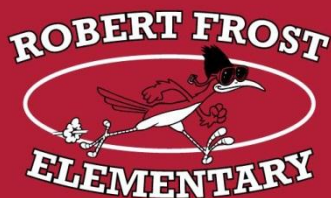


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Tuesday Bulletin

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Keep your Emergency Info Updated

Thank you to everyone for your flexibility and quick response to last week's early release day. It is rare that we contact families to pick up their students early, and we appreciate how quickly our families responded.

Whenever there is an emergency where families need to be contacted, including school closures, our systems use the contact information that is currently on your student's "Emergency Card." If this information is out of date, you may not receive this vital information. In addition, whenever we release students early we can only release to parents or adults listed on a student's emergency card.

If there have been any changes to your contact information since last year, you may need to update your emergency card. You can check your student's current emergency information online through Parent Access at <https://parent.lwsd.org/>. If you need to make any revisions, please contact our office and we can help make the changes.

Sincerely,
Mr. Brenner

"Let's All Drum!" Grant

Currently Robert Frost has a grant on-line at the donation site DonorsChoose.org entitled "Let's All Drum!" We are raising money to add four more drums and a few shekeres to our current collection in the Robert Frost music room. Thanks to generous contributions from donors in our community and around the country, we have already raised \$416. To meet our goal **we must raise the final \$642 by March 4th**.

If you can help by making a donation, please go to <http://www.donorschoose.org/>. Click the "Search Projects" button, and then enter "Let's All Drum" into the keyword box to bring up our project. You can also get there directly by clicking the link [HERE](#).

Many employers provide matching funds for donations to projects such as our "Let's All Drum!" project. In addition, the Microsoft Alumni Foundation recently donated \$25,000 to DonorsChoose.org, and is asking employees to help decide which DonorsChoose.org projects should receive the funds. If you are a Microsoft employee and you'd like to recommend "Let's All Drum" as a beneficiary from this award, please send a note from your @microsoft.com email to Microsoft-award@donorschoose.org recommending our project.

Please consider making a donation to our "Let's All Drum" grant. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Katie Sikorra
Music Teacher, Robert Frost Elementary School

Frost Start Time: 8:45

The playground is open and supervised at 8:45 each morning. Please be sure that students do not arrive before 8:45, as there is no playground supervision available before that time. Students arriving early for breakfast may arrive at 8:30 for the breakfast service, but may not be on the playground until 8:45. The first bell for class rings at 8:55.

We still have some students arriving too early, so please send your students at the appropriate time so we can provide proper supervision. Thanks.

Daily Schedule

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday, Friday

8:30 Student breakfast begins

8:55 First bell rings-building open

9:00 Tardy bell-class begins

10:20-10:30 K-3 recess

10:30-10:40 4-6 recess

11:20-11:50 K-2 lunch recess

11:50-12:15 K-2 lunch

11:50-12:20 3-4 lunch recess

12:20-12:45 3-4 lunch

12:20-12:50 5-6 lunch recess

12:50 PM Kindergarten begins

12:50-1:15 5-6 lunch

2:10-2:20 K-3 recess

2:20-2:30 4-6 recess

3:30 School dismissal

Remember: Every Wednesday is an EARLY RELEASE DAY!

School dismisses at 2:00 PM and teachers are scheduled in professional development and collaboration meetings until 4:00 PM.

Student Car Circle Reminder

On wet and icy days, the student drop-off/pick-up circle is often very crowded. To help move things along while making sure that students are safe, please follow these procedures for drop-off:

- **Please pull up all the way forward around the drop-off circle.** This allows us to get more cars into the drop-off area where students can safely exit cars on the paved walkway. Stopping mid-way may seem more convenient, but this slows down the process for everyone else, so please be considerate. Please do this even if there isn't a staff member or volunteer to wave you forward.
- **Please have students exit on the *passenger* side of the car.** It is dangerous to have students exit cars on the driver's side, as cars pass on that side after dropping student off, and it is unsafe to have students walking between cars. Adding ice and rain to the mix only makes this situation worse. This year I have seen some near misses as a result. If you have an infant seat in your car, please readjust it to allow safe exit for your elementary student.
- **Please plan your days to allow enough time to drop students off, allowing for possible traffic delays.** On rainy and snowy days there is more traffic congestion, so please plan accordingly. Drop-off begins at 8:45, the first bell rings at 8:55.
- **Please model a positive attitude for your kids.** We often have parent and student volunteers assisting, and our goal is to keep our kids safe. We understand that congested streets and circles can be frustrating and inconvenient, but your continued patience, support and grace are appreciated.



Transition Activities Planned for Frost 5th and 6th Graders

Next year the Lake Washington School District will be reconfiguring grade levels at all of our schools. In the fall Robert Frost Elementary will be a Kindergarten through 5th grade school, with Kamiakin Middle School serving students from 6th through 8th grades. As a result of this upcoming change, this is the last Frost year for both our current 6th and current 5th grade students. This will also be the first time that Frost 5th graders are transitioning to a middle school.

As a transition year, we are planning programs for both grade levels to help with the transitions, including activities for them to reflect on their time as elementary students, to provide leadership and team building opportunities, and to honor them through promotion celebrations.

As part of this process, both grade levels have participated in activities such as field trips to Challenges Northwest and leadership responsibilities, such as daily Morning Announcements and officer positions in the Frost Student Council open for both 5th and 6th grade candidates. In the spring we will also be scheduling promotion celebrations for each grade level, both of which will include student developed presentations and promotion certificates. Families will be invited to these celebrations with more information and details as we get closer to the end of the school year.

This is an unusual year, as this is the only time when we will have two grade levels leaving the school at the same year. As a result, we want to be sure that we are providing these students with support and preparation for them to be successful as they transition to middle school, with activities reflecting the different academic and developmental needs of 5th and 6th graders. Plans in place this year not only reflect the developmental needs of our respective grade levels, but also are designed to address the unusual one-time logistics of having two grade levels experiencing the transition. Next year the 5th grade team will work to develop lasting traditions for our 5th graders.

The teachers and I will be at the next PTSA General Meeting to briefly discuss this and to answer any questions that folks may have. You may also feel free to contact your child's teacher with any additional questions.



Daily Schedule

Wednesday Only

- 8:30 Student breakfast begins
- 8:55 First bell rings-building open
- 9:00 Tardy bell-class begins
- 10:20-10:30 K-3 recess
- 10:30-10:40 4-6 recess
- 11:20-11:50 K-2 lunch recess
- 11:50-12:15 K-2 lunch
- 12:05 PM Kindergarten begins
- 11:50-12:20 3-4 lunch recess
- 12:20-12:45 3-4 lunch
- 12:20-12:50 5-6 lunch recess
- 12:50-1:15 5-6 lunch
- 2:00 School dismissal

Student Council Interviews

Mr. K - By Taylor B.

Before the snow days, I interviewed Mr. K. I learned he is a nice fun, loving teacher who has a goofy personality. Mr. K spent his K-2 grade years at the 3rd District School in Pennsylvania and then moved to Washington State. He went to Olympic View Middle School, Mariner High School and Western Washington College. Mr. K said that he would be willing to teach any grade that he was assigned. If he could not teach at all, he would be a Jedi Knight. His favorite things to do outside of school are read and write.

Mr. K has 2 kids, both girls. He has been teaching at Frost for 14 years and cannot wait for all the fun he will be having in the future. His favorite football team is the Steelers and he loves the color orange. His favorite movie is Star Wars. He also like to rock out to Neil Diamond. He says that if he could go anywhere in the world, he would go to New Mexico.

His favorite food is pickles and he has a friend that he keeps in his pocket named Albert who collects paper clips (at least this was true the day I interviewed him). When he was young, Mr. K collected cards, baseball or football. Also when he was little he would ride his bike, go to the Arcade and play video games. He played 3 sports, football, swimming, and basketball.

My favorite question for him was, "What was your first car?" He said a 1972 Mercury Cougar. That is all you need to know about Mr. K, and more.

Mrs. Dub – by Clara P.

I interviewed Mrs. Dub before the snow days. Here are some facts about her. She was born on March 8 in Kirkland. She has lived in Kirkland her whole life. She went to school at Peter Kirk Elementary, Kirkland Jr. High, and then Lake Washington High School. She went to college at Central Washington in Ellensburg for four and a half years.

Outside of school she likes to run, swim, bike, and hike, play with her daughter Piper, spend time with family, and shop. Her favorite sports are triathlons, cross country running, football, and swimming. Her favorite colors are blue and a darker color of pink.

Mrs. Dub likes to teach P.E. because of the energy around it, watching all the kids grow, and that everyone likes it. I mean who doesn't like P.E. right? If she had to teach another subject it would be art, or she would watch lunch and recess. If she couldn't teach here she would teach at Peter Kirk where she went to school. She likes teaching here because of the feeling of family, everyone is nice, there is a well-rounded community, and it is a pretty school.

She thinks that Student Council is fantastic, it's well run, kids are super motivated, it's great chance to learn leadership skills, and has a great impact on the school.

To learn more about Robert Frost Elementary, please visit our website at:

<http://www.lwsd.org/school/frost/>

To learn more about the Lake Washington School District, please visit:

<http://www.lwsd.org/>

Safe Arrival Line

Will your student be absent or late?

Please call the Frost Safe Arrival Line to let us know!

(425) 936-2561

