

# COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## A NOTE FROM MRS. COLVARD

Dear Columbia Families,

I want to thank you for your partnership throughout these past weeks as we have been adjusting to our new circumstances. The children are missed by all of us more than you can imagine. Their laughter and excitement bring joy each day and it is important to all of us at Columbia that our relationships with our young learners and their families remain strong. Together, I know we can support one another to make the best possible experience for children.

We are here to support and guide families in any way needed. Our staff is working harder than ever to develop home learning opportunities for all students and provide needed resources to make the process as easy as possible. I know these are challenging times, but we are in this together! Please reach out at any time for assistance or if you have questions. We are checking voice mail and email several times each weekday and will respond promptly.

Gratefully,  
Ingrid

## REPLACEMENT LEVY ELECTION Tuesday, April 28

Ballots will be mailed April 10

Woodland Families,

Woodland Public Schools' Board of Directors has approved a replacement levy to run in an April 28 Special Election.

Without a replacement levy for its expiring levy, Woodland Public Schools MUST cut \$3,000,000 in educational programs and services for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year.

Nearly every school district in Washington State needs a locally-funded levy to provide the additional services schools need to provide high-quality educational opportunities for children.

In Woodland, the following educational programs are funded by local levy dollars and may be reduced in size or eliminated entirely without a replacement levy:

- Arts, Music, Athletics, and Extracurricular Clubs
- Career Center at Woodland High School
- Class Size Reduction Programs, particularly at the middle school and high school
- Current Technology
- Current Textbooks and Curriculum
- Curriculum Introductions and Updates
- Custodians, Maintenance and Grounds Staff
- Elementary Counselors / Social Workers
- Family Community Resource Center
- Paraprofessionals who support quality teaching at every school
- PASS – Woodland High School's Program which reduces dropout rates and improves student performance
- School Bus Transportation
- School Secretaries
- Special Education Programs
- Specialized & Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- Student Behavior and Discipline Support Staff
- Summer School Credit Recovery at Woodland High School
- Support Programs which help students come to school ready to learn
- Teacher and Staff Training
- Teaching Improvement Specialists

The replacement levy is NOT a new tax and levies are NOT bonds.

The replacement levy will replace the existing levy that expires in 2020 at the SAME TAX RATE taxpayers are currently paying.

To learn more, visit <https://www.woodlandschools.org/levy-2020>

Register to vote online: <https://www.myvote.wa.gov>

## MEAL DELIVERY CONTINUES DURING COVID-19 CLOSURE

Woodland Public Schools staff pack and deliver nearly 1,600 meals to our children-in-need while following social distancing and no-contact delivery guidelines daily. Learn more on how to access receiving food at

<https://www.woodlandschools.org/food-service--355>

## WOODLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS HELPS WITH HOME LEARNING RESOURCES

In order to provide students with educational opportunities during this unprecedented and challenging time, Woodland Public Schools' staff has compiled a list of resources to help our community's children learn from home. Learn more at

<https://www.woodlandschools.org/o/district/page/elementary-expected-learning>



### NO-CONTACT KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!



Woodland Public Schools introduces no-contact Kindergarten Registration. If you have a student that will be 5 years old on or before August 31st you may register them for kindergarten! Packets can be picked up in the leaflet pickup box, next to the Lewis River Academy mailbox. After filling

out your packet, simply drop it in the Lewis River Academy mailbox across the street from our Business Services / Registrar portable at 761 Third Street, Woodland, WA 98674. Please register your student as soon as possible so we may plan classroom sections for the 2020-2021 school year. Questions? Please email Jody Brentin at [brentinj@woodlandschools.org](mailto:brentinj@woodlandschools.org).

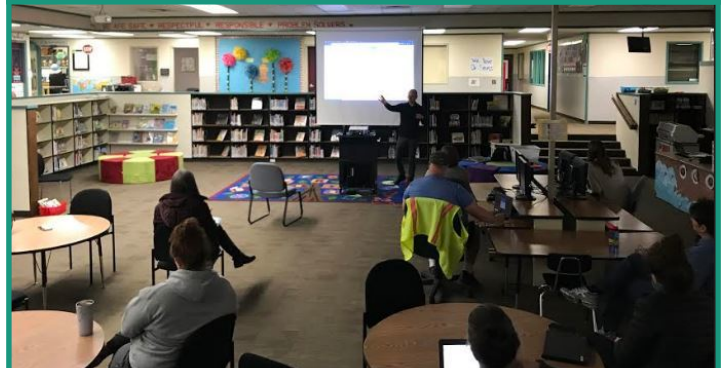


### PLEASE WASH YOUR HANDS



Our school nurse Mrs. Kerri Six and our library assistant Mrs. Dana Ramey, showing our students how to be germ fighters with proper hand washing.

### COLUMBIA ELEMENTARY STAFF SUPPORTING FAMILIES



Columbia staff serving students breakfast and lunch before delivery. Mrs. Bearden helping assemble school supplies for students in need. Steve Rippl teaching staff how to work remotely to stay connected with students and families.

### NEED A LITTLE SUPPORT?

Our School Social Worker, Spring Dowse, is available for families and students:

- Brainstorm ways to get your student engaged in distance learning
- Help develop a schedule for distance learning
- Tools to help manage behaviors
- Parenting tips
- Support parents and students with managing stress
- Referrals to community resources

Email [dowses@woodlandschools.org](mailto:dowses@woodlandschools.org)  
Voicemail 360-841-2906

See our webpage for resources:

<https://www.woodlandschools.org/closure-resources>