

Pathfinder News

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Message from Pathfinder Principal, Ms. Harris

Have you heard your child mention “bug brags”? Children may earn blue bug brag tickets when adults catch them making good choices. Kids turn the tickets in to their classroom teachers and tell the class what they did to earn the ticket. Classrooms count the tickets in packets of ten and when they earn 100 bug brags, they turn the tickets in to the office for a chance to win a small prize. When we call attention to positive behavior and doing the right thing, we encourage children to make good choices that make Pathfinder a great place to learn.



Our four school expectations are: *Be safe, kind, respectful, and responsible*. We focus on one positive character trait each month and children will often earn bug brags for demonstrating that behavior. This month, our character trait and behavior focus is kindness. We look forward to announcing our first winning classrooms of the year in our next newsletter.

Warm Regards,
Julie Harris

IMPORTANT DATES AND DETAILS

October Calendar Reminders

Character and Behavior Focus – **Kindness**

Safety Focus – **Lockdown Safety**

16th – 27th		Food Drive for School Emergencies
20	Friday	NO SCHOOL: Staff Training
27	Friday	School Spirit Day: Superhero Day
31	Tuesday	Mariner High School Harvest Fest: 5:00-7:30 pm, Mariner High School

November Calendar Reminders

Character and Behavior Focus – **Respect**

Safety Focus – **Earthquake Safety**

4	Saturday	Mukilteo School District Holiday Craft Fair: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Mariner High School
9	Thursday	School Spirit Day: Red, White & Blue Day
10	Friday	NO SCHOOL: Veterans Day
14	Tuesday	School Photo Retake Day
20th – 23rd		NO SCHOOL: Parent/Family-Teacher Conferences
23rd – 24th		NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving/Native American Heritage Day



Food Drive



For School Emergency Supplies
October 16-27

We are collecting food to have on hand in the event of an emergency where students need to spend extended periods of time at school. If you would like to donate, the most helpful items are healthy foods kids will eat that DON'T require cooking. Suggested items include:

Granola Bars	Applesauce	Sports Drinks
Animal Crackers	Canned Meat	Beef Jerky
Raisins	Protein Bars	Fruit Snacks
Canned Fruit	Dry Cereal	Crackers
Fruit Juice	Canned Green Beans	Cereal Bars

We will donate all unused emergency food to a local food bank at the end of the year. Thank you for your support!

School Picture Retake Day – Tuesday, November 14

If your child missed picture day on October 2nd and October 3rd, or would like to have their photo retaken, school picture retakes will take place the morning of Tuesday, November 14.



If you already ordered photos but your child wasn't at school on picture day, you don't need to do anything. Your child will have their picture taken November 14.

If your child is having retakes, please return their original photo packet to school on November 14 to return to the photographers. There is no cost for retakes unless you are planning to keep the original photo packet too, in which case you will need to place another order for the new photos using the link below.

If you would like to order photos for the November 14th date, you can use the link below.

If you order from the link below, a photo will be taken of your student on November 14. These orders must be made by 10pm November 13 (the day before picture day).

The link below is not for the original photos that were taken October 2nd and 3rd. If you would like to order more of the original photos, please use the form enclosed in the photo packet you will receive this week.

KIDS Photo Orders (for November 14 Retake Photos)



Superhero Day is October 27

Friday, October 27 is Superhero Day here at Pathfinder! Your child can come dressed in their favorite superhero outfit.

Please help ensure their success that day by making sure their outfit is comfortable and allows them and others to be the best learner they can. *Please do not send students to school with a costume-related mask as part of their outfit.* Thank you!

Disability History and Awareness Month

October is disability awareness month which provides a great opportunity to build knowledge and empathy in our students about disabilities. Pathfinder's community is enriched with students with different abilities and needs. Your child may have a lot of questions when they notice differences in the classroom.

Help your child understand that just because a person is different does not make them "less" or bad. Talking in a matter-of-fact way with your child(ren) about why another student (or family member) acts, talks, or looks differently is important. Some people have specific challenges which require our understanding and respect. The more we learn and understand disabilities, the better we are at building a community of inclusion and belonging.



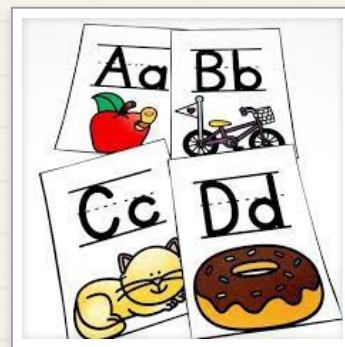
SUPPORT LEARNING AT HOME

Here are some fun games you can play at home to help your child with letter recognition!

Begin with capital letters. Then, play the games with lowercase letters. Finally, try to play using a combination of upper and lowercase letters.

Letter Stack

Tape letters in the alphabet on Legos, Duplos, or any blocks. Have your child make towers with all the letters he/she can identify.



Letter Towers

Write letters on the bottom of small paper cups. Have your child make a tower out of all the letters he/she knows.

Bean Bag Toss

Write letters inside of circles with chalk on a sidewalk. Toss beanbags or a small ball inside the circles and say the letter.

Twister

Tape letters inside the Twister game circles and give directions to put a hand or leg on a certain letter.

I Spy

Give your child a highlighter and a page from the newspaper or catalogs you get in the mail. Have your child search for specific letters and have him/her highlight each letter as it is found.

Bubble Letters

Write letters on cut out circles of foam sheets with a Sharpie. Have your child search for and say each floating letter. You can also write letters on ping pong balls. As you child scoops each letter up with a net, he/she should call out the letter.

Target Practice

Write letters on paper plates and tape them to a closet door. Let your child throw a small stuffed animal or paper airplane at each letter. Remind your child to name each letter that is hit.

Music Walk

Tape index cards in a circle on the floor. Each card should have a different letter written on it. Play music while your child walks from letter to letter. Stop the music and have him/her say the letter he/she is standing on.

Letter Basketball

Write letters on ping pong balls and ask your child to toss and say each letter in a basket or container.

Shaving Cream

Have your child paint the walls of the bathtub with shaving cream. Then, he/she can form letters in the foam. This can also be done on a table or desk.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much but absences add up!

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When a kid misses 2 days a month...



He will miss 20 days a year.



He will miss 30 hours of math and 60 hours of reading/writing over the school year.



He will miss over a year of school by graduation.

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When a kid misses 4 days a month...



She will miss 40 days a year.



She will miss 60 hours of math and 120 hours of reading/writing over the school year.



She will miss over 2 years of school by graduation.

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Kindergarten School Hours

Monday – Thursday
Friday

9:25 a.m. – 3:55 p.m.
9:25 a.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Preschool Hours

AM Session 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
PM Session 1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
No Preschool on Friday

FAMILY FUN

Mariner High School Harvest Fest – Tuesday, October 31

Join the fun at Mariner High School for a fun and spectacular Harvest Fest family event.

- October 31, 5:00-7:30 pm
- Mariner High School, 200 120th St. SW, Everett
- This event is for Mukilteo School District students PreK - 5th grade only.
- Students must be accompanied by an adult.
- Entry is one canned food per child, to be donated to Mariner food bank.









November 2023

Sing, talk, dance, and read with your child every day.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Fingerspell a to z. Do your finger shapes match the ABC Phonics video or ABC Phonics chart?	2 Count everything! Count by 10's to 100.	3 Ask your child to recite favorite nursery rhymes and poems about leaves.	4 What new colors can you name? Silver, turquoise, gold, gray.
5 Daylight Savings Ends Remember to turn your clocks back!	6 Sing family songs with your child. Talk about what the songs mean to you. Play with the rhyming words.	7 ELECTION DAY Talk about what it means to be an American.	8 Ask your child to perform The Pledge of Allegiance with American Sign Language.	9 Find many ways for your child to write their name and "heart word" sentences: I love you. I see my dog.	10 Tell your child a story from your childhood during dinner time.	11 VETERAN'S DAY 
12 Read with your child at least 20 minutes each night: Include books from The Read & Sing Book Club.	13 Enjoy singing the "T-h-a-n-k: Thank You" song. Can you fingerspell thank you?	14 Encourage your child to perform ABC Phonics: Sing, Sign, and Read! frequently.	15 Continue encouraging your child to draw and write and tell stories!	16 Visit an older friend. Let your child perform a song or rhyme.	17 Find 3-D shapes: cylinders, cones, cubes, spheres.	18 Let your child set the table for lunch. Count silverware. Or can you use chopsticks to eat?
19 Talk with your child about what you are grateful for.	20 Play word segmenting games. Guess my word: d-a-d? p-i-g? c-u-p? p-e-n? p-o-p?	21 How many ways can you make the number 10? Play with numbers!	22 Talk about your family Thanksgiving traditions and what they mean to you.	23 Thanksgiving Vacation Invite your child to perform the ABC Phonics song for the whole family.		25 Read with your child at least 20 minutes every day.
26 Ask your child to sing their favorite songs. Join in!	27 Help your child make a book about people and things he loves.	28 Remember to say "Please" and "Thank you."	29 Count backwards from 10 to 1.	30 Recite and memorize: "No green grass/ No blue sky/ No bare feet going by/ November!"		

Thank you for being Parents as Partners in kindergarten success: Celebrate language! Segment and blend words together. Choose a few activities to do with your child every week. NellieEdge.com

Mukilteo School District Non-Discrimination Statement

Mukilteo 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 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: Civil Rights Coordinator and Title IX Coordinator Simone Neal (425-356-1319), nealsr@mukilteo.wednet.edu, Section 504 Coordinator Becca Anderson (425-356-1277), andersonra@mukilteo.wednet.edu, and the ADA/Access Coordinator Karen Mooseker (425-356-1330), moosekerkw@mukilteo.wednet.edu. Address: 9401 Sharon Drive in Everett, WA. Inquiries regarding ADA/Access issues at Sno-Isle TECH Skills Center should be directed to Wes Allen, Director (425-348-2220) allenwr@mukilteo.wednet.edu. Address: 9001 Airport Road in Everett, WA 98204.