

October 28, 2022



School News

Sequim Middle School

Office Hours: 7:00-3:30 p.m.

Main Office 360-582-3500 Attendance 360-582-3503



What do I need to know before the week starts: 10/31-11/4

Maps Testing: What and Why

MAP Growth Assessments are given three times a year at SMS. This first set of assessments is for our school team to identify a baseline for the school year. The mid-year and final assessments give us both growth feedback and information that can help our staff adjust their instructional focus. We will also seek to identify strengths and specific areas for growth before we take the state tests near the end of the year.

At the middle school, we are a place where students begin to apply mathematics, reading and writing skills across a variety of content areas. The MAP assessments are shared knowledge for all departments as they seek to grow our student's knowledge and skills. As we become masterful in our use of this new tool, we will seek to share information both broadly and individually.

Veteran's Day Recognition assembly is coming...

Part of our Monday Wolfpack time will be spent practicing for the assembly. For the first time in three years, the whole school will be attending an assembly together. We will review the expectations for this assembly as we target to honor the people in our community that have given a part of themselves to uphold the freedoms and liberties we enjoy. At the assembly on November 10th, we will be treated to some words from a recent graduate currently serving our country with the Army.

A week or more out...

Sports:

- 11/15: Basketball away
- 11/17: Basketball away
- 11/22: Basketball home
- 11/28: Basketball away

Logistics:

- 11/14: Foster Care Awareness Night, 7-8:30pm, SHS Auditorium
- 11/14: End of Term One
- 11/15: Fine Arts Night, 5:30-8:00
- 11/15: Book fair
- 11/23: **Early release** @ 11:00—Thanksgiving Holiday
- 11/24-11/25: **NO SCHOOL**—Thanksgiving Holiday

Logistics

- 10/31: **NO SCHOOL** - Online Parent/Teacher Conferences, 8:00am-3:00pm
- 11/1: **NO SCHOOL** - In-person Parent/Teacher Conferences 12:00pm-7:00pm
- 11/4: **Picture Day**, order now at leosphotography.com, use code FAL220680, or pay with cash/check on picture day

CLUBS:

- Mon: HOSA— Future Health Professionals, 2:45
- Tues: Timberwolves Thunder Drumline, 2:45-4:00
- Tues: Art Club, 2:45-4:00
- Wed: Hiking Club, 2:45-4:00
- Wed: Woodwind & Brass Club, 2:45-4:00
- Wed: NASA Science Club, 3:00-4:00
- Thurs: Fly Fishing Club, 2:45-4:00
- Thurs: Sequim Thunder Drumline (Advanced), 2:45-4:00
- Thurs: Dungeons and Dragons Club, 3:00-5:00

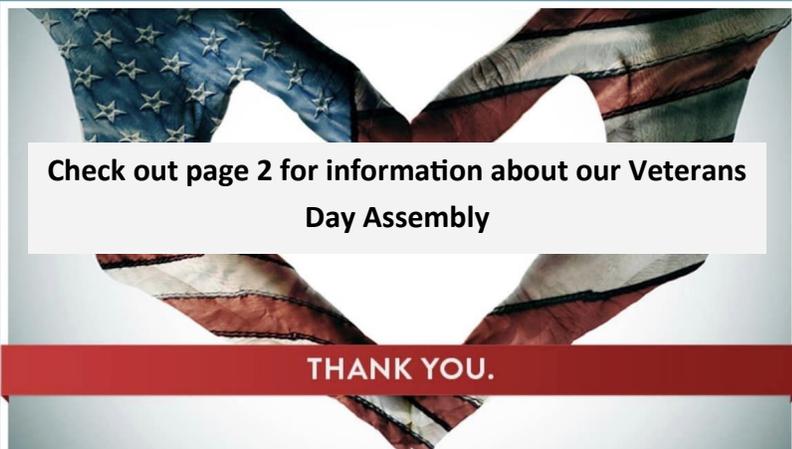
Next Week... 11/7-11/11

Sports:

- 11/9: Basketball @ Sequim

Logistics:

- 11/6: Daylight Savings Time ends
- 11/9: White Hatter Webinar, 7:00-9:00pm, for info and registration go to <https://pw4kids.org/white-hatter-webinars>
- 11/10: Veterans Day assembly, 8:30am
- 11/11: **NO SCHOOL** Veterans Day



Veterans Day Assembly

Sequim Middle School will be holding its annual **Veterans Day Assembly on Thursday, November 10th.**

Any interested U.S. veterans, as well as current servicemen and women, are invited to come and be honored in Sequim's main gym.

The assembly begins at 8:30 a.m. and will include performances by the Sequim Middle School Choir; a keynote speaker; Civil Air Patrol and time for veterans to share stories with students. Veterans are encouraged to arrive by 8:10 a.m. to sign in and are welcome to stay for refreshments after in the Middle School Cafeteria.

Sequim Middle School is located at 301 W Hendrickson Road Sequim, WA (enter through outside gym doors).

If interested or if you have any questions, please contact Sequim teacher, Richard Miko: rmiko@sequimschools.org.

HIV/AIDS Prevention Education

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

In response to the threat of HIV/AIDS to our population, the Washington state Legislature mandated that a program of prevention education be presented to students yearly beginning with the 5th grade and continuing through 12th grade. The Sequim School District #323 has adopted an appropriate program for HIV prevention education under the direction of the District Nurse, using school approved videos and information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Learn360, supplied by the Olympic Educational Service District.

To preview the District's HIV prevention education program and videos that your student might see, please access the school and grade specific curriculum through the Sequim School District Home Webpage (http://sequimschools.org/instruction/h_i_v_-_aids_curriculum).

Following your preview of the materials, families who wish to have their child excused from participation in the HIV Prevention Program may sign a release form: Parental Request to Excuse Student from HIV Prevention Education, (form provided in the Sequim School District HIV Education Overview at: http://sequimschools.org/instruction/h_i_v_-_aids_curriculum) and submit it, complete with their signature to the Sequim District Nurse: Sonja Bittner at sbittner@sequimschools.org. You may also drop off a printed copy to your school's Health Room.

STATE LAW PROVIDES THAT A PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST PREVIEW THE MATERIAL BEFORE THEY CAN HAVE THEIR CHILD OR LEGAL WARD EXCUSED FROM PARTICIPATION IN THE HIV PREVENTION PROGRAM.

Sonja Bittner RN
Sequim School District Nurse

COVID Update

The safety of our students, staff and families is our number one priority. Clallam County suggests families consider Covid testing **** for any Covid-19 symptoms** (English: [Symptoms of COVID-19 | CDC](#)) (Spanish: [Síntomas del COVID-19 | CDC](#)) regardless of vaccination status or having previously tested positive for Covid-19, due to the high rate of re-infection.

We have FREE/UNLIMITED iHealth Rapid Antigen Home Covid-19 tests available to everyone. Please be aware the expiry date has been extended 12 months past what is printed on the box if they are stored in a dry location between 36-86 degrees F.

****Please notify Covid Central of any positive test results or of any household exposure to Covid-19**

**** Additionally, the parent/guardian are to report all positive "home" test results to the Washington State Department of Health (WSDOH) hotline at 1-800-525-0127 or visit the Say Yes COVID Test website to report results:**

English: [About the Tests - Say Yes! To Covid Test \(sayyescovidhometest.org\)](#)

Spanish: [About the Tests - Say Yes! To Covid Test \(sayyescovidhometest.org\)](#)

The Sequim School District has a "centralized" response to our student's COVID concerns. Covid Central (Karen Huber) can be reached at **(360) 582-3433** or by email at: khuber@sequimschools.org, available every school day from **9:00am-12:00pm**. If your student tests positive for Covid-19, or if you have questions please e-mail, call or leave a phone message for Karen and she will respond during operating hours. (For parents, this may mean a delay in sending your child to school, but delays and absences in attendance for COVID concerns are excused.)

****Families are to report all Covid positive tests to Karen at Covid Central to have their student excused from school for this concern.**

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, cmcaliley@sequimschools.org.

... Foster Care ... Awareness Night

11 | 14 | 2022

7pm - 8:30pm
Sequim High School Auditorium

11 | 16 | 2022

7pm - 8:30pm
Port Angeles High School Auditorium

Get information on the issues, get answers to questions, find resources, and help us build a supportive community around our most vulnerable children and families!



"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,
nothing is going to get better. It's not."



Annual Sequim School District Title I Update

Donna Hudson, Executive Director



Sequim School District is a Title I District

Greywolf Elementary, Helen Haller Elementary, and Sequim Middle School all participate in the Title I Program. Title I, Part A, is part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Its goal is to ensure that all children have a fair, equal and significant opportunity to obtain a high quality education and reach proficiency on challenging state academic standards. Our Title I schools qualify for federal grant money which we use for additional staffing, parent involvement, staff development, and extended school day opportunities to help us meet that goal. This update is intended to provide you with important information about this law and your child's education. Please contact the principal if you would like more information about Title I activities or parent participation at your child's school.

District and School Report Card Information

Are you interested in knowing how your child's school did on state assessments? How different groups of children performed compared to other schools? You can find out by going to <https://washingtonstatereportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>. The report card contains information about test results as well as other statistics about the school.

Citizen Complaints

If you believe that the law that applies to federal programs like Title I has been violated, you have the right to file a complaint. First contact your child's school. If you can't reach a solution, you can file a Citizen Complaint through the Office of the Superintendent of Public Information. Questions | Phone (360) 725-6100

Parent and Family Engagement Policy

Sequim School District's Title I Parent and Family Engagement policy can be viewed [here](#). To request a mailed copy, please call | Phone (360) 582-3400

Right to Request Teacher and Para Qualifications

All parents/guardians have the right to request information regarding the professional qualifications of your child's classroom teacher(s) or instructional paraeducators.

For more information, please contact
Human Resources at
360-582-3418

Share your thoughts!

CALL 360-582-3400 OR EMAIL:
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