



December 1, 2020

TrailNOTES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

GREETINGS STMS GRIZZLIES FAMILIES!

Starting tomorrow, December 2nd, we start our WIN Wednesday format. It was created from an interest to provide specific time and structure for extra help and support for students and teachers. It would allow for struggling student opportunities to get more feedback on how to close the gap between present and desired performance. Finally, it would provide more opportunities for high interest or "fun things" for kids during this remote experience.

We sent out an informational letter earlier today to all students and families about the different components of this new schedule and described our "phased rollout". Each week, we will continue to build and revise our format to serve a variety of student needs.

Our initial target is to focus our support on students in need. Not only those with academic struggles, or attendance concerns, but also for children looking for more ways to connect with each other. Our small group sessions, independent choice options, and enrichment activities could fit that need for your child. We encourage all of our students to check it out.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please give us a call in the Main Office at 425-413-5600.

This was not easy task. We greatly appreciate the students, families, and staff who completed surveys in October, met and collaborated with school personnel in meetings in late Oct. and early Nov., and to the STMS and TSD staff who worked together on the last Wednesdays to create these sessions for our kids.

STMS Wednesday WIN Student Schedule

9:00	Staff/Student Mentoring Sessions	Optional Enrichment Activities for All - Librarians
9:45	Teacher Time Opt: Q&A w ELA/SS/Elective	
10:00	Teacher Time Opt: Q&A w Sci/Math/H&F	
10:15	(WIN) Student Support Time	
11:45	Lunch	
12:15	Independent Choice Options	
2:00		

Click [HERE](#) for the STMS WIN webpage



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KEY DATES

- 12/1 & 12/2 - Gift Drive at STMS
- 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16 - Drama Club Check It Out!
- 12/3 - Distribution
- 12/3 - ELA Curriculum Night (Zoom)
- 12/4 & 12/5 - Picture Days at Rock Creek Elementary School
- 12/17 - Last day to purchase Year Books
- 12/21-1/1 - Winter Break - No School



Blue/Gold Schedule

[Click here for the Blue/Gold Schedule](#)

Attendance: Please report student absences.



STAttend@tahomasd.us



(425) 413-5619

TSD

COUNSELING SUPPORTS

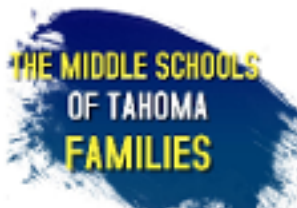
Please click [here](#) to visit our Tahoma School District counseling website. You will find available resources, counseling and wellness needs for you and your student.



Summit Trail PTA

STMS Family Facebook Page

For ALL PTA information (membership drive info will be updated soon) head to: <http://summittrailpta.org/>



Students of the Month

Congratulations to our Students of the Month!

September 2020

Mason P.
Silas B.
Nohea A.
Elliott S.
Olivia B.
Alberto N.

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October 2020

Braxton K.
AJ T.
Rylee J.
Jeremiah S.
Scarlett S.
John C.

[Click here](#) for Presentation

November 2020

Suleiman A.
Sydney N.
Finn M.
Emmanuel S.
Nandani K.
Taryn J.

[Click here](#) for Presentation

There have also been 632 students who have earned Bear Bucks since September 1. Way to go, Bears!

ELA Curriculum Night - Dec. 3

In an effort to provide the best possible English Language Arts instruction for our middle school students, ELA teachers from MVMS and STMS have been working hard since last Spring reviewing potential new curriculum options. We'd like to invite parents and family members of current and future middle school students to join us to learn more about this process so far, take a closer look at two options we're considering, and provide feedback to the curriculum adoption committee. Our ELA Curriculum Community Information Night will be held via Zoom on Thursday, **December 3rd, from 7 to 8 pm**. We hope to see you there! [Click here](#) for Zoom link information.

Last Chance for School Pictures

There are two more opportunities for school pictures in 2020. The photographers will be at **Rock Creek Elementary** on the dates below:

Friday, December 4 - 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 5 - 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Regardless of which school you attend, please have your picture taken at **Rock Creek Elementary**.

[Click here](#) for full details.



Always B.E.A.R.S. - Be Excellent, Accepting, Respectful & Safe

Tahoma Drama Club

All students are invited to attend a Tahoma Remote Drama Club Check It Out!

12/2 - 12:15pm and 1:15pm

12/9 - 12:15pm and 1:15pm

12/16 - 12:15pm and 1:15pm



[Click here](#) for more information.

[Click here](#) to sign up.

Yearbooks

Yearbooks are available for purchase online until 12/17/20.

Please use the following website to purchase:

<https://wa-tahoma.intouchrecepting.com/>

Questions about the yearbook?

Please email Jamie Mercer, our

Yearbook Advisor

jmercer@tahomasd.us

Questions about payments?

Please email Nadine Hayes,

our bookkeeper

nhayes@tahomasd.us



Teen Link

Teen Link is a confidential and anonymous help line for teens. Trained teen volunteers are available to talk.

Teen Link Website

866-833-6546



New Wednesday Format

Please [click here](#) for an important letter explaining the new format for Wednesdays.

Distribution Day

Our next Distribution Day is Thursday, **December 3**, with two available pickup windows - 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Only select classes and students will have materials to pick up. Families will receive an email notifying them if there are materials to be picked up for their students.

The pickup location will be at the **front** of the school by the gym entrance.

Just drive through the **front** parking lot and we will bring the materials to your car.



Fill the Truck! Gift Drive

All donations will go to support the Maple Valley Food Bank and our Tahoma families!

The Truck will move from school to school from November 30 through December 5.

Truck locations and times:

12/1 and 12/2: STMS 8am-3pm

12/3 and 12/4: MVMS 8am-3pm

12/5: THS 9am-noon



Books to Go!

Students can check out books from the Summit Trail Middle School Library. Books can be put on hold and we have a "no contact" pick-up cart in front of the school.

[Click here](#) for more information and instructions on how to place a book on hold.

