

Greetings Peter G. Schmidt Families,

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! We are thrilled to welcome all of you back to a new school year of learning and growing.

Heidi Center, assistant principal, and I are grateful and elated to continue this journey with you as your Principal team. We have had a chance to meet many of you and your children, and look forward to continue building strong relationships in the upcoming year. As we enter into the new school year, please know that our staff is dedicated to your student's education. We will be in constant reflection and are open to feedback that might help assist in overcoming barriers to access learning and create strong student and class connections.

Our Certificated Staffing is as follows;

Pre-school: **Amy Weed and Jen Monson**

K – Leann Rupke, Amy Gress, Kristi Bunda, Chad Hargrove, **Madison Hansen**

1st – Jenifer Shaner, Lindsey Knutzen, Grace Bigelow, Cathy Killough, Melissa Mailhot

2nd – Lauren Roberts, Meghan Langford, Leah Bacon, Stephanie Spriggs

3rd – Sylvia Getzendanner, Holly Coty, Danielle Beamish, Jayde Richtmyre/Kelly Femiano, **Haley Humphreys**

4th – Sean Colgan, Hayley Pearce, Erin Crabtree, **Kennedy Baydo**

5th – Tara Madden, Heather Siminski, TJ Thornton, **Kierstin Smith**

Specialist: PE-Carmen Luce, Music-Marie Williams, Library- Sara Glass, Technology-Heidi. Seldomridge, Literacy Lab-Kori Wilson (K, 1, 3)

Band: Ben McDonald

Orchestra: Lisa Pearson

LAP Reading Intervention: Meeka Cotey, Kori Wilson (K-2)

Title Math Intervention: Melissa Whitson

K-2 Special Education: Jasmine Stray

3-5 Special Education: Katie Gates

School Psychologist: Sherri Bentley

OT/PT: Ana Wright

Speech Therapist: Mackenzie Dunphy

School Counselor: Sidney Reid and Jessica Juergens

School Nurse: Karen James

In addition, we have a remarkable support staff:

Front Office: Tammi Pearce, Sylvia Raatz, and Megan Woods

Health Room: Sherry Taylor

Yellow Jackets Class and Students Support: Chris Spengler, Jaime Dominoski, Natalie Fillippone, Kim Freeby, Kristin Jones, Patricia Massie, Sandy Vandenberg, Emily Farden, Katy Sharp, Sheila Nordquist, Reid Mager, Kristin Sperling, **Ivy Schwandt. Taylor Deerwester**

Food Service: Kally Ashby and Julie Uphold

Custodial Staff: Kim Ewell, **Arlen Schwandt, and Dakota King**

****New/Changes in staffing are noted in bold face and underlined.***

School Hours are 8:40-3:10 Monday-Thursday- 8:40-1:55 Fridays. You will get to learn about the schedule of the day and procedures/practices of your student's class during "**Strong Start to School**" taking place on September 7th, 8th, and 9th.

Class Lists/Teacher Assignment will be posted on Friday, August 26th by 12:00 pm on the exterior of PGS. You can also access your student's teacher assignment through Skyward Family Access.

Our office is open Monday-Friday (8:00-4:00). Please feel free to drop off registration packets.

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS:

General: Our programs each year are exciting and structured to ensure that all our kids continue to receive a well-rounded and challenging education. Our standards and expectations remain high! As always, our number one goal is providing our students with a quality educational experience in a safe, caring and nurturing environment. We have a dedicated staff who continue to grow through professional development and collaborative opportunities which are built into our yearly schedule. Our curricular program is aligned to the Common Core Standards.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Strong Start Conferences	September 9 th -September 11 th	You will be signing up for a 25 min. timeslot	TBD
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Strong Start Conferences: You will sign up for a conference with your student and their teacher during given times on September 7th-September 9th. The sign up will be available beginning on Friday, August 26th through Skyward Family Access.

PARENT/TEACHER ORGANIZATION:

We strongly encourage all of our families to join our Parent Teacher Association, led by our PTA Co-Presidents Katy Sharp and Madison St. John. Stay tuned for more information on how to get involved.

Please know that our doors are always "open" and we value the opportunity to partner with our families. Please do not hesitate in reaching out to your child's teacher should you have any questions or concerns – we want your child's educational experience with us to be top notch and that takes teamwork between home and school. You are their first teacher and we are pleased to have the opportunity to be a part of your student's educational journey.

Thank you for your support and involvement in our school community. We are looking forward to working with your family this year as we continue to grow to greatness at Peter G. Schmidt Elementary School!

"Together we make a great TEAM",

Kim Doughty
Principal

Peter G. Schmidt

Tumwater School District

Heidi Center
Assistant Principal