



DID YOU KNOW?

1) **Transportation Route CHANGES** will take affect Spring Semester 2020 (February 3, 2020) due to the residential changes of our district and the number of students per each route. Some buses have increased in ridership over the Fall semester. These routes will be released at the end of the month. Please stay tuned in. We will communicate the new routes as soon as they are released.

2) January is **SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH**. A big thank you to our volunteer school board directors: Julie Hadden (Chair), Damian Greene (Vice Chair), Charles Currier (WIAA Advisor), Andrea Downs (Policy Advisor and Auditor) and Brooke Willeford (Legislative Advisor) that lead us to a better future in public education. Thank them when you have a chance.

Building the future of public education

Celebrate School Board Recognition Month in January



3) If you are interested in volunteering with the South Whidbey Schools, our **BLUE CREW** led by Brooke Cornwell (volunteer coordinated) has lots of opportunities to get involved. [See more linked here.](#)

4) **SNOW DAYS** are called for the safety of our staff and students. These decisions are made with great research into the conditions, forecasts and probabilities based upon history. These days are made up first with the planned snow days in our instructional calendar (May 22, June 12 and 15, 2020), then with days added onto the end of the school calendar. Last year, our Superintendent requested an OSPI waiver to the additional days. However, this waiver is not guaranteed. Please plan your calendars accordingly. Winter is not over yet.

5) At the last Board Workshop, Athletic Director Paul Lagerstedt shared that South Whidbey is looking at participating in a new league in the Fall 2020. The new league merges the North Sound Conference with the Emerald City League for more competitive equity, less travel and increased number of opponents. Come support your home teams! [Athletics home page Linked Here](#). Tonight is the annual **Coaches vs. Cancer Night** where they will honor a community member and be accepting donations for the American Cancer Society. The following are the upcoming scheduled HOME games (all are subject to change due to weather):

Falcon Boys Basketball	Fri 1/17 @ 3:30 (C), 5:00 (JV) & 6:45 (V)	Coupeville
Falcon Boys Basketball	Tues 1/21 @ 5:00 (C & JV) & 6:45 (V)	Sultan
Falcon Girls Basketball	Fri 1/17 @ 5:00 (JV) & 6:45 (V)	Coupeville
Falcon Girls Basketball	Tues 1/28 @ 5:00 (JV) & 6:45 (V)	Sultan
Falcon Wrestling	Thu 1/23 @ 6:00	Sultan



Amended [School Board Calendar Linked Here](#)

[On Wednesday, January 22, 2020 at 6:30pm, there will be a business meeting. The agenda is linked here.](#)

[Agendas and minutes from previous meetings and SWSD policies can be found on Board Docs linked here.](#)

Future Meetings:

February 4, 2020 - School Board Site Visit to South Whidbey High School Campus for Grades 7-12

February 5, 2020 Workshop (NEW DATE)

February 19, 2020 School Board Site Visit to the South Whidbey Elementary Campuses (North and South Grades K-6)

February 26, 2020 Business Meeting

March 11, 2020 Workshop

March 25, 2020 Business Meeting



Kindness Matters: South Whidbey Schools Focus on Positive Behavior Rewards

Principal Susie Richards is leading the way with promoting good behaviors in the schools and focusing on rewarding students for making the right decisions.

Two of the ongoing ways Principal Richards recognizes students at South Whidbey Elementary School include:

- The "**Orca Code of the Week Students**" recognition program. Each week, all teachers identify a student who has done an excellent job of living by the SWES Orca Code of being safe, respectful, responsible and kind! Students are called to Mrs. Richards' office to be recognized and receive a certificate to bring home and share with their families.
- **Dining with the Chief** is another wonderful opportunity to recognize students who demonstrate good citizenship. Each month, Langley Police Chief Don Lauer comes to SWES to have lunch with the students being recognized for outstanding citizenship and presents them with special certificates.



