten Teacher

Maggie Holloway, K-6 Art Teacher

Joanne Keefe, Health Services Assistant

Linda Moore, First Grade Teacher
Kerry Sjoblom, K-6 Music Teacher
Sarah Smith, Second Grade Teacher
Sarah Winder, LAP Para

Donn Wills, 7th grade electives

District Office

Amanda Fisher, Business Operations Specialist
Tammi Sloan, Accounts Payable Specialist

Special Education Department

Jackie Ballog, 1:1 Para
Gina Diamond, Para
Dr. Jeff Fankhauser, Special Ed Director
Alexandra Goheen Walter, 1:1 Para
Karlle Hutson, Para
Teresa Nero-Wirth, Para
Michael Swenson, Occupational Therapist

South Whidbey Elementary School Grades K-4

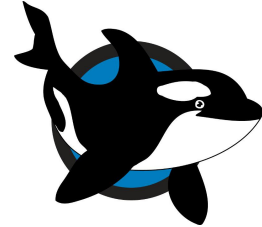
School Start and End Times:

Grades K-4 Start at 9am and end at 3:30pm

Office hours 8:30-4:00.

Phone 360-221-4600

Attendance line 360-221-6808 extension 4406



[Link to Website](#)

South Whidbey Middle School Grades 5-8

School Start and End Times:

Grades 5 & 6 start at 7:50am and end at 2:20pm

Grades 7 -12 start at 7:45am and end at 2:30pm

South Campus and Secondary Campus (SWHS) Office hours 7:15-2:45.

South Campus (Grades 5&6) Phone 360-221-5100 FAX 360-221-6929

Secondary Campus (Grades 7&8) Phone 360-221-4300 FAX 360-221-5797

Grades 5&6 Attendance line 360-221-6808 extension 4601

or call the main line at 360-221-5100

Grades 7&8 Attendance line is 360-221-0937



[Link to Website](#)

South Whidbey High School & Academy 9-12

School Start and End Times:

Grades 9 -12 start at 7:45am and end at 2:30pm

Office hours 7:15-2:45.

Phone 360-221-4300 FAX 360-221-5797

Attendance line is 360-221-0937

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South Whidbey Academy Grades K-6

School Start and End Times:

Start at 9:00 am and end at 2:20pm

Except for Fridays - See [Jean Cravy](#) for details



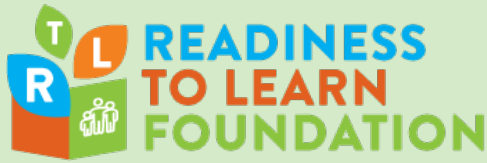
South Campus Office hours 7:15-2:45.

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South Campus Phone 360-221-5100 FAX 360-221-6929

Attendance line 360-221-6808 extension 4601

or call the main line at 360-221-5100



The Family Resource Center and the Readiness to Learn Foundation are available to help families experiencing financial challenges. To set up an appointment, please call (360)221-6808 ext 4321.

[Learn more linked here.](#)



South Whidbey School Farms

Our summer season has been exciting at the school farms; our veggies are thriving at the newly installed SWHS garden. It is time for fall harvest. There are pickles and beans galore.

Please stop by and visit the gardens.

[Learn more linked here.](#)



Volunteers Wanted!

We need people like you to donate time, energy and experience in a variety of areas including helping in the classroom, being a tutor or mentor, helping senior students with their culminating projects, clerical and much more.

Together we will be able to help many students and teachers. Our volunteers say they feel rewarded many times over for the help they provide in making a difference in the lives of others.

[Volunteer forms linked here.](#)



Join your PTA!!!

Would you like to help us make a difference?

We need people like you!!!

There are two PTAs in the district.

[Grades K-6 SWEPTA links](#)

[Grades 7-12 PTSA links](#)



Your Child's Health is important to us!!!

Don't forget to complete the [annual health update form linked here](#). **You must fill it out on a yearly basis and sign the bottom.** [Here is a link to required vaccinations.](#) [Please check our health page on the website for forms and update information linked here.](#)

[South Whidbey Food Service, through Chartwells, provides menus online, linked here.](#) This is an interactive site with a free smartphone app. You can access the school menus anywhere at anytime. Free and reduced meals are available. If you feel you may qualify for the free or reduced lunch/breakfast program, please complete a [Free and Reduced Meals form linked here](#). Return the form to your child's school. This form must be filled out annually.

[Learn More about the SWSD Food Service Program linked here.](#)



CHILD FIND

In accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 2004, the South Whidbey School District locates and evaluates children with disabilities. IDEA requires school districts

to locate, evaluate and provide services for children birth to 21, who may have a disability.

Children age birth to 3 years that have a delay in development are eligible for early intervention services. The school district contracts with the Toddler Learning Center for this age group. For more information about the program, please contact Sharon with the Toddler Learning Center at 221-6808 x 4420.

If you have a preschool age child (3-5 yrs.) that is not meeting typical development milestones and you would like to have them screened, the school district offers free screenings. Please contact Marie at the Special Education office at 360-221-6808 ext. 2206 for more information.

Kindergarten through Grade 12, please contact the school principal where your child attends school if you suspect a child of having disabilities and may need special education services.

South Whidbey School District serves all children (public school, private school, home school) residing within their boundaries. A child may be referred by any source that has knowledge about the student.

If your family is living in a temporary situation, you may contact the district where you are staying to attend a screening.

For more information about Child Find refer to the OSPI web address referenced below:

<http://www.k12.wa.us/SpecialEd/Families/Referral.aspx>

If you would like more information about the Child Find process, please contact the Special Education Department at 360-221-6808 ext.2206 or refer to the Special Education website for helpful links and resources.



ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
read well by the end of 3rd grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS
stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS
earn their degree



WORKERS
succeed in their jobs

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.



[NEW LINK: SWSD FAMILY HANDBOOK](#)

The New South Whidbey School District Family Handbook is your one stop for general information regarding the district. The online version is linked to pages on our website that may answer your questions.

The South Whidbey School District #206 does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, marital status, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities 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: Affirmative Action/Title IX/ RCW 28A.640 /RCW 28A.642 compliance officer, Dan Poolman, , or Section 504/ADA coordinator, Dr.

Jeff Fankhauser, , 5520 Maxwellton Road, Langley, WA 98260, 360-221-6100