



## DID YOU KNOW????

### Instructional Calendar Update: **June 10, 2020 is now an Early Release Wednesday**

1) **STOP FOR THE SCHOOL BUS!** Please help us keep our children safe. When school bus lights are flashing or the STOP bar is out, PLEASE STOP! Its the law. Drivers may be fined for violating. [See more on our transportation webpage linked here.](#)

2) Falcon and Cougar Fall Sports are in full swing. Come support your home teams!!! [Athletics Home Page Linked Here.](#)

Sept 10 (Tuesday) at 6:00pm Falcon Girls Soccer vs. Oak Harbor

Sept 10 (Tuesday) at 5:15pm (JV) 7:00pm (V & C) Falcon Volleball vs Mariner

Sept 13 (Friday) at 3:30pm Falcon Boys Tennis vs Bush

Sept 13 (Friday) at 7pm Falcon Football vs West Seattle Wildcats

Sept 21 (Saturday) at 10:30am South Whidbey Cross Country Invitational (Falcons & Cougars)

Sept 25 (Thursday) at 3:30pm Cougar Volleball vs Sultan MS

Oct 2 (Wednesday) at 3:45pm Cougar Football vs Kings JH

3) A huge thank to our parent groups that helped make our first day of school a huge success. Thank you to SWEPTA for helping students in an out of their vehicles in the elementary drop off and for answering questions and directing new families in the buildings. Thank you to Go Blue for providing doughnuts to all our staff. Thank you to the Falcon

Cheer Team for providing the warm greeting as the buses arrived at the secondary campus. Thank you to all the staff, families and students for putting your best foot forward with a smile! Here's to a great 2019-20 school year!

4) Back to School Program - Readiness to Learn and the Family Resource Center are valued partnerships with South Whidbey School District. They are located in the South Whidbey Community Center at 723 Camano Avenue, Langley. If you are worried about school supply expenses, they may be able to help you. [See more online linked here.](#)

5) Washington updated laws regarding immunization exemptions for schools. To request an exemption, a parent or guardian must complete and sign the Certificate of Exemption form (COE) and turn it in to the child's school or child care center. [See more information linked here](#) and visit our [health page on our website linked here.](#) Every year, students must complete a new health update form for school. [Health Update Form linked here.](#)



## [UpComing School Board Events](#)

On [Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 6:30pm](#), there will be a brief special business meeting followed by the school board workshop. [Agendas and minutes from previous meetings and SWSD policies can be found on Board Docs linked here.](#)

### **Upcoming Meetings:**

September 25 Business Meeting

October 9 Workshop

October 23 Business Meeting

November 20 Workshop/Meeting

December 11 Workshop/Meeting



## News Items The Center for Educational Effectiveness

In the next few days, SWSD will be starting the process of administering the Educational Effectiveness Survey (EES).

On September 13th, all staff and parents will receive an online, multiple-choice survey from research.net on behalf of [lloyd@effectiveness.org](mailto:lloyd@effectiveness.org). The survey will have the subject line: EES Survey – South Whidbey School District and will include a link to the survey. We ask that you please complete and submit the survey by **September 27, 2019**. Students in grades 5-12 will also take an online survey.

The survey questions were developed by the Center for Educational Effectiveness, a Bellevue, Washington-based educational research firm, in collaboration with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington State. This survey will provide our staff and leadership valuable information and feedback.

This survey has been used with over 750,000 educational stakeholders in the Western U.S. Based on these experiences, here are some notes / details:

- This survey is formative, not evaluative. There is no “final score” that indicates “good” or “bad.” The data from the survey will be used to stimulate improvement conversations with staff and leadership.
- The context of this survey is primarily the individual school building. There are some “district” level items and these will specifically reference “In this district...”. Each building will receive their building-level reports and the district leadership team will receive district-level summary views.
- The survey is confidential and anonymous. Once the users submit their feedback, they will no longer be able to login to the survey. Emails are not attached to the responses. CEE protects the confidentiality of each respondent and does not disaggregate into groups smaller than 10.
- Your email invitation is unique to you – please do not share or forward your email to other staff.

Thank you for your participation.

