## Celebrating Our Students 2018 - 2019







raining sloop Lively

### NJROTC Sailing Program

**S** outh Kitsap High School Navy Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) offers a sailing program where students learn nautical skills, confidence, leadership, and team building aboard the Lively, a 44-foot Navy training sloop. South Kitsap School District's proximity to Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Naval Base Kitsap, and large number of military families make the program a natural fit in the community and an incredible opportunity for students.

Jennifer Schafer 2018 NJROTC Senior

## September 2018



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16	17	18	<b>19</b> Board Meeting	20	21	22
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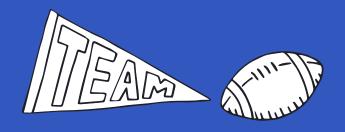


Ensuring our schools are safe places for students to learn is our top priority. We are pleased to have ten school security officers who work under Assistant Director for Safety, Security & Emergency Preparedness, Darryl Johnson. There are four at South Kitsap High School, four at the middle schools, and two officers that rove between sites and support the elementary schools. We also have two School Resource Officers from the Port Orchard Police Department and Kitsap County Sheriff's Office who work cooperatively with all our schools.





## October 2018



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#### Hidden Creek Elementary IB student

### International Baccalaureate Program (IB)

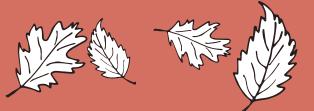
South Kitsap School District is proud to offer the International Baccalaureate Program at the elementary, middle school, and high school level. South Kitsap High School offers the Diploma and Career Related Pathways; both options are internationally accepted qualification for entry into higher education and recognized worldwide. Successful students often see results of advanced standing, college course credit, scholarships, and other admissions related benefits at many universities.



First graduating IB students - 2018

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## November 2018



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Students search for paper mache African animals in the forest.

### Africa Excursion

F irst graders at Manchester Elementary experienced a trip of a lifetime--spending a month in Kenya, Africa! Students explored and researched the animals and culture of the region. The trip included an airplane flight simulation complete with passports, check-in, and even in-flight entertainment!



INCLEMENT WEATHER?





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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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**S** tudents involved with South Kitsap athletics earn more than trophies. They take away life lessons in grit, determination, perseverance, adversity, leadership, and teamwork. They learn the importance of balancing class work with after school commitments. From traditional high school sports like wrestling, baseball, basketball, football, and track to more unique opportunities like water polo, bowling, lacrosse, crew, and equestrian. There is a team or activity to interest every student.

## DETERMINATION



Photo courtesy of www.Olympicphotogroup.com



## January 2019



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SKHS State Bass Ensemble

The Arts play a critical role in developing and maintaining the creative human spirit that is fundamental to the progression of human society. Creative children become creative adults, who develop into inspired and innovative entrepreneurs. Students have an opportunity to create, perform, and respond through dance, music, theatre, and the visual arts.

# CREATIVITY



## February 2019



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### Advanced Video - Wolf TV

dvanced level video students **A**experience a "real world" media environment as they produce the "live" 8-minute WTV every day. The responsibilities associated with communicating all school news and information to SKHS through a closed circuit system, and then also "live" on SKTV (WAVE digital cable channel 205), produces students who are well prepared for postsecondary media training. Career pathways for this CTE program include public relations, corporate communications, marketing, digital film, journalism, advertising, as well as traditional television.

## INFORMED

## March 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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			Board Meeting			
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SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR!				Elementary End of 2nd Trimester		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Board Meeting			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31		Elementary Conferences Mar 25-29, Early Release Middle School Conferences Mar 26-29, Early Release				
		<b>`</b>  1		High School Conferences	Mar 28-29, Early Release	



### Office of Special Services -Medically Fragile

Some of our students have serious health and medical needs which require intensive one on one support. The philosophy that we have is:

"We look past the disability and see the ability. Every child can learn. Some just take a different path."

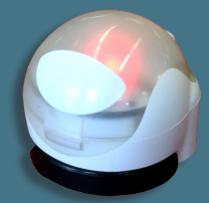


Mickey Marggraf Physical Therapist Assistant, helps a student improve balance.

April	2019					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	BEACH	<b>2</b> No Sch	<b>3</b> ool - Spring Break April 1 -	April 5	5	6
7	8	9	10	<b>11</b> Middle & High School End of 3rd Quarter	12	13
14	15	16	<b>17</b> Board Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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zobots are a tool for students to learn coding at all ages and ability levels. It begins with coding through drawing and advances to students learning higher level blockly and scratch programming. Where other programs provide similar tools, Ozobots are a hands on robot that physically show the results of coding quickly. The Ozobots also allow for creativity with lesson planning. Using Ozobots, students have been able to integrate coding with measurement, math computation, story telling, summarizing texts, and mathematical problem solving. Our students love ozobots!



Ozobot

May	2019					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
April 2019 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30			<b>]</b> Board Meeting	2	3	4
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Discovery graduate

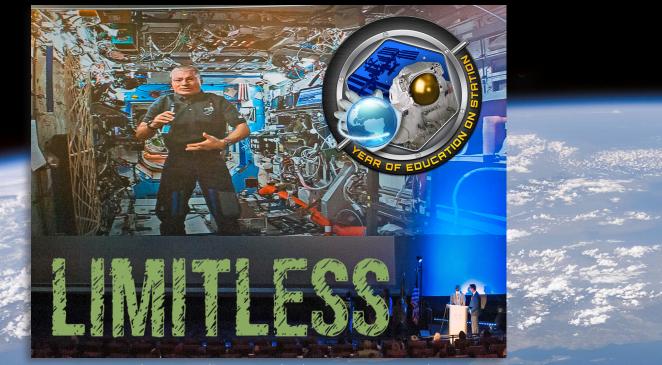


Explorer graduate

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Cedar Heights Middle School students congratulate graduating seniors.

June	2019					
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			Board Meeting			
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			Board Meeting			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Astronaut Mark T. Vande Hei spoke live to SKSD students.

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### Out-Of-This-World

**S** tudents had the opportunity to talk live with astronauts living, working, and doing research aboard the International Space Station. These opportunities engage students in innovative STEM experiences and pay dividends in the future for college and career readiness. South Kitsap School District is preparing students for jobs that may not currently exist and the career-connected learning related to this event is invaluable.



John Sedgwick student asks astronaut a questior

July	2019					
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
June 2019 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30	1	2	3	<b>4</b> Independence Day	5	6
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All district-related dates are subject to change without notice. Please check with your school to confirm all times and events.

### Superintendent Scholar Awards

The Superintendent Scholar Awards, developed by Superintendent Karst Brandsma in cooperation with the South Kitsap Public Education Foundation, recognizes outstanding academic achievement in graduating seniors and the teachers who inspired their educational journey.

"Education is the foundation upon which we build a future." – Christine Gregoire



2018 Superintendent Scholars - Noah McKenzie, Naomi Green, and Kathryn Moore





## August 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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18	19	20	<b>21</b> Board Meeting	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

# September 2019



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2		4 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Board Meeting	5	6	7
8	FIRST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN!	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	<b>18</b> Board Meeting	19	20	21
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### **SKSD School Board**



President Rebecca Diehl



Vice President Keith Garton



Liz Sebren



Greg Wall

This position open at time of printing.

District 1 Position

### About Your Board of Directors

Five citizens serve on the South Kitsap School District Board of Directors, each representing one of the five director districts that make up the school district. Registered voters within the school district's boundaries elect Board members to serve four-year terms. Each director assumes the obligation to represent all of the people South Kitsap School District serves, not just those in an individual director's district.

### **School Board Meetings**

Community members are invited to attend South Kitsap School District Board meetings. Regularly scheduled meetings convene on the first and third Wednesday of each month. For a complete schedule of regularly scheduled Board meetings, visit www.skschools.org or call 360-874-7000.

"South Kitsap Schools are an integral part of our community and our community is an integral part of our schools. Through finding common ground, creating shared knowledge, and pursuing collaboration, we can ensure the success of both. South Kitsap Schools are committed to nurturing, inspiring, and building our citizens and community of today and tomorrow."

- South Kitsap School Board January 19, 2008, reaffirmed February 3, 2016



Karst Brandsma Superintendent



## School and Department Directory

### South Kitsap School District Office

2689 Hoover Ave SE	
Port Orchard WA 98366	.360-874-7000

### District Offices

Superintendent's Office	360-874-7001
Community Relations	360-874-7005
School and Staff Support	360-874-7054
Learning and Instructional Support	360-874-7052
Career and Technical Education	360-874-7064
Business and Support Services	360-874-7013
Human Resource Services	360-874-7074
Transportation Services	360-874-7093
Technology Services	360-874-7047
Facilities & Operations	360-874-6000
Food & Nutrition Services	360-443-3663
Office of Special Services	360-443-3625

### High Schools

South Kitsap	Diane Fox - Principal	
×.	425 Mitchell Ave, Pt. Orchard,	WA 98366
Discovery	Pat Oster - Principal	
	2150 Fircrest Dr SE, Pt. Orcha	ard, WA 98366
Alternative Progra	ms (K-12)	

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### Middle Schools

Cedar Heights Andrew Cain - Principal
John Sedgwick
Marcus Whitman Brian Carlson - Principal
Elementary Schools
Burley Glenwood Darek Grant - Principal
East Port Orchard Paul Hulbert - Principal
Hidden CreekBrenda Ward - Principal
Manchester
Mullenix Ridge
Olalla
Orchard Heights Kris Christenberry - Principal
Sidney GlenJason Shdo - Principal
South ColbyJoe Riley - Principal
Sunnyslope

### Starting and Dismissal Times

### Start Late Start End Wednesdays

### **Elementary Schools**

Burley Glenwood	8:35 a.m	9:20 a.m	
East Port Orchard	8:35 a.m	9:20 a.m	3:10 p.m.
Hidden Creek	9:05 a.m	9:50 a.m	
Manchester	9:05 a.m	9:50 a.m	
Mullenix Ridge	8:35 a.m	9:20 a.m	
Olalla	9:05 a.m	9:50 a.m	
Orchard Heights	8:35 a.m	9:20 a.m	
Sidney Glen	9:05 a.m	9:50 a.m	
South Colby	9:05 a.m	9:50 a.m	
Sunnyslope	9:05 a.m	9:50 a.m	3:40 p.m.

### Middle Schools

Cedar Heights	8:10 a.m	8:55 a.m	2:45 p.m.
John Sedgwick	8:10 a.m	8:55 a.m	2:45 p.m.
Marcus Whitman	8:10 a.m	8:55 a.m	2:45 p.m.

### Senior High Schools

South Kitsap High	7:25 a.m	8:10 a.m	
Discovery Alternative	8:05 a.m		1:10 p.m.



### Late Start Wednesdays Collaboration Time

Most Wednesday mornings, staff at South Kitsap schools meet to analyze student data, review best instructional practices, and modify and improve instruction based on student needs. Students are asked to arrive at school 45 minutes late on these Collaboration Wednesdays. *This year the first late start Wednesday will be September 12, 2018.* 

Leading educational researchers have concluded that creating a collaborative environment is one of the most significant factors in successful school improvement efforts. Effective collaboration among teachers and school leaders is linked to gains in student achievement, higher quality solutions to problems, increased effectiveness among all staff, and an expanded pool of ideas, methods, and materials that benefit all teachers. More information about collaboration time is available on the district website at www.skschools.org

### **Parent Guide**

### **Inclement Weather**



Forecasting the weather for school closures is not an easy task. South Kitsap School District officials put a lot of effort into preparing a decision when determining whether to keep schools on schedule, start late, or close schools due to inclement weather conditions. Each time a decision has to be made, many different interests and issues are taken into consideration; the primary decision factor is

student safety. School district officials try to make the decision by no later than 5:30 a.m. Sometimes, conditions are stable enough that the district is able to make the announcement the night before.

### Check the district social media, website, TV, radio for current info.

The best means for finding out changes in the school schedule due to inclement weather is through television, radio, or websites like www.flashalert.net or the district website. You can register with Flash Alert for automatic email messages that are sent out as soon as the district posts its decision with the Public Emergency Communications System.

### Sign up for E-mail Snow Day Alerts www.flashalert.net

### **Closure and Late Start Procedures**

**"No News is Good News!"** - SKSD will report all school schedule changes to the local news media, www.flashalert.net, the home page of the district website, and social media. If no reports have been made, school will begin at regularly scheduled times.

Collaboration Late Start Wednesday - If SKSD reports a 2-hour late start schedule on a Collaboration Late Start Wednesday, Collaboration will be cancelled and 2-hour late start will operate on the normal non-Wednesday schedule.

### **Meal Programs**

Qualifying students are eligible for free or reduced priced breakfasts and lunches. Free/reduced applications will be sent to all families at the beginning of the school year. Applications can also be obtained at any time during the school year at your child's school office or on the district's website at www.skschools.org

### Free & Reduced Breakfast and Lunch

During the 2018-19, school year students who qualify for reduced meals can access breakfast at no charge. Students in grades K-3 who qualify for reduced meals can also access lunch at no charge this school year.

# 2018-19 Meal Prices:Elementary (1-6):Secondary (7-12):Breakfast:\$1.65Breakfast:\$1.65Breakfast:Lunch:\$3.00Lunch:\$3.25Milk:\$.50 (1/2-pint carton)Adult lunch:\$4.50 with milk

### **Bus Information and School Boundaries**

To ensure the safety of students on their way to and from school, all students riding school buses are required to observe bus transportation rules. Families who live within walking distance to their child's school are encouraged to review safe and appropriate walking/bike riding practices with their child.

An interactive boundary map is available online. Simply type in your address to find out the school boundary in which you live. Click on the school icon and the school name, address, and phone number will pop up. Visit www.skschools.org

### Visitors

Visitors to schools during the regular school day must report their presence and purpose to the school office upon their arrival. A visitor is considered a parent, family member, or community member. A parent or guardian wishing to visit a child's classroom is asked to make arrangements with the teacher and school principal.

### Volunteers

Volunteer services are important to the overall functioning of schools. To volunteer, please contact your neighborhood school and complete a volunteer application. Once the background check process is complete, the volunteer clearance is valid for two years. We particularly need bilingual individuals who would be willing to occasionally serve as translators for the parents of our ELL students. Please be aware that in order to volunteer in South Kitsap School District, you will need to fill out a Washington State Patrol request for Criminal History Information form. This form is in accordance with RCW 43.43.830 through 43.43.845 and is available at all South Kitsap School District buildings.

### Photographs

Throughout the school year, South Kitsap School District's Community Relations Department, teachers, and other staff take photographs of students participating in school activities. These photographs may be used in South Kitsap School District and school publications, including the district website and social media pages.

The District assumes permission to use a student's photo or class work in District and school publications, and on District-sponsored websites UNLESS a parent or guardian submits a written request for his or her student to opt out.

Please note: More opt out information is on the "Acknowledgement of Receipt" form in the Rights and Responsibilities Handbook, which is available on the district website.



### Publication of Student Addresses, Phone Numbers, Photos

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) permits a school district to identify certain information as directory information. This information may be released publicly without permission of the parent/legal guardian or the student. The school district identifies "directory information" as: name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, schools attended, photographs, and other related information.

### **Armed Forces Opt Out Option**

South Kitsap School District has been asked by the Armed Forces to supply directory information about secondary students. Public Law 96-342, Title 3, Section 302 (United States Congress); Statute 1083, Title 10, Section 503 (United States Congress); and the Washington State Legislative Code Chapter 223 all provide for the dissemination of student directory information to the armed services upon their request, which is done typically by recruiters. Legal guardians have the right to request that such information not be released to the armed services. Please contact your child's secondary school for more information.

### **Report Cards**

All students receive a combination of report cards and parent-teacher conferences during the school year to report on their progress. Parents may request status on a student's grades from a teacher at any time or arrange to visit a classroom by contacting the school.

Elementary students (grades K-5) are on a trimester schedule and receive a report card at the end of each trimester. Conferences are held twice a year.

Middle school students (grades 6-8), operate on a semester system. Students receive report cards twice a year and conferences are held twice a year.

High school students (grades 9-12) operate on a semester system and report cards are issued at the end of each semester. Conferences are held twice a year.

View your child's school Report Card on the OSPI website. Type in your school's zip code to find your school. Paper copies are also available by contacting the South Kitsap School District Teaching and Learning Department at 360-874-7000.

Our state also participates in National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) testing in grades 4 and 8 in Math and Reading. There is no district level data reported, only state level data in relation to national achievement levels.

### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

The South Kitsap School District provides equal educational and employment opportunity without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation – including gender expression or identity, marital status, or the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. Equal access to activities, facilities and program is provided to the Boy Scouts of America and other designated youth groups. District procedure complies with all applicable state and federal laws.

The Title IX Officer and Section 504 Coordinator with the responsibility for monitoring, auditing and ensuring compliance with this policy are: Compliance/ADA/ Title IX Coordinator: Jerry Holsten, Executive Director of Human Resources 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-874-7006, holsten@skschools. org Section 504 Coordinator: Robin Christman, Assistant Director Office of Special Services, 2689 Hoover Avenue SE, Port Orchard, WA 98366 360-874-3627, christmanr@skschools.org

### **Request for Information**

In 2004, the Washington State Legislature passed a law requiring school districts to annually notify parents of their right to request public information about their school district. If you would like to make a Public Disclosure Request, please call 360-874-7013.

### **Rights Under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act**

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to their student's education records. They are:

- 1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records;
- 2. The right to request the amendment of student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate or misleading;
- 3. The right to consent to disclosure of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent; and
- 4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education.

### **Rights and Responsibilities**

### A Student, Parent, and School Personnel Handbook

Each year on our district website the SKSD makes available to all students, staff and parents the district's Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. The purpose of this handbook is to familiarize students and families with their rights and responsibilities in helping maintain a dynamic, responsive, and nurturing learning environment. Please refer to this handbook for policies pertaining but not limited to:

- Student Conduct
- Student Alcohol and Drug Use
- Bus Conduct
- Attendance
- · Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- Medication at School
- Student Dress
- Electronic Mail and Internet Use

Please review the contents of this document with your student(s) so they understand their personal rights and responsibilities. The first page of the handbook contains the 'Acknowledgement of Receipt' form which parents and students are required to read, sign, and return to their school. This form must be completed and returned to school each year. Due to budget constraints, the district has limited copies of the handbook. If you DO NOT have access to the internet and need a handbook provided to you, please contact your school office or for those with access, you can download the handbook at www.skschools.org

### Family Access (Skyward)

Parents have online access to a variety of student information, such as attendance, grades, food service account, and vaccinations. Online access is via SKSD's website.

### Go to: www.skschools.org

The Skyward icon can be found under Quick Links



### **Special Education**

The District offers special education and related services to students who have a disability that creates an adverse impact on educational performance and requires specially designed instruction.

Special services for students who qualify may include support in the area(s) of learning, social development, daily living, behavior, motor and communication skills. Special education services are designed to allow students to actively participate in general education instruction to the maximum extent appropriate. Federal and state laws require school districts to provide free and appropriate public educational programs in the least restrictive environment to eligible students determined to have a disability.

Special Education Screening is available for all children (birth to 21 years old) suspected of having delays in learning, motor skills, speech or language, or social skills. Monthly screening dates are held by the Office of Special Education. For a screening appointment, parents should call 360-443-3625. Parents of school-age students concerned with their child's educational performance should contact their neighborhood school's principal or school psychologist. Parents are actively involved in the planning of special education services through their participation in an annual meeting to develop an Individual Education Plan (IEP). Parents are encouraged to become involved in their child(ren)'s programs by participating in school and district committees and organizations.

### **Highly Capable**

Highly Capable services have been developed to meet the special needs of all identified students.

Grades K-2: Qualified students receive enrichment services in their regular classroom.

Grades 3-5: Qualified students are invited to enroll in SOAR (Students of Accelerated Rigor), our District's full-time program for highly capable students housed at Orchard Heights Elementary School. Students are provided an academically rigorous program of study in all content areas. Critical thinking, creativity and logical reasoning are embedded within the curriculum. Students who opt to remain at their neighborhood school will receive enrichment as available.

Grades 6-8: Qualified students are enrolled in a self-contained Language Arts/Social Studies block class at their neighborhood middle school. Students who qualify in mathematics will be offered the highest-level math course available at each grade.

Grades 9-12: Students identified as highly capable meet with advisors to monitor class schedules as well as academic and other needs. Students are encouraged to enroll in a challenging course of study through Advanced Placement (AP) or Honors courses, College in the High School, or the Running Start program. For additional information on Highly Capable services and the identification process, please visit the District's website under Student Center or call 360-874-7057.

### Section 504

The District will provide a free appropriate public education to students with disabilities found eligible within the provision of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. The District will educate students with disabilities with non-disabled students to the maximum extent appropriate. Instruction will be designed and provided through reasonable accommodations, aids, and services to meet the needs of students with disabilities. Section 504 also ensures that students with disabilities will be afforded protection from discrimination that may occur as a result of their disability.

### **Transitional Bilingual Program for English Language Learners**

This state funded program supports students in grades K-12 for whom English is not their primary language. Students are supported by paraprofessionals to assist them in meeting academic requirements and state standards. Parents are supported with interpreting services as needed.

### **Educational Assistance Programs**

Title I is a federally funded program to meet the needs of students who are academically below grade level who are at greatest risk of failing to meet state standards in reading and math. Supplemental instruction is provided in reading, language arts, and/or mathematics. Six elementary schools receive Title I funds -Burley Glenwood, East Port Orchard, Hidden Creek, Manchester, Olalla, Orchard Heights, Sidney Glen. Marcus Whitman and Cedar Heights Middle Schools also receive Title 1 funds. The Learning Assistance Program (LAP) is available at all elementary schools, South Kitsap High School, and Discovery. LAP serves students who are below grade level in basic skills and those who did not meet standard on the SBA including students needing credit retrieval in grades 11 and 12.

### **Indian Education Program**

This federally-funded district program serves American Indian students from approximately 83 different tribes. A home-school liaison paraprofessional assists students and families. Our cultural summer school program teaches native crafts and cultures.

### **Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement**

### Policy No. 4130 TITLE I PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

The board recognizes that parent and family engagement helps students participating in Title I programs achieve academic standards. To promote parent and family engagement, the board adopts the following policy, which describes how the district will involve parents and family members of Title I students in developing and implementing the district's Title I programs.

To read the entire policy, go to www.skschools.org/district/policies and search for Policy 4130. A hard copy of the policy is available by calling 360-874-7060.

## Innovative Options for Students

### **Alternative Education**

Our alternative education options are accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission. The alternative high school program, Discovery, is available to students who choose to continue their education in a non-traditional setting. The program offers a teen parent component that includes an on-site daycare, transportation for students with infants, and an after-school distance learning program which enables students to recover credits previously attempted. Explorer Academy meets the needs of families who seek a very active role in their child's educational experience and has grown into our district's online education program. Kindergarten through 8th grade is primarily taught using the K12 curriculum and is done online at home and on our campus. Grades 9-12 are a combination of advanced academics online courses along with other courses that may be completed on and off campus. In addition, we have part-time students that may also be attending SKHS, Running Start at Olympic College, and West Sound Technical Skills Center.

### Advance Placement / College in the High School

Students should consider taking Advance Placement, International Baccalaureate, and/ or College in the High School classes to assist in preparing them for post-secondary options. South Kitsap offers these classes in English, Social Studies, Math, Science, and World Language. Students should plan to take the most competitive academic programs possible at South Kitsap High School so that they are prepared for the rigorous demands of post-secondary education.

### **Running Start**

Running Start is an opportunity for qualified high school juniors and seniors to take college-level courses tuition-free at local community colleges. Running Start students earn both high school and college credits, which may be applied toward high school graduation and a two-year degree. Students must have a minimum 2.5 cumulative grade point average and be ready for college level courses based on a placement test.

### **Career and Technical Education Program**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) middle and high school programs provide students with the opportunity to explore relevant courses focused on preparing students to enter highly competitive workforces. To be career and college ready, students need to be able to integrate and apply 21st century employability skills, technical knowledge, and core academic knowledge. These rigorous and relevant courses lay the foundation for a wide range of high-wage, high-skill, and high-demand careers. Many of these courses also offer industry recognized certifications and the opportunity to earn college credit (Tech Prep) that will prepare students to enter post-secondary education or a career pathway.

### **West Sound Technical Skills Center**

West Sound Technical Skills Center offers juniors and seniors an opportunity to receive training, education, and hands-on experience in various career technical education programs to prepare them for the workforce, apprenticeship programs, technical schools, or community college. The Skills Center is supported by all local school districts of the West Sound Consortium.

### **Online School Program**

South Kitsap School District offers free online classes to students in grades kindergarten through twelfth grade. This program combines online interactive lessons, engaging printed materials, and offline activities. The program partners students with licensed teachers who are connected virtually to help them find a pace and learning style that works best for them. The program offers a variety of activities and classes with both teacher/student and student/student interaction, so students are well-educated and well-socialized. For more information call the Explorer Academy at 360-443-3615.

### **Spanish Immersion**

Spanish Immersion is an opportunity for elementary students to complete the South Kitsap School District curriculum in a nontraditional and exciting way by immersing them in the Spanish language and culture. Students in the program become proficient in both Spanish and English, while learning the same curriculum as the students who are not in the program. During the 2018-19 school year, Spanish Immersion will be offered at Burley Glenwood Elementary at the first grade, second grade, third grade, fourth and fifth grade level.

### **READY! for Kindergarten**

### Birth to age 5 is the time to get your child...



South Kitsap School District is helping parents prepare their children for kindergarten with the Ready! for Kindergarten program. This program provides information to parents about how their child learns between the ages of birth to five years. Parents are loaned kits with essential "tools" and activities they can do with their children at home to make learning easy and fun. SKSD knows that the early learning years are powerful and wants to help every child be successful when they start school.

### READY! Schedule - 2018-2019

Fall 2018: Sept. 29, Oct. 2, 4, 6 Winter 2019: February 2, 5, 7, 9 Spring 2019: April 27, 30, May 2, 4 Saturdays: 10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Weeknights: 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

### **International Baccalaureate**

The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation, motivated by its mission, focused on the student. There are four programs to develop the intellectual, personal, emotional and social skills to live and learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world.

South Kitsap High School is the only high school in the west sound to offer the Diploma and Career Related Pathway Programs. The Primary Years Program is offered at Hidden Creek Elementary and Orchard Heights Elementary. Cedar Heights Middle School is an IB World School for the Middle Years Program. These schools share a common philosophy - a commitment to quality, challenging international education that is important for our students. More information is available on the International Baccalaureate website at www.ibo.org

### **STEM Focused Schools**

Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) are cultural achievements that reflect our humanity, power our economy, and constitute fundamental aspects of our lives as citizens, consumers, parents, and members of the workforce. Providing all students with access to quality education in the STEM disciplines is important to our nation's competitiveness. South Kitsap School District offers Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) focused pathway for students grade 3 through 12. Olalla, South Colby, and Sunnyslope offer STEM focused programs at the elementary level. Marcus Whitman Middle School, John Sedgwick Middle School and South Kitsap High School allow students to continue the pathway at the secondary level.

