

District Headlines From the Past

December 1, 2023

The school year is well underway, and I enjoy my days at the Brinnon School with our great students and staff. Our teachers work very hard to help our students make excellent academic progress. Our district continues to have some of the very highest state assessment scores in Jefferson and Kitsap Counties.

We also continue to aggressively seek out competitive grants. Our newest grants are:

- \$21,931 - Two Outdoor Learning Grants to fund outdoor learning experiences for our students
- \$20,000 – Farm to School Grant to fund the purchase and management of locally sourced foods
- \$2,000 – Two Run Club Grants
- \$15,000 – Computer Science in Education Grant to fund high quality technology instruction
- \$3 million – Small Rural School Modernization Grant to fund facilities work to be completed over the summer of 2024.
 - New flooring throughout the school
 - New roofing
 - Electrical system upgrades
 - Generator that will support our school needs during power outages.

We appreciate the support of our generous community. We regularly receive donations of coats, clothing, school supplies, holiday gifts, etc. Emerald Towns Alliance most recently donated \$3,200 to fund the installation of blinds in our gym and classrooms.

Go Bobcats!

Trish Beathard

Superintendent

Brinnon School District

August 26, 2021 - Message from the Superintendent

Welcome to School!

We are looking forward to a great school year – starting on Monday, August 30.

- School hours:
 - Breakfast service starts at 7:50 in the cafeteria – school meals are free for all students
 - School hours are 8:15 – 3:20
- Car riders are picked up in front of the school on Schoolhouse Road.
- We are proud that our school was open last year and we are working to have it open all year again. We will continue to follow all COVID-19 guidelines required by our governing agencies. Guidance tends to change fairly often, but as of today, our protocols include the following:
 - Masks for all when inside. Masks are not required outside and we are working on creating

some outside learning areas.

- 3-foot distancing
- Seating charts
- Mid-day cleaning
- Rapid COVID-19 testing (available for students and contacts who are ill. Parent permission is required for this testing.)
- Help us welcome our new staff members:
 - Jacquelyn Everts – 3rd/4th teacher
 - Raechel Brown – 1st/2nd teacher
 - Tirzah Small – 5th – 8th math/science teacher
 - Jacob Rember – Reading Corps member in the 3rd/4th classroom
 - Marissa Kieffer – Reading Corps member in the TK/K classroom
- We have a new modular building coming that was paid for with a grant. We hoped it would be ready for the start of the school year, but we are now hoping for October 1. Grades 5-8 will be in the two classrooms in the new building.
- School supplies – Brinnon School District provides all needed supplies, thanks to donations from our generous community.
- Water bottles – please send your child with a water bottle each day. Water bottles can be sent full or can be filled at school at the classroom sink or the filling station.
- Please call the school at any time with questions.

February 22, 2021 Message from the Superintendent

We are in the 3rd quarter of the school year and it has certainly been a different year. All students have had the opportunity to be in their classrooms 4 days a week, except for the first three weeks of December. The students are making strong academic progress and having fun along the way with extra time outside and some close outdoor field trips.

What's new at the Brinnon School?

- We have ordered the new modular building that will replace the larger portable. A \$187,000 grant will pay for this building. We are working on permitting and other preparations and hope to have the new building ready for students when school starts in September. The existing large portable building has been declared surplus by the school board and is being offered at no cost to anyone who can haul it away. Please contact the school if you are interested.
- You will soon see a new sign in front of the school. It will be a big upgrade!
- We are hard at work looking for more facilities grants and making sure we are prepared when we find one. We have had good success with being awarded grant money to maintain and upgrade our building.
- The SmileMobile will return March 8 – 10. If you wish to make an appointment for your child, please call Karri with the SmileMobile at 206-276-1620. If you have additional questions please call the school.
- We expect to be hiring a new Washington Reading Corps member in the next month or two. Please watch the website and Brinnon School Facebook page for that information.

We miss our visitors and events during this COVID-19 school year. Please follow us on the Brinnon School District Facebook page for updates.

Patricia Beathard - Superintendent

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Brinnon educators tapped for award

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The Brinnon School is one of more than 200 schools statewide, but the only school district in Jefferson County, to be recognized for its growth and achievement as part of an initiative to reward schools with low achievement that are rapidly improving.

The new Washington School Improvement Framework puts a spotlight on schools that are making progress in closing opportunity gaps among student groups.

"The new way we measure success is aligned with our mission, vision, values and commitment to equity," said Chris Reykdal, superintendent of Public Instruction for the state. "Sixty-five percent of schools receiving awards this year have not been recognized in the previous three recognition cycles."

Recognized schools measure within the top 20 percent on the Washington School Improvement Framework measures and are making "significant" progress closing gaps among student groups.

"There is incredible work happening in our schools every day," Reykdal said. "Accompanied by unprecedented levels of support at the state level and a relentless focus on data, schools are viewing continuous improvement like they never have before. The educators, students and families of recognized schools have a lot to be proud of."

Brinnon School District Superintendent Patricia Beathard attributed much of Brinnon's successes on this front to its staff's efforts to create a "positive and productive" culture of learning, by examining all aspects of the school day, no matter how minor, to try and ensure each one would contribute to such a culture.

These measures range from simple steps, such as making sure students have adequate supervision during their breakfasts, lunches, outdoor periods and dismissals, to building schedules designed to maximize student learning time.

"We maintain high expectations for student behavior, and provide a variety of positive rewards for good attendance and behavior," Beathard said. "It's part of our mission to develop positive relationships with our students, parents, and community."

To that end, the Brinnon School's recently forged partnership with 4-H for after-school programs was funded by several donors, including Jefferson Healthcare, to help keep students active, healthy and engaged.

The Brinnon School likewise coordinates with the YMCA to provide full-day summer school for all students who wish to attend, which was extended and expanded this year, thanks to another round of funding from their partners at Jefferson Healthcare.

This year's Brinnon Summer School is slated to run eight weeks, with new features such as art instruction, field trips and outdoor activities, while still offering a strong focus on both reading and math.

And while county-funded counseling has already been put into place at other school districts, Beathard noted the program is new for Brinnon, where it's funded counseling through one-tenth of 1% of the sales tax.

"Our early release Fridays allow time for staff collaboration and planning, and all our classrooms have instructional support staff," Beathard said. "This allows our teachers to incorporate small-group instruction to address learning at the appropriate instructional levels, and we have a truly excellent staff."

As part of its focus on math and writing for improvement, the Brinnon School has adopted a new math curriculum that Beathard described as "complex and comprehensive."

Alternative Learning Environment

- Do you want to teach your child at home?
 - Do you want your child to have a part-time school schedule, while learning at home part of the time?
 - Would you like to have your teaching materials provided at no cost?
 - Would your child enjoy participating in field trips, assemblies, and other school activities while you teach at home?
 - If the answer is yes to any of these questions, the Brinnon School District Alternative Learning Program might be perfect for your family.
 - Call 360-796-4646 for more information
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