



Dear Silverdale Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2021 - 2022 school year at Silverdale Elementary! It is an honor to introduce myself as the incoming principal of Silverdale Elementary School. I have been dedicated to the field of education for more than 15 years and most recently had the pleasure of leading the Central Kitsap Virtual Academy. Prior to that, I served as the Assistant Principal at Clear Creek and Hawk Elementary schools. I am excited to partner with you to ensure your child's success!

While we are once again starting our school year under unique circumstances, we are very excited to have students return to the building for full time in person instruction. The state Department of Health's [K-12 COVID-19 requirements](#) provide the guidance that our school district is required to follow to keep students safe and engaged during the pandemic. My role is to follow the guidance, and to strive to keep our collective focus on what we all value most, our **students and their learning**.

### **Important Information:**

- **School Supplies:** This year we are asking for a \$20 donation for school supplies instead of publishing long lists of expensive supplies. The only additional items all students will need that are not included in the supply donation are the following:
  - Backpack
  - Masks
  - Water bottle
  - Headphones (4th/5th graders may choose to use earbuds instead)

If you are not able to supply these items for your children, please notify the school so we can ensure your student has what is needed. The \$20.00 donations can be paid by check to the school, exact cash to the office or online through the school website.

- **Class Placement:** Your child's teacher will welcome you to their classroom by email or phone on August 25.
- **Meet and Greet:** Save the Date! **Thursday, August 26th from 4:30 - 6:00pm** families and students are invited to visit classrooms and meet their teachers. If possible, we are asking families to stagger the arrival times to reduce the number of visitors at one time.
  - Last names A - F: 4:30 - 5:00
  - Last names G - O: 5:00 - 5:30
  - Last names P - Z: 5:30 - 6:00

If you are not able to attend during the designated time, please come at any time during the event.

- **School Bell Schedule:**
  - M/T/W/F 9:15 am - 3:30 pm (Breakfast begins at 8:50 am)
  - Thursday 9:15 am - 2:00 pm (Early Release Day)

- **COVID Impact On Schools:** We plan to open schools full time for all students and largely the function of the school will be similar to a typical year. A brief summary of the critical COVID protocols is provided below:
  - We will continue our efforts to keep kids safe by cleaning the building and having kids wash hands as often as possible.
  - Masks will be worn by staff and students when inside school.
  - We will have PE, Music and Library classes. We will be allowed to move throughout the building between spaces more freely.
  - We will do everything we can to social distance 3ft throughout the day.
  - Details regarding recess/lunch and arrival/dismissal procedures will be communicated prior to September 1st.
  - **Volunteers:** After the first 2 weeks of school, we will begin allowing parents into the building to volunteer for a specific purpose. Volunteers will need to have their volunteer paperwork approved and arrangements made in advance with staff.

More information about the CKSD's COVID Response can be found at [ckschools.org](https://ckschools.org).

- **Kindergarteners:** Kindergarten students traditionally begin school in a “slow start” to allow time for family connection, early learning collaboration, and assessments to learn about the skills and strengths of children in their classroom. A separate message will be sent to kindergarten families describing the events in the first days of school.
- **Free Breakfast and Lunch for all Students:** Breakfast and lunch will be free to all students for the 2021-22 school year. We encourage families to complete the [Free & Reduced Lunch Application](#) so that we can receive reimbursement for eligible students.
- **Childcare:** We have on site before and after school childcare provided through the YMCA. Information can be found at <https://www.ymcapk.org/child-care>

Please stay tuned for additional information and contact the main office at 360-662-9400 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

*Mackenzie Foley*

Silverdale Elementary Principal