

WELCOME TO SIDNEY GLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

HOME OF THE DOLPHINS!

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Principal: Mr. Jason Shdo (360.443.3448)

Main Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday

MISSION: It is our mission to ensure high levels of learning and leadership for all members of the Sidney Glen Community.

Arrival/Departure Times:

Arrival: Our official school start time is 9:05 a.m. Students should arrive on campus no earlier than 8:50 a.m. (8:40 a.m. if they are eating breakfast in our school cafeteria).

Late Arrival Wednesdays: School will begin at 9:50 a.m. each Wednesday.

Dismissal: Dismissal time is 3:40 p.m. daily. While we understand that there are circumstances that necessitate late arrival and early pick up, please make every effort to have your student(s) here for the entirety of the day. The beginning and end of each day are important times for the classroom.

Volunteer Opportunities:

We welcome your involvement at our school and have many volunteer opportunities available. If you would like to volunteer at Sidney Glen, please stop by our main office and fill out a Volunteer Disclosure Form. This form is required in order for you to volunteer and must be renewed every two years. When you come to Sidney Glen to volunteer, you must sign in at the main office and acquire an identification badge.

Among our many opportunities to volunteer, we want to make you aware of “Watchdogs”, a dad’s volunteer group. We encourage you to become a member of our PTA as well! This fantastic organization is all about our kids and making things better for them. For information about volunteering or joining the PTA, please call our volunteer coordinator at 443-3442.

Bus Transportation, Bicycles, and Skateboards:

School bus transportation is available to the majority of our students. This transportation is a privilege and students riding the school buses are required to obey all established rules and regulations. Inappropriate conduct while on the bus may result in denial of this privilege.

The riding of bicycles or skateboards to school is limited to students in grades, four and five. Students must walk their bikes when crossing in school crosswalks and on campus. Students riding bicycles or skateboards to school must wear a helmet. Skateboards must be kept in the school office or classroom (based on teacher/student communication) during the school day.

Communication:

If you have questions, concerns, or comments regarding your child’s education we ask that you first talk to your child’s classroom teacher. Many topics can be addressed simply by scheduling a meeting or phone conversation. You can contact the teacher or the school office for assistance scheduling a

meeting. If you feel like you need administrator support, you are welcome to call Mr. Shdo. If you require a meeting with an administrator please schedule an appointment through our main office.

Attendance:

If you miss school, you MISS OUT! The education and attitudes your child develops in the elementary years has a direct impact on their future success in school and beyond. Good habits are a necessity (such as being on time and following through on commitments) for our kids to have a road map into a successful future!

Absences: If your child must miss school, please call our office at 443-3400 before 9:30 a.m. or as soon as possible. We have a voice mail system that is available after hours to take your call. Absences are excused for illness. If your child needs to miss school for family business or if you have a family emergency that requires your child to be absent, please call our school office for information and procedures. Unexcused absences are reported to the State of Washington according to state law. Unexcused absences can also be submitted for review by our local court system (Becca Bill).

If a student has an excessive number of excused absences (6 in a trimester), we may ask you to provide a doctor's note verifying your child's illness. If your child has an illness that is impacting their academic success, we will need to determine if an alternative educational plan (such as home-health instruction) is needed. This determination is made with medical consultation. These absences may also be submitted to the local court system (Becca Bill) if a sound educational plan is not developed for the student by parents/teacher/principals.

Tardiness: We understand that school tardiness or early departure during the day occurs from time to time. We become concerned when it begins to impact a student's academic and social wellbeing at school. We will make efforts to communicate this concern at 3 tardies/early dismissals via a school letter communication. If tardies or early departures become habitual and a student accumulates 5 (of any combination of tardies or early departures) within a month, or 10 during the year, we may begin to count the tardies as unexcused absences unless doctor's notes are provided. We make this determination based on the student needs and input from building staff that work with the student.

Dress Code:

It is important that students come to school in clothing and attire that support a focused learning environment. Teachers may speak with a student or send them to one of the principals if clothing, hair style, or behavior is deemed to be disruptive to the learning environment. Please keep in mind that this list is not exhaustive, and decisions may be made based on the judgment of the classroom teacher and/or the principals. The following is a list that outlines the kinds of clothing, styles, and jewelry we do not allow:

- Shirts with straps less than two inches wide, crop tops that expose the abdomen, and shirts revealing cleavage.
- Shorts or skirts which are too short. With arms at the side, shorts and skirts must come to the end of one's fingertips.
- Sagging or low-cut pants that expose underwear.
- Jewelry or clothing promoting alcohol, tobacco, drugs, lewdness, violence, or comments of a sexual nature.
- Clothing or jewelry that promotes or indicates gang affiliation.
- Chains hanging outside pockets.

- Hair color or style that calls forth unnecessary attention to itself or makes it difficult for others to concentrate on learning. If in doubt, call the school for a consultation prior to applying color or adopting an unusual hair style.
- Face paint or body art that is a distraction for self or other learners.
- Footwear that does not adequately protect the feet for P.E. and recess. It is recommended that flip-flops not be worn to school.
- Sunglasses or eyewear (other than prescribed for vision needs) are not to be worn inside the building.
- Hats, hoods, and bandanas are not to be worn inside the building. (unless special accommodations have been made with the teacher or principal)

Electronic Devices and Toys:

Cell phones and other electronic devices are not to be used or visible during the school day. Students may not bring toys, trading cards, or other items not related to the educational process to school unless arrangements are specifically made with a child's teacher. We cannot guarantee the security of any item(s) a student chooses to bring to school.

Bullying:

Recent concerns around bullying and its negative effects on children and learning have been addressed by our state legislature. We take steps to deal with bullying and take it very seriously, and we have a zero tolerance approach to it. Often there is confusion around bullying and simply being bothered or irritated by a person. So we approach on two tracks. The one track is to educate and the other is to follow a progressive disciplinary path once it has been identified.

Health Requirements:

We want to make you aware that there are a number of health requirements that families must have taken care of in order for their children to attend school. You need to be aware of immunization requirements, especially for Kindergarten students, that must be completed in order for these students to attend school. Our desire is to work closely with our families and to assist where ever we can. For accurate information, contact your healthcare provider. Our office can also be of assistance.

Medications that students need to take during the school day must be turned in to the health room attendant along with a copy of a doctor's note or prescription. Our school nurse creates health plans for students that need to take medications at school. Please contact our office to set a time to speak with our nurse if this information applies to your family.

Inclement Weather:

We encourage our families to go to a website that is very helpful during inclement weather. It is "schoolreport.org". This site allows you to sign up and receive the latest information on weather conditions and school closures. You can receive both emails and text messages through this site.

