



Elizabeth Shelton School

Home of the Rising Stars

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Dear Parents,

What a busy time it has been during the month of January and the beginning of February! From students in grade 4 preparing for the Invention Convention, cultural arts events, the Sweetheart Dance, Kids Heart Challenge and the 100th Day of School! The last 80 or plus days will also be filled with lots of learning and fun! Please consider volunteering for some of the upcoming events. The children love to see their parents here!

Student Led Conferences will be held on Thursday, March 19th and Thursday, March 26th. Just as the title states, your child will be leading this conference. They will be talking about their accomplishments thus far in the school year and goals they have set for themselves. The spotlight will be on your child rather than data or test scores. You will be receiving an invitation in the near future with the name of the staff member who will be working with your child to facilitate their conference.

There are other changes to this type of conference. Since this is new for most of our students, we are allotting between 10 – 15 minutes for each conference. The time has been extended to three hours per night instead of the usual two hours. Please see the last page and return to school. We are requesting that **ONLY** one form be returned per **FAMILY**. As a reminder, all Fridays in March are early dismissal days.

All students (K-4) have completed the district winter NWEA Assessments in English Language Arts and Math at Elizabeth Shelton School. Teachers will be using the data from these reports to plan their instruction based on student needs. We will be sending home student reports on Friday.

For the most up-to-date information and postings, please check our website or follow me on Twitter @BevBeldenESS.

Respectfully,

Beverly D. Belden

Important Dates to Remember Mark Your Calendars:

- Monday, February 24th ~ PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in the Staff Room
- Friday, March 7th ~ EARLY DISMISSAL
- Monday, March 9th ~ End of 2nd Trimester (K-4)
- Friday, March 13th ~ EARLY DISMISSAL
- Friday, March 13th ~ Bingo Night ~ Info to Follow
- Thursday, March 19th ~ Conference Night
- Friday, March 20th ~ EARLY DISMISSAL
- Thursday, March 26th ~ Conference Night
- Friday, March 27th ~ EARLY DISMISSAL
- Tuesday, March 24th ~ Spirit Day ~ “Country Western Day”
- Thursday, April 2nd ~ Shelton Showcase “Celebrating Diversity and Multiculturalism in Our Community ~ SHS @ 5:30
- Friday, April 10th – Friday, April 17th ~ Spring Recess ~ School Resumes Monday, April 20th
- Monday, April 20th ~ PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in the Staff Room
- Thursday, April 23rd ~ Grandparents'/Special Person Day ~ Only ONE visitor per student ~ Info to Follow
- Monday, April 27th – Friday, April 1st ~ Spring Book Fair
- Tuesday, April 28th ~ EARLY DISMISSAL ~ This date has been newly added to the calendar!
- Thursday, April 30th ~ Incoming Kindergarten Parent Orientation @ 6:00 PM
- Thursday, May 7th and Friday, May 8th ~ “Lillian Pawlowski Mother’s Day Plant Sale”
- Thursday, May 14th ~ Art Show ~ Info to Follow
- Monday, May 18th ~ PTO Meeting @ 6:30 in the Staff Room
- Thursday, May 21st ~ Music Concert
- Monday, May 25th ~ Memorial Day ~ NO SCHOOL
- Friday, May 29th ~ Field Day ~ (Rain Date Monday, June 1st)
- Wednesday, June 10th ~ 4th Grade Celebration ~ Info to Follow
- Friday, June 12th ~ Kindergarten “Step-Up” Day ~ Info to Follow

Planned Early Dismissal & Late Start Times

- Regular Day ~ 9:00 A.M. – 3:45 P.M.
- Early Dismissal ~ 9:00 A.M. – 1:50 P.M.
- Late Start ~ 11:00 A.M. – 3:45 P.M. ~ Breakfast is not available on late start days.
- Emergency Three Hour Late Start ~ 12:00 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. ~ Lunch served

Additional Information

- Students MUST be in their seats ready to begin the day at 9:00 A.M., and not rushing to the door to enter the building at 9:00. The 1st bell rings at 8:45 A.M. (opening of doors), 2nd bell 8:55 A.M. (warning bell) and the last bell is at 9:00 A.M. to signal the start of the school day. The parent drop-off door will be closing at 8:59 A.M., to allow students to get to their classroom before the 9:00 A.M. start bell rings.
 - When students arrive late to class they are a disruption to the entire class. Instead of being focused on the beginning of class procedures, students turn to look at the late student or the late student is walking in front of the teacher who may be giving directions or instructions.
 - Being on time for school will help your child develop the habit of being punctual with important commitments which will benefit them throughout their life.
- Should your financial situation change during the school year (laid off or a seasonal worker) you can apply for free or reduced meals for your children. Applications can be found on our district website under school lunch.
- Please remember to let Mrs. Kingersky or Mrs. Quinlan know if your phone number or email changes. It is important to have the most accurate information, should we need to contact you.

Student Led Conferences

Please return **ONLY** one form per family. Kindly return **NO LATER** than Friday, February 28th.

We will try to accommodate your request, but **NO** guarantees are being made.

Child's first and last name

Homeroom Teacher

Please indicate your first and second choice for a conference date (1st, 2nd)

Thursday, March 19th _____

Thursday, March 26th _____

Please indicate your first, second and third choice for time slots (1st, 2nd, 3rd) keeping in mind that your child(ren) will be with you.

4:15 – 5:15 _____

5:15 – 6:15 _____

6:15 – 7:15 _____

Parent first and last name
