

News from the Nest – December 2020

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Attendance is an essential building block for a student's education. While we are in remote learning, attendance is still essential and required. During fully-remote learning, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction has defined attendance regulations. An absence is when a student is not participating in planned instructional activities on a scheduled remote learning day. Examples of what student participation could look like in order to be counted as present include, but are not limited to:

- Daily logins to learning management systems
- Daily interactions with teacher(s) to acknowledge attendance (including messages, emails, phone calls, or video chats)
- Evidence of participation in a task or assignment

Student attendance is determined by their engaging in planned asynchronous (recorded) or synchronous (live) activities. If a student does not engage or demonstrate participation in any way, the student will be marked as absent. The District is required to take daily attendance for all students. Please contact **Sylvia Raatz** at **(360) 709-7203** or email at sylvia.raatz@tumwater.k12.wa.us if your student will be absent. If the school is not contacted, it will be recorded as an unexcused absence.

December Calendar

- 2 Operation Fill Your Nest
- 3 Title Wide Information Webinar for PGS families @ 6:00 p.m.
- 7-18 Hour of Code
- 8 Parent Workshop with Candyce Bollinger 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
- 10 School Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)

December 21st – January 1st
Winter Break – No School

January Calendar

- 6 Operation Fill Your Nest
- 20 PGS PTA Meeting at 3:15 p.m. Zoom



Hour of Code STILL Returns in 2020

Even though it will look different this year, Hour of Code is still returning to PGS from December 7-18 for all students K-5 during their technology classes. Our students will join millions of others in this largest global learning event in over 180 countries and 45 languages. Coding, or computer programming, is how people tell computers what to do. The Hour of Code event gives kids fun ways to learn how coding works. We want students to see that they don't have to be just users of technology -- they can learn how to *create* technology! Look for more information from Mrs. Seldomridge in the Technology lessons for Dec. 7-18.