May and June Calendar 2017

May 17 - PTA Meeting, 6:00pm
May 19 - ASB Dance (5th-8th) & PTA Movie Night, 5:30-7:00
May 24 - Family Night, 5:00-6:30pm
May 25 - School Spirit Dress Day: Red, White & Blue Day
       Spring Band Concert, 7:00pm
May 29 - Memorial Day - No School
June 13 - Kindergarten - 5th Grade Field Day
June 14 - 6th-8th Grade Field Day
June 16 - School Spirit Dress Day: Twin Day
June 19 - School Spirit Dress Day: Sunglasses & Hat Day
June 20 - Last Day of School
School Spirit Dress Day: Hawaiian Day

Staff of the Month
Congratulations to
Mrs. Craig
STEM 3rd Grade Teacher

She was nominated by the students to be the Staff of the Month for the Month of May.

PTA

It’s May and that means the end of another school year is almost here. We will have our last meeting of the year on May 17th at 6 p.m. in the Innovation Zone.

As we wrap up the year we will have our last movie night on the 19th and we are showing Moana.

It has been a wonderful year and we have done some amazing things for our school. Thank you for all your hard work and support you have given the children and staff of West Hills STEM Academy.
Brain Food
Spring has sprung and so has testing season! May is the time of year when students are asked to show what they have learned throughout the year in reading, math, science. We’ve stretched and grown the brain, but just like our muscles, it needs a good diet to be healthy and strong! Here are 7 foods that are guaranteed to keep your child’s synapses firing at full strength:

1. Eggs
Eggs are a great source of protein and nutrients that can be served many ways.

2. Greek Yogurt
Greek yogurt isn’t just packed with protein, but it also has healthy fats that your brain cells need to send and receive messages.

3. Greens
Leafy greens like spinach and kale are full of folate, vitamins, and antioxidants which helps new brain cells grow.

4. Fish
Fish like salmon and tuna have vitamin D and omega-3s which help prevent memory loss.

5. Nuts and Seeds
Not only do nuts and seeds pack protein, but they also have good fats, vitamins, and minerals to help boost mood and energy levels.

6. Oatmeal
In a recent study, students who ate sweetened oatmeal for breakfast scored higher on memory-related tasks than students who ate sugary cereals.

7. Apples and Plums
In case your child is craving something a little more sweet, apples and plums contain quercetin, an “antioxidant that may fight decline in mental skills.”

Source: webMD.com

Counselor Corner

In May, K-4 will be wrapping up their safety lessons which include: always ask first, safe and unsafe touches, the touching rule, and practicing ways to stay safe. In 5th grade, we will be starting the “riding the waves” curriculum, which focuses on recognizing and dealing with stress. The middle school level will revisit bullying characteristics and what to do when bullying and/or harassment occurs.

As the end of the year approaches, the end of May will also include lessons that address transition to another grade and classroom teacher(s).

Mrs. Heaman or Ms. Tee and I will also be visiting Naval Avenue to introduce ourselves and our school to the third grade students transitioning from Naval next school year. We hope to get Naval students excited to join our school in the fall!

Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. ~Leo Buscaglia
March Students of the Month: Striving for Accuracy

Josiah Gee
Angelina Murphey
Layla Anderson
Keoni Iriarte-Fernandez
Brandon Montgomery
Michael Alsteen
Sarai Martinez
Elyssa Rosenberg
Mio Morris
Jazimine Diaz
Mercedes Sandoval
Harmony Hildinger
Jessica Blackwell
Nora Ramstad
MJ McClain
Jorge Hernandez
Shyanne Murray
Riley Holden
Araya Mitchell
Kayla Welsh
Bailey Sianquita
Kate Armstrong
Darien Tancinco
Atticus Langdon
ICA McCune
Emily Cooper-Sale

National Junior Honor Society
We are pleased to announce West Hills STEM Academy’s inductees into our National Junior Honor Society chapter. These 7th and 8th graders have shown outstanding qualities in the areas of service, citizenship, leadership, and character at West Hills and out in their community.

Congratulations to Isaiah Savage, Mitchell Alexander, Michael Aubrey, Brian Ortiz, Kate Armstrong and Deja Baggs! They join current members Owen Bouton, Jeffery Durant and Reese Flanagan.

Congratulations to our NEW Self-Managers

Ryan Jones
Willow Baker
Adriana Lopez
Jordan Copenhaver
Aubrey Quilimaco
Mason Lempeck
Madilynn Pearson
Xyzavier Mendiola
Jaiden Greco-Peterson
Liam Jarin
Tayden West
Madalynn Anderson
Joel Lafleur
Ethan Frazier
Lauren Toth

Band Concert
Our final band concert of the year will be on Thursday, May 25th at 7pm. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the wonderful music performed by our very own talented young musicians. We will be playing Sakura, At the Races, Pirate’s Cave, and Klezmer Clarinets. Sections will be featured in Frere Jacques and some band members will even play solos. I am especially hoping parents will bring our younger students from grades kindergarten through 3rd grade. They will be so excited to see and hear instruments they have learned about actually being played by the older students.

Thank you all for supporting our band!
Multicultural Family Night, May 24, 5:00-6:30

Join us May 24: West Hills STEM

On May 24 we will hosting a family night in the gym. We are looking for individuals who would be interested in sharing something from your culture or heritage that could be educational for our students. (For example, a game, art project or activity would be great; unfortunately, we can’t do homemade food). If you would like to be a part of our evening, please contact Chris Drebick @ 360-473-4676. Thank you!

May is food donation month!

West Hills STEM Academy is taking food donations in the month of May for the Bremerton Backpack Brigade!

Bremerton Backpack Brigade fills each backpack with kid friendly, shelf stable food, including fresh fruit, milk and vegetables. The Bremerton Backpack Brigade serves families at Bremerton schools, including West Hills STEM Academy.

If you would like to donate non-perishable food items, please choose from the list below:

- Tuna, Chicken or Beef (canned)
- Dinner Mix Boxes
- *Tuna, Chicken or Beef “Helper”
- Chili, Ravioli, Spaghetti, etc
- Mac & Cheese, Rice-a-Roni
- Fruit & Pudding Cups
- Peanut Butter
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Mix
- Granola bars, Cookie Packs, Popcorn
- Oatmeal Packets
- Cold Cereal
- Broth 100% Juice
- Hot Chocolate, Hot Cider Packets
- Instant Mashed Potatoes
- Raisin, Currants
- Jelly & Jam
- Pasta, Rice & Dried Beans
- Top Ramen

Thank you for supporting a great program!

BEST SUMMER EVER

Summer Day Camp | School Based Locations PIERCE AND KITSAP COUNTIES

Studies on summer learning loss show that children who are not exposed to any type of summer learning stimulation often take a step backwards academically. When school starts back up in the fall they are often behind and are performing below grade level equivalencies. YMCA Summer Day Camp is designed to keep children learning year round by incorporating summer learning (literacy, science, math, outdoor education, etc) while providing a fun and exciting day camp experience.

AGES: 5-12 years
COST:
YMCA member: $175/week
Community Member: $190/week
LOCATIONS:
- Custer Elementary (Lakewood)
- Crownhill Elementary (Bremerton)
- Evergreen Elementary (Gig Harbor)
- Frederickson Elementary (Puyallup)
- Grant Elementary (Tacoma)
- Pinecrest Elementary (Central Kitsap)
- Purdy Elementary (Big Bottom)

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The YMCA of Pierce and Kitsap Counties is an organization that embraces nondiscrimination, diversity, and inclusion. YMCA Summer Day Camp is an events that is available to all students, regardless of ability, age, background, income, ethnicity, race, faith, gender, gender identity, gender expression, or sexual orientation.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, fee subsidy for qualifying military families, DSHS, and other Third Party Provider assistance is available.

www.YMCAKC.ORG/SUMMER

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The upcoming ASB Dance will be on Friday, May 19th from 5:30-7:00pm. This is the final dance of the year open to 5-8th grade students. Drinks and pizza will be available for sale. Come one and come all!
WHAT IS NEW AND UPCOMING AT WEST HILLS STEM ACADEMY?

Pacific Science Center - Science on Wheels

6th Grade - Seaport Museum

2nd Grade - Bug Museum

ASB/Leadership - WE Day

Mrs. Barreto’s Class - Kitsap Water Festival

Coming in June

Field Day

School Spirit Days
Twin Day
Sunglasses & Hat Day
Hawaiian Day

Last day of school
2017-2018 Classroom Placement

We are beginning to plan for the 2017–2018 school year and are interested in gathering information from parents. Our staff will meet in May/June to begin making recommendations for class assignments. Parent responses will be one of the factors used in considering your child’s needs. Please consider the classroom characteristics that best describe your child and give your responses without referring to a specific teacher by name. It is, of course, just one of the factors in building strong, positive, and balanced class lists for next school year. This process will take into account such factors as student learning styles, academic records, girl/boy ratios, behavior and peer relationships, special programs, and of course, parental input. All student assignments are temporary until our October 1 enrollment count. Increased enrollment may necessitate adding new classrooms as we have done in the past, while decreased enrollment could mean making other changes in student placements to comply with contractual agreements, as well as attrition that may impact staff assignments. With the exception of a very small percentage of children with special needs, the majority of students are well equipped to adjust to any classroom placement. The principals have final responsibility for classroom assignments.

Temporary class lists for the 2017–2018 school year will be posted by 5PM on August 25, 2017. Our goal will be to have permanent classroom assignments made by the first week of October 2016. Please return this form to the office by Thursday, May 25th. Letters received after May 25th will be filed and read in late August with new enrollments.

Please complete the form on the back of this page and return to your child’s teacher or the office AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Thank you!
2017-2018 Classroom Placement Form

The conclusion of the school year is approaching. We need information from you to help us plan for next year. Please answer the following questions and check any that apply to you.

Student’s Name_________________________________________________________

Current Teacher’s Name __________________________________________________

□ Yes! My child will be attending West Hills next fall.

□ No. My child will not be attending West Hills next fall.

□ We are unsure of our plans at this time, but our best guess is:

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□ We live out of the West Hills area but we applied for “open enrollment” or “out of district” at West Hills for next fall.

_Bremerton School District’s Open Enrollment Policy #3130 allows elementary students to live in one school attendance area and attend school in another attendance area based on approval by the building principal and the superintendent. Open enrollment is granted on space availability._

My child’s favorite subjects are:

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My child learns best by:

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(seeing, hearing, or doing)

Additional Comments:

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