



SOUTH WHIDBEY SCHOOL DISTRICT – SOUTH WHIDBEY ELEMENARY SCHOOL K-4

Fall 2020 Kindergarten Start-Up Overview

Dear Families of incoming Kindergarten Students: We are excited to share that we will be starting the 2020-2021 school year with two options for our kindergarten students. These options include:

- 1) **Onsite Learning Option: (this option available for kindergarten only)** Kindergarten students will have the opportunity to attend school two days per week, two hours per session. A full break down of schedule options are outlined below.
- 2) **Parent Partnership Program:** This model will be available to families who wish to have support and guidance for their child's learning, but do not wish their child to attend school in person. Parents will work with a mentor teacher to have access to resources, curriculum, materials and support to guide their child's learning. No online / computer-based learning is required for this option. Learn more about the parent partnership option at this link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1em2Cl3u8qsBJwhpArLUloyWY9whUuSuy/view?usp=sharing>

Onsite Learning Option Overview

- There will be a total of 10 children per learning group and will attend two days a week in person, two hours per day.
- Three certificated teachers (Suzanne Haugen, Karyn LeWarne and Kristin Coddia) will work together with the 10 children, dividing them into groups of 3-4 students for learning rotations and play.
- Learning will focus primarily on literacy, number sense, social emotional learning and play.
- The School Farm will be accessed and integrated into the learning day.
- Students and staff will wear masks during their learning time at school.
- The program will be fully outdoors – with outside covered spaces used when weather is bad.
- Children will not be assigned specifically to one of the kindergarten teachers. Instead, they will rotate through learning stations with all three teachers.
- Families of registered kindergarten students will be contacted the third week in August to identify whether the family would like the parent partnership program, or the onsite program and to gather other important information for kindergarten start-up.
- Families who have not registered with the school district can do so at this link: <https://sw.wednet.edu/families/enrollment>

Morning and Afternoon Sessions

- Group A: 9:00 – 11:00 Monday morning session / 9:00 – 11:00 – Tuesday afternoon session
- Group B: 12:00 – 2:00 Monday afternoon session / 12:00 – 2:00 Tuesday afternoon session
- Group C: 9:00 – 11:00 Monday morning session / 9:00 – 11:00 – Tuesday afternoon session
- Group D: 12:00 – 2:00 Monday afternoon session / 12:00 – 2:00 Tuesday afternoon session

Questions? Please contact principal Susie Richards at srichards@sw.wednet.edu