A message from Mrs. Kosa

Happy New Year Jaguar families!!!
We are so happy to have all of our Jaguars back ready to learn! Mrs. Honig and I have been in classrooms the last few days and our teachers and students are wasting no time getting back to learning. We handed out so many Principal Paws for whole classrooms focused and participating! As you know we are really focusing on having ALL Jaguars at school on time, ready to learn. Please help us by having your child here every day, we miss them when they are gone! Also, reading at least 20-minutes every night will help us reach our school wide reading goals. We can’t wait to give away a bike to the Jaguar from each grade level with the most growth in reading since Sept. at the end of this month!

Social-Emotional Learning At SE

This month, our schoolwide theme is emotion management. In our morning announcements and weekly lessons we’ll be prompting students to notice their own feelings by paying attention to clues in their bodies, and we’ll be reminding them to use their Second Step skills to calm down:

- Stop—Use your signal
- Name your feeling
- Calm down: Breathe, count, use positive self-talk

These skills help students calm down strong emotions when faced with learning and social challenges, which helps them succeed academically and get along well with others.

Second Step lessons specifically teach about calming down strong emotions such as anger, disappointment, frustration, and anxiety. You’ll be receiving Home Links that describe why managing strong emotions is important and include fun activities to do with your child to help him or her identify strong feelings and calm down. We hope the Home Links will give you tools to use together when your child is upset.

Please tell your child’s teacher if you have questions about how you can help your child learn to calm down at home.
January Paw Print
Spanaway Elementary Monthly Newsletter

- **Volunteers Needed:** Jaguar families, we need you!!! We have many Jaguars who need extra support in reading and math. We would love to line our hallways with parents/community members each day who can support reading of sight words, fluency as well as math fact fluency. If you can give just a small amount of time or a lot, we want you!!! Contact our main office for how you can help!!

- **Volunteers:** Please update your application at [https://bethelvolunteers.hrmplus.net/](https://bethelvolunteers.hrmplus.net/) we need a current national background check from each volunteer who are helping out at Spanaway Elementary. Thanks for going on the bethel volunteer sight and updating this information. If your application has expired, or you have not applied to be a volunteer at our school please follow the link above to do so.

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**Greater Lakes**

MENTAL HEALTHCARE

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- Are you interested in having your child receive counseling at school? Greater Lakes is now providing 1:1 mental health counseling right here at Spanaway Elementary! The counselor is here to see students once per week. Sessions typically last about 30-45 minutes. To arrange a referral, please contact our school social worker, Mallory Shull, at 253-683-5370 or send her an email at mshull@bethelsd.org *Greater Lakes is a service available to families with Medicaid (state health insurance). If you have private insurance, please contact your insurance carrier to find a therapist in your network.*

- **Join Team Bethel!** We’re looking for outstanding certified candidates to join our team for the 2020-21 school year! To be considered for an interview at our upcoming Job Fair, you need to apply to posting #5337 (BSD Educator Job Fair) on our jobs website: [https://www.applitrack.com/bethelsd/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Teaching+++Other](https://www.applitrack.com/bethelsd/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Teaching+++Other)

- **Highly Capable Referrals (1st Grade - 7th Grade)** - It’s time for Highly Capable referrals! Anyone (parents, teachers, community, etc.) can refer a student to be tested for potential qualification in our Highly Capable programs. Referrals for 1st - 7th grade are due January 31. Complete the online referral form at [www.bethelsd.org/Page/682](http://www.bethelsd.org/Page/682)

- **This month’s Learner Quality is Growth-Minded:** Ask your child how they are showing their growth mindset in school everyday! Encourage them to keep trying, even when things are hard or tricky. Celebrate even the smallest of success and goal set with your child to help them improve each and everyday!

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**Growth-Minded**

- Learns from mistakes (it’s okay to make mistakes!!)
- Has a plan to achieve goals and willing to adjust the plan
- Believes that anything is possible with hard work
- Positive self-talk
- Sets personal goals:
  - Your only competition is YOURSELF!
  - Celebrates personal successes
Upcoming Events

January 22nd - STAR Reading Assessment grades 2-5

January 23rd - STAR Math Assessment grades 2-5

January 28th and 30th - DIBELS/Acadience Testing for K-2

January 29th - PD day for Staff NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

January 31st - End of 2nd Semester Early Dismissal for Students at 9:55am

February 14th - SNOW day Make-up day

February 17th - Presidents Day NO SCHOOL

February 18th - Waiver day #3 NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

February 27th (K & 1st), March 3rd (2nd-5th), March 5th (K & 1st), March 10th (2nd-5th), March 12th (K-5th makeup), and March 13th(K-5th makeup) - ELPA Assessment (EL State Testing)

February 29th - Technology & Art Fair will be at Spanaway Lake High School!

PTSA News

1/7-1/10 Book Exchange. Students are welcome to bring in any books they would like to donate. All students will receive a book on Friday January 17th at recess.

1/10 Popcorn Friday

1/15 Hat Day, pay 50¢ to wear your favorite hat! All proceeds will be donated to student nutrition and the best hat wins a prize!

1/17 Movie Night featuring Angry Birds 2. Doors will open at 6:00 pm.

1/22 General membership meeting 6:00 pm in the school library. Light refreshments will be served.

1/24 Popcorn Friday.

We are currently looking for volunteers for our “Cultures Around the World” family fun night in February. If you would like to volunteer please email us at spanawayelemptsa@gmail.com