



Orca Spout Out Newsletter

9-8-2020

Dear Highland Terrace Orca Families,

It was wonderful to see our Orcas back together and begin our year of learning. We appreciate all you did to get your child(ren) connected and engaged throughout the days. We value working in partnership with families.

Key Dates:

- **September 8:** First day of school for Kindergarten. Welcome students and families!
- **September 10:** Virtual Opening Assembly/Messages. *(We are still working on plans for this. Information will come to students via Seesaw).*
- **September 17:**
 - Virtual Curriculum Night (see below for times)
 - Constitution and Citizenship Day - Observance
- **September 22 from 6-7 (Save the Date):** Annual District Health Curriculum Night for Families. *We will send the specific details when it is shared.*

Shoreline Public Schools Calendar Information for 2020-2021: These links provide the calendar information and early release days for this school year.

- [2020-2021 School Year One-Page Calendar](#)
- [2020-2021 School Year Art Wall Calendar](#)
- [Early Release Day Information for 2020-2021 School Year](#)

Student Handbook & Expectations: At the start of each year, we share with families the [Highland Terrace Handbook](#) and [HT Student Expectations](#). Many of the sections apply to being at school. We would like you to review the following sections.

- Student Expectations
- Bullying/Harassment/Intimidation

- Safe Space From Hate, Bias, and Bigotry
- Dress Code
- Responding to Incidents & Rule Reminder

Elementary Curriculum Night: September 17 is designated district-wide as elementary community/curriculum night. Below is our schedule for the evening. We are looking forward to seeing families and being able to share information about the classroom and learning.

5:30-6:15	Grades K-2 & Blended Classrooms & 5th Grade Walk to Math Meet virtually via classroom Zoom meeting links. Teachers will send the link.
6:15-6:45	Principal Welcome & PTA General Membership Virtual Meeting The Zoom link will be sent on September 16.
6:45-7:30	Grades 3-5 Meet virtually via classroom Zoom meeting links. Teachers will send the link.

If you have any questions, I encourage you to reach out to your child’s teacher, to a member of the office staff, or to me.

Sincerely,

Lara Drew

Principal | Highland Terrace

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ATTENDANCE INFORMATION FOR 2020-21 REMOTE LEARNING

Hello Highland Terrace Families! Welcome to the 2020-21 School Year.

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has updated its rules for attendance and truancy during remote learning for the 2020-21 year.

Schools must take daily attendance during remote hybrid learning. Students will be counted as present in remote learning with time spent synchronous or asynchronous.

Participation can be demonstrated through daily log-ins on learning management systems (Seesaw, Canvas). Daily interactions with staff to acknowledge attendance, with evidence of

participation on tasks or assignments or other factors determined by school staff. A student is absent when they **do not** participate in planned class activities on a remote learning day.

A remote learning absence can be excused for the same reasons in-person learning were excused (illness, appointment, etc.) and any COVID-19 related circumstances affecting a student or family member. The school principal has the authority to determine if an absence meets the criteria for an excused absence.

Teachers have 24 hours to record attendance. With the new timeline for teachers to submit attendance, I will contact families the day following any reported absence. Any absence from the beginning of School 9/2/20 to 10/4/20 will be coded as a "Non Truancy Remote Learning Absence." **After October 4th students can be marked unexcused and referred to truancy.** Similar to in person attendance if your child will be absent we must speak to, or receive an email from a parent or guardian with the reason for the absence.

If your child(ren) will be absent please send an email to ht.attendance@shorelineschools.org or call the attendance line (206) 393-4342 available 24 hours; leave a message including the date, student name, teacher or room number and the reason for the absence.

If you have questions please let me know.

Thank you,

Kristie Brown

Registrar/Secretary Highland Terrace

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PTA Welcomes all our Highland Terrace Families Back to School

Have you checked everything off your **Back To School Checklist**? Also included on the website, www.highlandterracepta.org

* **Sign up for PTA membership**: Sign up by 9/15 to be entered into a drawing for a free piece of Orca Wear!

* **Donate** and help us reach our fall fundraising goal. Every bit helps get us closer to our goal!

* **Sign up to Volunteer**: Look for new opportunities as we navigate the new normal.

* **Update your information** for the School Directory.

* **Order your OrcaWear** online by 9/18.

Adding your name to the PTA membership helps grow our voice. Join tens of thousands across Washington and millions across the US to advocate for Every Child.