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Greetings from Mrs. Bergman

Sept. 2 Open House Kicks Off 2009-10 School Year!

Happy end of summer and welcome aboard for the 2009-10 school year at Sherwood Forest! Your teachers and I are very anxious to welcome you to a brand new year of learning! We have planned a school-wide **Open House** on **Wednesday, September 2** from **5:30-7:00 p.m.** Stop by with your family to have a piece of pizza, meet your teacher, and drop off your school supplies. First-day information packets will also be available for parents.

The following day, **September 3**, is the **first day of school** for grades 1-5. The schedule for the first week of school is given at the bottom of this page. Notice that only kindergarten students will have an orientation day. Families of full-day kindergarten students will have their orientation with the teacher and their child on Sept. 3. Families of half-day kindergarten students will bring their child to an orientation on either Sept. 3 or Sept. 4. Orientation times have been mailed to each kindergarten family. Your teachers and I will be working hard in August to get ready for your arrival. We're busy decorating classrooms, planning lessons, and making everything ready for a FANTASTIC school year! We can hardly wait to see you on September 2nd at Open House and on September 3rd for the first day of school!

New Staff Members at Sherwood Forest

We are pleased to introduce five new staff members who will join an awesome team at Sherwood Forest this year. **Susan Skahan** is the new 3-4-5 special education teacher. **Therese Pense** and **Chris Lezcano** will join us as 4th grade teachers. New in the front office are **Linda Pellicci**, Office Manager, and **Cathy Hale**, Data Secretary. Please extend a warm welcome to the newest members of our staff!

Campus Clean-Up August 27

What do you get when you combine school spirit, family fun, and a little dirt under your fingernails? Of course, it's the annual **Campus Clean-Up on Thursday, August 27 from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** Bring your rakes, gloves and the whole family and we'll provide the weeds, sunshine and popsicles! This is a great way to beautify our school for Open House on Sept. 2 and Opening Day on Sept. 3.

September 2, 2009
Open House 5:30-7:00 p.m.

September 3
First Day of School for Gr. 1-5
Orientation Day for Kindergarten Only

September 4
First Day of School for ADK

September 8
First Day of School for
Half-Day Kindergarten

~Class Supply Lists are posted on-line at fwps.org/shf and are posted in the entry window at school.
~Yellow Emergency Cards will be sent home on Thursday. Please return by Wednesday.

Daily School Schedule

	Start	End
Grades 1-5	8:45	3:20
Kindergarten AM	8:45	11:35
Tardy Bell Rings	8:50	
Kindergarten PM	12:35	3:20
<u>Lunch and a.m. Recess Times</u>		
All Day Kindergarten	11:35	12:10
Grade 1	11:35	12:10
Grades 2 and 3	12:05	12:40
Grades 4 and 5	12:35	1:10

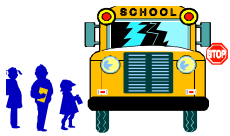


Classroom Assignments
Official class lists will be posted on the windows of the school lobby **in the afternoon of Friday, August 28th.**

Parent volunteers and staff will help students locate the appropriate classroom on Thursday, September 3rd. If you can help with this task, please call the office at 945-3800.



Bus Schedules



Bus routes have been planned for all students living **west** of 21st Avenue. **Please have your child ride the bus the first day of**

school as we take extra care on that day to teach expectations and rules, and to point out the appropriate bus for the ride home. **Bus schedules will be published in both the Federal Way News and Federal Way Mirror newspaper.** Schedules are also available on the District website **www.fwps.org**.

School Breakfast and Lunch

Federal Way Public Schools provides breakfast and lunch service each school day. **Breakfast** service begins at **8:20 a.m.** and is **\$1.50**. The price for **Lunch**, including milk, is **\$2.50**. Checks should be made out to **Nutrition Services**. You can also pay by credit card by calling Nutrition Services (945-5555) or online at www.fwps.org. Milk or juice may be purchased separately for **\$.50**. The school office is not able to loan money to students for lunch. Menus are sent home with each student every month. **Lunch will be served on Thursday, September 3rd. The menu may be found at www.fwps.org.**

Picture Day



Individual student pictures will be taken on Friday, September 18. Envelopes will come home in first day packets.



Write your Child's Name on EVERYTHING!

As you send your child to school with personal supplies, lunch boxes, sweaters and coats, remember this golden rule:

Write his/her name on everything! We don't want your favorite jacket, thermos or Tupperware container to end up in the Lost and Found or the local clothing bank. Items with children's names are easily returned. Please help out by identifying all of your child's belongings with ink or permanent marker.



YMCA at Sherwood Forest

The YMCA will again be offering before and after school childcare on the Sherwood Forest campus. Please call 206-947-8801 for information.

Health and Safety Reminders

- ” **PLEASE OBSERVE THE AREA IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL MARKED FOR SCHOOL BUSES AND DAY CARE VANS ONLY.** To ensure safety for all, please drop off and pick up your child on the south side of the school. ***Please use and follow the Drop Off/Drive Through Lanes in the South parking lot. No parking is allowed in the drop off/fire lane, by order of the fire marshal.***
- ” **ALL VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS MUST SIGN IN AT THE MAIN OFFICE.** For the safety of **ALL** children at Sherwood Forest, *always* stop at the school office prior to entering any classroom.
- ” **WASHINGTON STATE LAW REQUIRES** that any person volunteering within a public school district must have completed a **Washington State Patrol Background Check.** This form is available in the school office. It takes very little time to complete, and is valid for two years. We appreciate your cooperation on behalf of the safety of all our children.
- ” **WE ARE UNABLE TO GIVE MEDICATION TO A STUDENT without written permission from a doctor or dentist.** This applies not only to prescription medicines, but also to **ALL** over-the-counter medications such as cough drops, aspirin, decongestants, vitamins, etc. **All medication must be brought to school by a parent or a designated adult. Medication must be in its original labeled container . Medication brought by a student will not be dispensed.** Necessary forms are available in the school office. Medication will be accepted from parents from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 25. **Please bring in ALL medication prior to the first day of school (September 3) so your child will be ready.**
- ” **LOW COST MEDICAL COVERAGE:** Your child may be eligible for free or low-cost medical coverage through “Apple Health for Kids”. Even if you have been denied before, your children may be eligible now. To apply call 1-877-KIDS-NOW (toll free 1-877-543-7669) or 253-874-7642. Spanish: 206-296-9875. Contact person: Cathy Aby. **Low cost student accident insurance** information will be sent home with first day packets.
- ” **WALKING AND BICYCLES: SAFETY** is the key for going to and from school. Just as school busses have specific rules for safety so do walkers and bicyclists. The following are reminders as you review safety rules with your child. Plan the route to school with your child, using sidewalks and marked bicycle lanes. Pay attention to the location of crosswalks. A walking partner and review of “no talking to strangers” ensures more confidence that your child will make the right choices for a safe trip to and from school.
- ” **PERMISSION TO RIDE BICYCLES IS LIMITED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 and 5 WHO LIVE EAST OF 21ST AVENUE SW** and who have a signed “Bicycle Permission” form on file. **King County ordinance requires all bicycle riders to wear helmets.**

Please Note: The District does not take responsibility for bicycles on campus. Please have a lock for your bike. Bicycle racks are not monitored.



CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- August 27 Campus Clean-Up - 9:00-11:00 a.m.
Come help us get the school ready for September 3
- 28 Class lists posted at 4 P.M.
- September 2 **Open House ~ 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.**
- 3 **First Day of School ~ Grades 1 - 5**
Lunches and Transportation Provided
Kindergarten Orientation Day
- 4 **First Day of School ~ All-Day Kindergarten**
- 8 **First Day of School ~ Half-Day Kindergarten**
- 18 Individual School Pictures

Start Date	September 3
End Date	June 16
Winter Break	Dec 21-Jan 1
Presidents' Day Break	February 15-16
Spring Break	March 29-Apr 2