

Margaret Mead Elementary Mustang Report



MeadPTSA.org
March 9, 2020

A Message from our principal, Sandy Klein:

School is in session with normal hours. Public Health continues to recommend school districts remain open, as long as we can maintain appropriate supervision and adequate services. The safety of students remains our top priority, and at Mead we are working hard to follow the guidance provided by the LWSU Emergency Operations Center, the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Washington State Department of Health (DOH), and Public Health Seattle and King County (PHSKC).

- What this means for Mead: We continue to clean classrooms diligently and the custodian has put an added emphasis on high use touchpoints. Teachers are having kids wash hands frequently and hand sanitizer is available throughout the building.

Absences: While attendance is very important, we know that right now parents may consider keeping children home from school out of an abundance of caution.

- What this means for Mead: Please call to excuse your child's absence if they are out. You can call the safe arrival line and leave a message 24/7 (425.936.2631), call the office during school hours(425.936.2630), or email Carol Walsh (cberry@lwsd.org). If you know you will be keeping your child out longer than one day, please indicate the length of time you expect to hold your student out in your message or email. That will be very helpful to the office staff in reducing the volume of current daily calls. Also, when you call or email, please include your child's first and last name and grade.

Here is helpful information to consider when making a decision about sending your child to school:

- If your child is currently showing any signs of illness, please keep them home and follow regular district guidelines for when they should return: <https://www.lwsd.org/programs-and-services/health-services/too-sick-for-school>.
- If anyone in your household currently has flu-like symptoms, please keep your child home.
- If your child is showing signs of illness and has possibly been exposed to a patient with Coronavirus, please keep them home from school and contact your healthcare provider for further instructions and guidance.
- If you choose to keep your child home out of an abundance of caution, please contact the school to excuse the absence.
- If any member of your household is at high risk from COVID-19 (elderly adults and persons who have underlying chronic medical conditions) you should consider keeping your child home.

All volunteer programs are canceled and visitations during the school day will not be allowed. This is intended to keep those from the community safe from our germs and us safe from theirs.

- What this means for Mead: No Lunch buddies, LINKS volunteers or classroom/community volunteers in classrooms, in the lunchroom, or doing production. This also means parents will not be permitted to eat lunch with students or walk through the building. If you are dropping off late or

picking up early, please check your child in at the office. If you are waiting for a student during school hours, you may wait in the office or outside the building.

Postpone or cancel all after school, evening and weekend events and school day field trips. This includes PTSA sponsored events and is meant to limit large groups in one area.

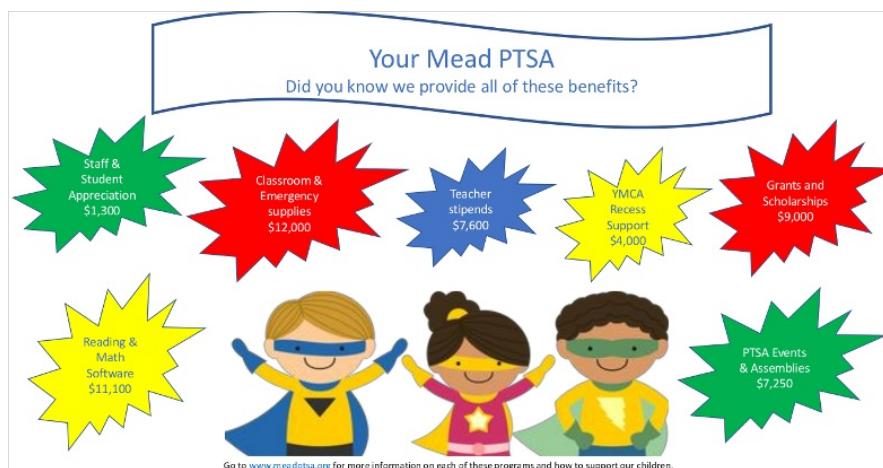
- What this mean for Mead: Activities scheduled before March 18th are canceled or postponed. This includes:
 - PTSA Food Drive and Packing Event
 - 5th Grade field trip on 3/10

As of right now the YMCA afterschool care program is still running, as they are viewed as an extension of the school day. YMCA parents are asked to ring the bell when picking up students and the kids will be walked out to you at the door. We ask that YMCA parents not enter the building.

5. Cancel all non-LWSD building use (not field use). This pertains to all outside groups utilizing the inside of our building. Groups include, but are not limited to: Scouts, Boys and Girls Club sports, etc.

- What this mean for Mead: Carol Walsh is contacting groups scheduled until March 18th. If you are participating in one of these groups, she will be contacting you directly.

Thank you for your support!



Mead PSTA Board & Committee Chair positions open for 2020/2021

Are you looking for opportunities to plug in at Mead? We are now recruiting for the 2019/2020 PTSA Board and Committee Chairs.

We currently have a particular need for candidates for the following Board roles:

- President! Have you been on the PTSA before here or at a different school? Have you been involved with a non-profit with understanding of what this entails? Consider stepping into a leadership role in the Mead PTSA!

- Advocacy/Legislative action

Current chair roles needed:

- Birthday book club co-chair - Can be administrative support from home or in the library with Sarah Jensen
- Book bingo/bingo - one event, can be flexible on timing
- Financial Review (accounting background is ideal for this) - assists twice per year with a team, great for doing on your schedule from home.
- Gingerbread house decorating - one event, usually in December
- Ice cream social - crowd pleasing start of year social, where teachers serve the ice cream.
- Leap day coordinator - arrange an event for families to join in with on this day off school
- Lunch help coordinator - recruit and organize volunteers to assist at lunch time, can be done from home, but plan to assist in the lunch room where possible
- Science/math night - held on alternate years. Fun math games for math night and science fair for science night where kids are encouraged to contribute their own projects.

- Scholarship basket co-chair - Create a themed basket for the Mead PTSA to raffle off at the LWSD raffle. PTSA funds available.

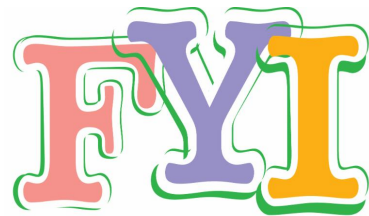
- Special needs - Special Needs Liaison provides information to students and staff regarding disabilities. Responsibilities include coordinate Speaker for Disabilities Awareness Month (October), coordinate Disabilities Awareness Fair (every 2 years) for students in grades 3-5 (October), forward monthly meeting announcements from LWSD Special Needs Liaison to PTSA Communication chair, provides welcome letter to parents of children receiving IEP/504 services with letter (September), develop and posts bulletin board regarding disabilities monthly.

Contact secretary@meadptsa.org for more information about our volunteering opportunities. No strings attached! Serving on the PTSA is a great way to connect with the school and meet other Mead families. You can find a role that is perfect for you!



Wear Blue for Kindness Day

Join us on March 18th to wear blue for Kindness! Also be sure to show at least one act of kindness!



• FOR YOUR INFORMATION •

Lake Washington School District has finalized plans to make up for the days and time missed due to the January snow events. The 2019-20 calendar has been modified to reflect the changes. The 2019-20 calendar has May 26 built-in as a snow make-up day, so a total of two days must be made up beyond the built-in snow make-up day.

Due to the canceled days (January 13, 14 and 15) the following changes will be made to the 2019-20 calendar:

- **Tuesday, May 26 is now a full school day** . Previously, this was scheduled as a No School: Snow Make-up Day
- **Wednesday, June 17 is now a 1.5-hour early release Wednesday** . Previously, this was scheduled to be a half day for the last day of school.
- **Thursday, June 18 is now a regular school day.**
- **Friday, June 19 is now a Half-Day: Last Day of School**

This new calendar means the last day of school will be on June 19, 2020 (and will be a half day). You can print the latest versions of the calendar here: <https://www.lwsd.org/about-us/district-calendar>. This plan allows the District to maintain the essential components of staff training, planning, and collaboration time during early release Wednesdays and Full-Day LEAP days, while also keeping the last day of school within the same week as the original calendar.

Looking Ahead with Important Dates

- **March 13- No School- LEAP Day**
- **March 18- Wear Blue for Kindness!**
- **March 16- Math Challenge #11 due**
- **March 26- MOD MEAD night**

- April 6- 10- No School- Spring Break



Facebook Announcements

Go to our Mead PTSA Facebook page and remember to "like" us and to follow our posts where you will find last minute updates, reminders or photos from events.

Like us here: <https://www.facebook.com/MargaretMeadPTSA/>

The weekly Mustang Report will publish on Mondays throughout the school year. Submissions for the weekly Mustang Report are due Friday by 6pm and should be sent [here](#).

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