Salmon Creek Families,

Report cards for the first trimester will have been emailed home last Friday, December 4 for our remote learning students. Kindergarteners who are at school as part of the A Pod will bring a copy of their report card home on Monday, December 7th. Kindergarteners who attend school as part of the B Pod brought a copy of their report card home on Friday, December 4.

Last spring, due to the unprecedented situation we faced as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak, we adjusted our grading policies to focus only on participation and engagement in remote learning as staff, students and parents learned to navigate a new system for learning.

This fall, however—under the guidance of the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)—districts have been directed to follow their established policies for grading. Please take a moment to review the report card insert, that describes the rubric and descriptors for each score.

We encourage you to take some time with your student, to carefully review and discuss this trimester’s report card together—and to reflect upon its contents. Celebrate those areas of growth by offering specific praise and encouragement instead of broad statements. Try: “You worked very hard on learning your addition facts,” instead of “Great job in math.” This promotes value for the process of learning.

Take time to review skills, concepts, and work habits that need more support. We recognize that learning remotely is difficult—and that for many students, simply turning assignments in has been a challenge. Review the report card narrative, and develop a reasonable plan for improvement, including check-ins and check-points, to monitor progress.

Learning is a journey, and this fall’s report card is an indicator of your child’s work and efforts so far this year. We are proud of our students’ contributions, especially in these conditions—and we look forward to the road ahead.

In support of learning,
Heath

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Calendar

December 14—Teachers will be engaged in a professional development and will be taken away from live instruction starting at 1:30.
December 17 - Virtual Winter Holiday Extravaganza at 6:30
December 21 – January 1—Winter Break NO SCHOOL

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Counselor’s Corner

Our school counselor is available during remote learning. If you would like to talk to her, please call the office or email her at: Sue.Bales@vansd.org.

With so many questions from kids, how do you easily talk to them about the coronavirus pandemic? One Legacy Health Physician put those answers into words and drawings. Check out her children's book about Covid 19.

“Julie and the Evil Queen”
Attendance Matters!

Teachers record student attendance for every instructional day.

A student is considered in attendance when one or more of these conditions are present daily:

- The student has logged into Canvas, accessible through ClassLink;
- The student has interacted with the teacher (e.g., via zoom, emails, phone calls); or
- The student has participated in a task or assignment.

If there is no contact or access, it will be counted as an absence.

Parents are expected to contact the school to excuse an absence by:

- Calling the attendance line 360-313-2803
- Email school: SalmonCreek.Attendance@vansd.org
- Enter into Skyward Family Access

Absences can be excused by notifying the school within three days.

In need of school supplies?

Our wonderful PTA is providing us with all of our school supplies this year. Once your students return to school, the supplies will be here. We also know that you may be running low at home for our remote learners.

Please contact your teacher or email us at Screek@vansd.org with the items you are needing and we will get them ready for you to pick up.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION, 2021-2022

VANCOUVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS PLANNING THE ANNUAL KINDERGARTEN SPRING REGISTRATION.

REGISTRATION BEGINS January 11, 2021

To register for kindergarten, bring proof of birth date and records of immunization to your neighborhood school and pick up a Registration packet!

We recommend parents register their children by May 1st to ensure that you and your child receive an invitation to attend the Kindergarten visitation program this spring.

Note: Any child who will be five (5) years old on or before August 31 is eligible to enter kindergarten this fall.

This year Salmon Creek will be premiering A Winter Holiday Extravaganza!

This will include virtual grade level performances as well as solo performances by Salmon Creek students who wish to participate!

This virtual show will be compiled into a YouTube video and shared with Salmon Creek staff and families on:

Thursday, December 17th.
It will go live at 6:30 p.m.

Videos are due by Friday, December 11th! Go to the Salmon Creek Weekly News Google site for details.
NOTES FROM THE NURSE
MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

While we are remote, we wanted to remind you about our policy. If your child needs medication we want to have everything in place as we enter into our hybrid phase. We can’t have your child at the school without their medication.

If your child will be taking any medication during school hours, we must have an updated “Medication in School” form filled out. A new form is needed every school year and signed by a physician and a parent/guardian.

Medicines must be in the original container and labeled as prescribed. Parents MUST bring medications to school. We cannot accept medication from our students. Over-the-counter medications must also have a signed copy of the “Medication in School” form in the office before they can be administered. Examples of over-the-counter medications are cough drops and Tylenol. If you have any questions, please call the office at 360-313-2800.

Grab & Go Meals

Nov/Dec Lunch Menu

Lea este mensaje en español.

Grab-and-go meals will be offered Monday through Friday when school is in session. Students, parents or guardians can pick up meals from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Anderson Elementary, 2215 NE 104th St.
- Fruit Valley Elementary, 3410 NW Fruit Valley Rd.
- Ogden Elementary, 3200 NE 86th
- Roosevelt Elementary, 2921 Falk Rd.
- Washington Elementary, 2908 S. St.
- Discovery Middle School, 800 E. 40th
- Jason Lee Middle School, 8500 NW 9th
- McLoughlin Middle School, 5802 MacArthur Blvd.

All children 18 years old or younger are eligible for free meals through at least December 2020. We still encourage families to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Families must reapply every year.

Greetings, Salmon Creek families!

My name is Brenda Starr and I am the Mobile Family Community Resource Coordinator (FCRC). I will be available to provide you with resources for housing, food, clothing, health services and dental care, utility assistance and much more! Check out our community resource page for great resources in our community. I look forward to getting to know you! Please don’t ever hesitate to contact me:

Brenda Starr – Mobile FCRC
(360) 721-8464
brenda.starr@vansd.org

CAFETERIA NEWS

Gates

Lea este mensaje en español.
Weekly health screenings: What parents and guardians need to do

The health screening with a unique link for your child will be emailed or texted to you on Monday mornings. Complete the screening to confirm that your child does not have COVID-19 symptoms. If you did not receive a link, please contact your child’s school.

- The email will come from vps@qemailserver.com and the text will likely come from 855-276-7139. If you don’t get an email, check your junk folder.

- After completing the health screening, you will receive an email indicating whether your child is eligible to come to school for the week.

If your child develops symptoms (fever, cough, etc.) later on in the week, please keep them home and contact the school to inform them that your child will not be attending in-person learning that day.

Safety & Parent Screening before attending school

Parents can use this flow chart to determine if a student is well enough for in-person learning. At this time only our Kindergarten students and a few SPED students are at school. If you have any questions please contact our nurse, Lisa Bardzik, Lisa.Bardzik@vansd.org or Principal Angelbeck, Heath.Angelbeck@vansd.org.

COVID-19 symptoms*

**Class A**
- Fever (defined as subjective or 100.4˚F or higher)
- Chills
- Cough
- Loss of sense of taste/smell
- Shortness of breath

**Class B**
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle/body aches
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

*That are not explained by an existing condition, such as allergies or asthma
This year we have partnered with ShopWithScrip to raise money to support our school, students and staff. ShopWithScrip sells gift cards to over 800 businesses nationwide. A percentage of each sale will go to our organization.

To participate simply download the RaiseRight app and enter our enrollment code (49F6DB86757L5) when setting up your account.

We will be placing our next order for physical gift cards on Friday, December 11th so they will arrive prior to Christmas. After that, orders will be placed the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

If you would like to have them shipped directly to your home this month, ShopWithScrip is having a promotion through the 11th for free shipping to your home! Contact Roxann at pta.president@salmoncreekpta.org if you have any questions.

See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for more details!

Salmon Creek PTA’s Mission is to:
* be an advocate for all children
* help foster an academic environment
* support Salmon Creek faculty and parents to promote student growth
* provide a voice for all children

Submit any miles during the month of December and receive a treat! Once your student’s miles have been submitted, stop by the school to pick up a bag of candy canes.

Miles can be submitted here: https://mp.gg/i00jb

Don’t Forget!
You can help raise money for Salmon Creek Elementary when you shop!

Amazon: http://smile.amazon.com (just link your account with Salmon Creek PTA Vancouver Council 3 7 70)

Fred Meyer: www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards (our organization number is AV201)

December Staff Appreciation

Thank you to Dane Andersen and Thrivent Financial for helping us treat our amazing staff to a coffee bar. Pacific Perks Mobile Coffee Café will be at Salmon Creek on December 15th from 8-10 a.m. to offer unlimited beverages to our staff! Due to Covid-19 safety concerns we haven’t been able to provide our staff with monthly meals, but we are brainstorming ideas to make sure we continue to show them the love. Stay tuned for more updates on future plans and how you can help with staff appreciation.
We have teamed up with Original Works to offer a creative program designed to transform your child’s artwork or your photographs into keepsakes.

In addition to supporting your child’s creativity, profits earned through each purchase support our PTA which in turn supports our school, students, and staff.

Visit [http://store.originalworks.com](http://store.originalworks.com) to view their many products and place your order!

**Our school code is: SALCRE**

If you have any questions about the program contact Paula at artprogram@salmoncreekpta.org.

Need help placing your order? Original Works Customer Service Team 518.584.9278 or cs@originalworks.com

Orders can be placed throughout the year and make wonderful gifts!

Where to Find Us

**Facebook:** [https://www.facebook.com/Salmon-Creek-Elementary-PTA-303418977655/](https://www.facebook.com/Salmon-Creek-Elementary-PTA-303418977655/)
Join Salmon Creek PTA

Joining the PTA will look a little different this year. We are not able to accept checks as payment. However, we have set up a completely digital experience to join.

PTA is one of the largest children’s advocacy groups in the United States. When you join a portion of your membership fee goes towards supporting the national, state, and local mission of making EVERY child’s potential a reality.

When you join you can also take advantage of various benefits and discounts. Learn more here:
https://www.pta.org/home/About-National-Parent-Teacher-Association/Benefits-of-PTA-Membership
https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/

We offer two options for joining, single and family memberships. To join simply click the link below that suits your needs. There will be a link to pay once your membership form has been submitted. Single memberships are $12 each and family memberships are $22.

Single Membership:  https://forms.gle/jkb7JedQHW4Rqu6Z7
Family Membership (2 adults):  https://forms.gle/TRtgSaF DougFW2fM7

If you would like to support a teacher’s membership ($12.00), simply follow this link:
https://checkout.square.site/buy/SDW2C2OBPR6RV4WX335RQYVP

Support our school by scanning your grocery receipts

No more clipping!

Simply download the Box Tops for Education app and choose Salmon Creek Elementary School.

The link to download the app can be found here:
https://www.boxtops4education.com/
Experience the right way to fundraise

Gift card fundraising is the best way to raise money. Buy gift cards from your favorite brands to earn on your daily purchases. It's never been easier to create opportunities for what matters most to you. No extra money spent. No extra time wasted.

Easily raise $1,000 or more every year

You buy a gift card
You get the full value.

The brand gives back
No extra money comes out of your pocket.

Our organization earns
Impacting what matters most to you.

Shop 750+ top brands

“IT's super convenient. All I need to go shopping is my phone—I don’t even need credit cards or my purse. I'm going to pay for these things anyway, I love being able to use gift cards so we get something in return.”

Jen H., earns for hockey

Get started by downloading the RaiseRight app on your phone or go to ShopWithScrip.com on your computer.

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