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CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER –Volume 9, Issue 1, September 2018
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[PTSA website](#)
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CSAttendance@issaquah.wednet.edu

Dear Students, Staff and Families,

It has been a very successful start to the 2018/19 school year. THANK YOU for YOUR part in making this a smooth and fun start to another school year.

In June, I shared our staffing as of that time which has since changed a bit. I wanted to share with you our complete staffing as of today:

<p>Kindergarten (FIVE sections)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robyn McNeley • Melissa Skone • Melissa Bramble • Sara Shelton • Stephanie Yea 	<p>First: (SEVEN sections)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emily Beckford • Jessica Stephens • Sheridan Rockwell • Joy Hartmann • Kelsey Carlson • Molly Shade • Tami Foes (LOOPING) 	<p>Second: (SIX sections...in the portables ☺)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathleen Blanding • Cherie Dodd • Jenny Emsky • Daniele Merrick • Kristine Hannley • Jennifer Rodabough
<p>Third: (SIX sections)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shannon Karr • Gayle Melton • Laura Biller • Sharon Gelbrich • Amber Bulmer (FALL: Susan Sibert) • Marisa Fixman 	<p>Fourth: (SIX sections)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liz Yanev • Erika Gienger (SPRING: Susan Sibert) • Lindsay Quinn • Tatum Phillips • Peter Besbeas • Lisa McLemore & Melissa Myers (job share) 	<p>Fifth: (FIVE sections)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carrie Alexander • Neal Pollock • Kelly Cosey • Jessica Suarez • Laura Saiki
<p>Specialists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Abernethy (Music) • David Johnson (OL Music) • Teresa Mature (PE) • Jeff Leeland (OL PE) • Amy Cromwell (library) • Julie Siefkes (OL Library) 	<p>Others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tera Coyle (Principal) • Kathy Keegan (Assistant Principal) • Allison King (Instructional Coach) • Cathy Wilson (LAP) • Lauren Hopp (Counselor) • Kasie Pranghofer (SAGE/PEP) • Lori George (LRC I) • Brenna Fields (LRC I) 	<p>Secretaries:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dolores D'Alo • Andrea Garvey • Paige Wagner <p>Health Room Specialist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Susan Westcott <p>Custodians:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead: Dave Holbrook • Jenny Patterson

<p>Para-Professionals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lynda Petry • Carol Walch • Loretta Rieger • Ann Stout • Georgia Worden • Susie Earll • Zaneta Ludka • Jen Switzer • Rachel Bangston (ASL Interpreter) • OPEN Position • OPEN Position 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rudy Lorber and Diana Hoffer (Psych) • Amanda Leung (SLP) • Joy Sakai (OT) • Eryn Belles (RN) • Katie Tasa (ELL) • Megan Graff (ELL) • Allison Lehr (PBSES Coach) • Stephanie Wright (PBSES Coach) • Wenli Mithal (Family Partnership Liaison) • Hilary Grabner (School-based Health Counselor) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jean Harcus <p>Kitchen Team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenni Wilson-Miller • Lisa Crisp <p>Technology Specialist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stevin Smith
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As you can see, we have a couple of open Para-Professional positions. If you are interested in one of these or know someone that is interested, please let us know! ☺

You also may have noticed a few new staff members with new titles. ☺ We are thrilled to have the following folks that are new positions in our schools across the district:

Wenli Mithal

The Family Partnership Liaison role:

- Introduce, facilitate access and aid in navigation of appropriate school and District resources available to students and their families
- Work with registrar, school counselor, nurse and admin to connect and support families.
- Initiate and maintain verbal and written communication as appropriate with families, particularly our culturally and linguistically diverse families and traditionally marginalized groups.
- Support school in planning Family Partnership Events

Wenli’s Contact Information:

- Direct Line: 425-837-7106
- E-mail Address: mithalw@issaquah.wednet.edu
- Creekside Days/Times: Tuesday mornings from 8 am to 12 pm

Hilary Grabner

Swedish School-Based Health Counselors

- Stay tuned for the district e-news coming out in the near future about this awesome new role.

Hilary’s Contact Information:

- Stay tuned

We are so blessed to live in a community where we are able to hire so many wonderful support staff members and provide our students with awesome programs and experiences. This would not be possible without our Levy dollars

(THANK YOU), our PTSA (Parent Teacher Student Association) memberships and support and our ISF (Issaquah School's Foundation Support) team.

To learn more about these additional resources:

- LEVY Funded Items: <https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy-issues-february-2018>
- PTSA slides were included in all curriculum night PowerPoints. Refer to those individualized grade level slides to learn all that has been provided for your child(ren) through our PTSA. Please join our PTSA to help keep these extra programs and experiences ALIVE at Creekside!
<https://creeksidepta.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/2018%202019%20New%20Membership/FamilyInfoPacketPage/0>
- ISF also included a slide in our PowerPoints at curriculum night. Here are a few links to videos that explain ISF a little better:
 - Find that Spark: Issaquah Schools Foundation 2018 Video
Link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8h_4jUDeQCg&t=7s
 - Your Donations at Work: Issaquah Schools Foundation 2018 Video Link
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mPbmfskFfg>

Without each of you, Creekside would not be the magical place it is! THANK YOU for everything that you do!
Tera ;o)

A special video message to families from Superintendent Ron Thiele. Please support the PTSA and ISF.

[Video Message from Ron Thiele](#)

Transcript of Video:

Hello, I'm Ron Thiele, Superintendent of the Issaquah School District. I'm here to encourage you to become a PTA member and to support the Issaquah Schools Foundation. The PTA builds strong community relationships and responds to classroom and school needs with resources for programs, grants, and events beyond what schools are able to provide. The Issaquah Schools Foundation channels resources into our District to fund vital programs that support all learners in building strong academic foundations and exploring their passions as they learn, grow, and prepare for their futures. So please, get involved! [Join and contribute to the PTSA](#) and [donate to the Issaquah Schools Foundation](#). Together we can ensure every child succeeds and thrives.

You can see the post on the [ISD Homepage here](#)

ALL Volunteers and Visitors to Creekside must complete a background check before visiting the school!

The process for completing the WSP (Washington State Patrol) background check is online. All volunteers and visitors have to be authorized **every year**. Please follow the directions below to complete this process. Volunteers will not be allowed to volunteer unless they have been authorized at the **district level**. Begin or Up-date (from last year) here:

<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/human-resources/volunteers>

Thank you for volunteering at Creekside!



MUSICAL NOTES

December 4 – Choir Festival at Sunny Hills (Time TBD)

December 11 – Choir & Marimba Bands Concert

February 12 – 3rd Grade Concert

April 4 – 4th Grade Concert

April 23 – 2nd Grade Concert

May 7 – 1st Grade Concert

May 21 – Kindergarten Concert

May 30 – 5th Grade Concert

(All concerts start at 7PM in the Commons)

Mr. James Abernethy & Mr. David Johnson

For more information, please check out the Music Website



PARENT PLAY DAYS – STARTING OCTOBER 5th

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO COMING SOON

Fall Cross Country Info

Please complete the form below for each student that will be signed up for cross country.

THIS IS OPTIONAL for all grades.

We walk, jog, run, or slog (slow jog) for 35 minutes. Parents and younger siblings are welcome



All Thursdays September 20th- October 25th

Practice starts at 8:15, you can sign-in starting at 8:10 am.

Kids can eat their snack and drink at 9am

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScuqpY_5dBqIUvNaXw7jOd3vQZl6tol4MFe1XHGhf3Qpmkoyw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Also, sign up at remind.com for weather and practice updates: remind.com/join/hh4c24

Contact Teresa Mature with any questions:

Teresa Mature

Creekside PE Teacher

425-837-5245

maturet@issaquah.wednet.edu

<http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/creekside/staff/maturet/>



[News From Your Creekside Library](#)

Did you miss the sign up? Would you like to volunteer in the library? When you sign up, please note that you are committing to the full year. Most time slots are an hour - some are more and some are less (no spot is longer than 70 minutes).

We train all of our library volunteers to help with:

- Checking in books students have returned
- Help students find books
- Check out library materials to students
- Shelve books that have been returned

Please come to our training session September 20th, 2:15 -3:30 in the library. (We've done three thus far).

NEW volunteers will need to be trained and also complete the volunteer background clearance process before starting your volunteer shifts. It is available online at <https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmlplus.net/>. *Tip: At the end of the application, it will ask you to scan your driver's license. If you don't have a scanner you may take a picture of your driver's license with your phone and sent it to your computer to add to the system.*

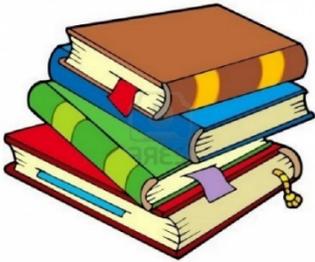
***You may not start until the office has received your clearance. We look forward to seeing you this year!

Click here to sign up: <http://signup.com/go/SUzWsa>

Julie Siefkes and Amy Cromwell, Creekside Librarians

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Family Access Help

September 18, 2018 – Maywood Middle School Library 6:30 to 8:30 pm

OR

September 19, 2018 – Issaquah Valley Elementary Library 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Family Access provides parents information about their child's progress at school and class information. Come learn how to use it and support your child's learning. Help session will include support on how to check your child's grades in middle and high school, maintain contact through school communications via Skyward, access teacher websites and assignments, check attendance, lunch balance, report cards and test scores. Help will also be available to download and set-up the Family Access App on your smartphone.

Snacks and Children's corner available.

From our PBSES Coaching Corner (Positive Behavior, Social & Emotional Support)

In September, our school-wide theme is our school is a welcoming place where every student feels like he or she belongs. Staff will be using the Second Step curriculum to teach students to welcome others and act and speak in safe, respectful, and responsible ways. In addition we'll be reminding students of our school wide expectations of being Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Kind. Throughout each month, students will be recognized for exhibiting Social Emotional Learning skills taught in the Second Step curriculum and celebrated on our bulletin board near the main office. You can support your child at home in welcoming others and acting and speaking in safe, respectful, and responsible ways.

One way to make a home to school connection is to have you and your child sit down together to come up with examples of how they can be Respectful, Responsible, Safe and Kind in various settings at home such as the after-school routine, dinner table manners, and bedtime routine. Feel free to reach out to our PBSES Coaches, Allison Lehr and Stephanie Wright, if you would like support with this idea.

☺ **Allison Lehr & Stephanie Wright**

PBSES Coaches

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Click [HERE](#) for PBSES District Website



Counselor's Corner –

Social and Emotional Learning with Second Step

Creekside values educating the whole child and one way that we teach students Social and Emotional Learning skills is through a program called Second Step. Lessons are generally taught by the classroom teacher throughout the school year. Similar to other content areas, some students may need additional practice with social-emotional skills, similar to students that may receive additional practice with math facts. These practice sessions will typically be a 20-30 min pre-lesson and/or post-lesson in a small group setting. Students who need additional support beyond these quick skill-building practice sessions may be invited to participate in an estimated 6-8 week or less small group. Participation in the longer small group sessions will require parent permission.

Helpful Information for Families at the Start of a New School Year

As we are transitioning into the school year, we might find that our kids need a little extra support with their transition. Check out this article for more tips on how to help your child: [Back to School Tips for Parents](#) .



School Supplies

If you need any extra school supplies, please reach out to the School Counselor, Lauren Hopp at 425-837-5208 or hoppl@issaquah.wednet.edu. We have extra backpacks and supplies to start the year off right.

Books that help with the transition back

Many students feel anxious either from moving schools, classrooms, a new teacher, being separated from parents or from the challenge of work. As a parent it can be stressful and challenging to see your child adapt to these changes. Try some of these fun books that may touch on the issues you see your child struggling with:

1. [Second Grade Holdout](#) by Audrey Vernick
2. [I Don't Want to Go to School](#) by Nancy Pando & Kathy Voerg
3. [The Invisible String](#) by Patrice Karst & Geoff Stevenson
4. [Wilma Jean the Worry Machine](#) by Julia Cook

Lauren Hopp

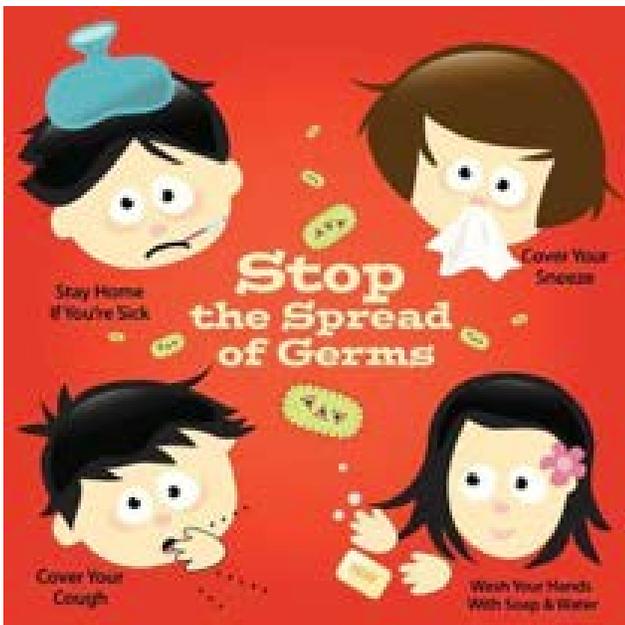
Creekside School Counselor

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Just a reminder that flu season is here and allergy season is still with us, yet we cannot have cough drops in school. If your student needs something for a sore throat without a fever or cough, try using hard candies or a water bottle. If they keep hydrated, it keeps the throat moist. If students have chapped lips, they can use a chap stick in school. We cannot share and the health room will not be using Vaseline.

KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF HE/SHE HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS:



Fever – over 100 degrees F. orally. Temperature should remain normal (98.6 degrees) for 24 hours without fever reducing medication (examples: Tylenol or Ibuprofen) before returning to school.

Sore throat – *especially* if associated with fever or swollen glands.

Vomiting – within the past 24 hours.

Diarrhea – more than one occurrence in a 24 hour period.

Drainage from the eye – the eye crusted and difficult to open (especially upon waking).

Nasal discharge (yellow or greenish) – If your child's nasal mucus has a color and is accompanied by a fever and/or coughing, sneezing, drowsiness, and general signs of not feeling well, your child may be

contagious and should remain at home until the symptoms subside. Call your doctor if you have any concerns or questions.

Appearance/Behavior – unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused.

Rash – body rashes not associated with heat, or allergic reactions to medications.

Head lice – contact school office or nurse if any indication of head lice

VERY IMPORTANT - Remember to keep the school updated with new phone numbers and emergency contacts in case your student becomes ill at school. Any questions please call Eryn Belles, RN at 425-837-5204

September 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9	10	11	12	13 Grades 1-5 Curriculum Night	14	15
16	17	18 PTSA General Meeting 7PM	19	20 Student Individual Picture Day	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	October 1	2	3	4	5	6

[WHAT'S ON THE SCHOOL LUNCH MENU? Click here!](#)

Upcoming Events

October 8 – Teacher Work day (no school for students)

October 26 – Halloween Bash 5:30-7:30

November 2 – Photo Retakes and Make Ups

November 6 – Vision & Hearing Screening

November 12 – Veterans Day Observed (School is closed)

November 20 – PTSA General Meeting 7PM in library

November 22-23 – Thanksgiving Holiday