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# Skyhawk Extra



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## Key Dates

### September & October

- 8/28 Back to School Night
- 8/30 **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- 9/4 NO SCHOOL  
Labor Day
- 9/11 1 Hr. Early Release
- 9/25 1 Hr. Early Release
- 10/9 1 Hr. Early Release
- 10/13 NO SCHOOL  
In-Service Day
- 10/18 2 Hr. Early Release
- 10/19- NO SCHOOL
- 10/20 Parent Conferences
- 10/23 1 Hr. Early Release

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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER by Travis Bond

### Welcome, Skyhawks, to the 2017-2018 School Year!

#### Sacajawea Elementary School

First, we would like to welcome all of our new Sacajawea families. Each year our staff and community look forward to welcoming many new faces to our hallways. We hope that each and every new family feels welcome at our school and that you will all find ways to become an active member of our school community. Joining our PTA is a great way to get involved in our school. Volunteering in our school is another wonderful way to get involved. We need you to be an active participant in your child's education!

We are looking forward to a wonderful new school year here at Sacajawea. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

I am also excited to welcome some new staff members to Sacajawea this year, and I want to take this opportunity to introduce them to you:

**Constance Hogan**, Administrative Intern

**Marissa Manza**, Learning Support

**Audra Morrison**, SCP 1:1

**Allison Sparrow**, Nurse

**Kathleen Goss**, Dance

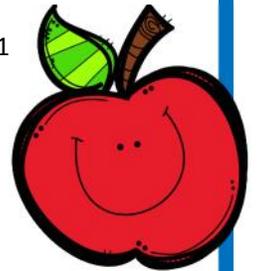
**Debra Iniguez**, SCP K-2

Nikki Andres-Bye, our beloved kindergarten teacher, has accepted a teaching position in the Evergreen School District at her daughters' school. We will miss Mrs. Andres-Bye very much but we are excited that she gets to teach at her children's school.

We look forward to seeing you during the upcoming **Back to School Night** on **August 28th from 5:00-7:00 pm**. This annual Sacajawea tradition provides an opportunity for children to meet their teachers and to see their classrooms before the school year begins. This is a great time to relieve some of those first day jitters.

We look forward to seeing you soon. Please join us in making 2017-2018 a terrific school year!

Travis Bond, Principal  
 Sacajawea Elementary School



## FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

Wednesday, August 30th is our first day of school. The cafeteria will be open for breakfast beginning at 8:00 am. School begins at 8:30 am and dismissal is at 2:50 pm. Please do NOT drop students off prior to 8:00 am as there is no supervision.

After you drop your student off, be sure to pop by our PTA sponsored "Boo-Hoo/Woo-Hoo!" table at the front of the school and find out how you can be actively involved in your child's school experience this year!

## BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT BBQ

This year our Back to School night will be held on August 28th. Join us for a Tailgate BBQ from 5:00-7:00 pm. Vancouver Church, one of our school partners, will be providing a free BBQ for our Sacajawea families. Bring the enclosed “passport” with you as you explore our school (or pick one up at Back to School Night), meet your teacher, find out about exciting events happening this year and turn in your child’s “Going Home Plan.” Once you have helped your child earn their stickers from each important station, you can redeem your “passport” in the cafeteria and receive a treat!



Classrooms will be open from 5:45-7:00. Food will be served starting at 5:00. Please do not bring food or drink into the building.

Classroom placements will be posted in the cafeteria, gym, and hallways. The PTA will be on hand providing information on PTA membership, volunteering, and how to get your Skyhawk spirit wear.

### Early Release

## EARLY RELEASE DAYS

The Vancouver School Board approved early release days for the 2017-2018 school year allowing for days when school will release **1-hour early**. The objective of this is to provide time for teachers to collaborate on improving student learning.

Early dismissal days for this purpose are as follows: **September 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, December 11<sup>th</sup>, January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, February 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, March 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>, April 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, and May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Please note that there are other early release days scheduled throughout the year for other purposes. Please refer to our school newsletters to keep up on additional days off and altered schedules.

## FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL AND TRANSPORTATION

Each year our staff and volunteers work very hard to help our students identify which bus they are riding to and from school. Many volunteers are ready to help with this effort and ensure that all students are headed to and from school on the correct bus. If your student is not riding the bus the first morning, please make sure you get in touch with your student’s teacher or our office to find out which bus they will be riding. **Kindergarten Parents: Please remember an adult must be at the bus stop to meet your child. If the designated person is not at the bus stop to meet your child, the driver will return the child to school. Remember this is for the safety of all of our youngest bus riders.**



## VOLUNTEERING AT SACAJAWEA

All volunteers are required to complete paperwork and be cleared by WSP, prior to working at school with children. If you are new to Sacajawea or haven’t been cleared as a volunteer within the past two years, please stop by our office to obtain the appropriate forms. We love to have parents volunteer in our classrooms and at our school events. The approval process takes approximately two weeks. To learn more about volunteer opportunities check with your child’s teacher, our front office and our PTA. There are a lot of ways to be involved at Sacajawea!



All visitors to school must be clearly identified with a visitors badge during school hours. Please do not forget to stop in the office and sign the **Visitor Check-In** sheet and pick up a badge. We appreciate your cooperation with this policy which is designed to ensure the safety of all students.

## MEDICATION IN SCHOOL

Vancouver Public Schools recognizes that in some cases a child must take prescription and non-prescription medication at school. When it is necessary because of a health condition for your son or daughter to be given prescription or non-prescription medication during school hours, authorization must be given by the child's parent or guardian accompanied by written instructions and the signature of the prescribing health professional. The authorization must include inclusive dates for each prescription and/or any changes in the dosage or administration instructions as they occur.



Only medication containers properly labeled by a physician, dentist or pharmacist may be brought to school by the parent. Forms are available in the school office and must be renewed each year. **Medication will not be administered without the required signatures on the form (no exceptions).** Please do not send medication to school with your child. Please note that this includes, but is not limited to: cough drops, aspirin, eye drops, etc. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter.



## TIMELY ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

Our school day begins promptly at 8:30 am at Sacajawea. Students should be at school and have already eaten breakfast by this time. From 8:20 to 8:30 am students make their way to their classrooms and put away their backpacks, lunches and get out their supplies for the day. At the 8:30 am bell we begin each morning with Skyhawk news. During these announcements we focus on appropriate behavior at Sacajawea, celebrate successes, announce awards, lunch choices for the day, and provide important information about upcoming school events.

Immediately following the announcements, instruction begins in our classrooms. When students arrive after 8:30 am they miss important beginning of the day instruction. Students who enter late often feel anxious and are embarrassed to enter their classrooms. It is also disruptive to the classroom when students enter late. Please remember, early is on time.

## LUNCH PRICES

Lunch prices this year are \$1.95. Juice or milk are \$.45. Breakfast will remain the same at \$.80. With our computerized lunch count system any amount can be put on a student's account. The system however, cannot give change. Please also note that Free and Reduced price meal paperwork must be completed each year. This paperwork will be in the 1st Day of School Packets, or can be obtained in the office. Please note that it can take up to two weeks for this paperwork to be processed.



## FRIDAY FOLDERS

Important school information goes home each Friday in Friday Folders. Please be sure to check your child's backpack for this folder. This is a great opportunity for you to stay involved in your child's experience at school. Classroom work as well as information from the office and community will be delivered via Friday Folder each week – don't miss it!!

## CURRICULUM NIGHT

Make sure to mark your calendar for Thursday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:00 pm for our Curriculum Night. Curriculum Night provides an opportunity for you to come in and learn more about your child's education here at Sacajawea. This is an informal opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn more about Sacajawea.



## SACAJAWEA STAFF

Travis Bond, Principal

Trina Irons, Secretary

Cheryl Sawyer, Clerk

### TEACHERS

#### Kindergarten

Darby Stromberg

Katelyn Koenig

Jenay Conner

#### First Grade

Heidi Venema

Tammi Hoffman

Kelsey Day

Madonna Underland

#### Second Grade

Carol Bates

Margaret Meddaugh

Mary Allmaras

Sarah Coursolle

#### Third Grade

Justine Warunek-Lane

Anndrea Eagle

Jennifer Baybado

#### Fourth Grade

Kristin Mann

Tricia Judkins

Ramona Lomeli

#### Fifth Grade

Jeff Lee

Torri Phelan

Elspeth Runyan

### SPECIALISTS/SUPPORT STAFF

Constance Hogan, Administrative Intern

Muriah Sueuga, Psychologist/Counselor

Kelly Pranger-Achen, School Counselor

Shelly Copeland, Literacy Facilitator

Jodi Church, LAP Intervention Teacher

Jodie Deeney, LAP Intervention Teacher

Eric Bindewald, Teacher Librarian

Glenn Baker, Physical Education

Venessa Bravo, Music

Kathleen Goss, Dance

Cam Swarts, Art

Marissa Manza, Learning Support

Debra Iniguez, SCP teacher

Jennifer Docster, SCP teacher

Leslie Good, ECE teacher

Shannon Murphy, ECE teacher

Katie Siewert, SLP

Becky Wiley, SLP

Anne Valle, OT/PT

Allison Sparrow, Nurse

Angie Miles, Intervention Specialist

Stephanie Seley, Family Engagement/  
Resource Coordinator

### PARA PROFESSIONALS

Marijean Baird

Michelle Bigelow

Charolette Brown

Lyn Craig

Andrea Easterly

Sarah Halgren

Terry Hebdon

Tanya Homstad

Dede King

Audra Morrison

Susan Nellor

Garrett Noah

Vicki Peck

Lori Phelan

Gabby Quintanilla

Stephanie Seley

Lori Shoff

Sheena Sutton

Lynn Wu

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### CAFETERIA

Julie Briggs

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