

September & October 2019 Calendar

- Sept. 3 - Back to School Night
- Sept. 4 - First Day of School for
1st-8th Grade.
- Sept. 9 - First Day of Kindergarten
Boo Hoo Breakfast, 9:05,
InnovationZone
- Sept. 20 - School Spirit Day -
Crazy Hair Day
- Sept. 23 - Fall Pictures
- Sept. 26 - Vision & Hearing Screening
- Oct. 14 - Non-Student Day, No School
- Oct. 23 - School Spirit Day -
Unity Day (Wear Orange)
- Oct. 31- School Spirit Day-
Movie/Book Character Day
- Oct. 24 - Trick or Treat Street, 5:00-6:30pm

Important Times

Morning Bell

Every Morning @ 9:05 a.m.

Release

Mon/Tue, Thu/Fri

@ 3:35 p.m.

Wednesday @ 1:40 p.m.



Up To Date Information

Please visit:

www.bremertonschools.org

for up to date information about our district.

Don't forget to call:

(360) 473-1002

in the event of bad weather for information
on school closures.



West Hills STEM Academy is dedicated to working with our community to serve the whole child, fostering the lifelong learner skills of persistence, confidence and readiness to thrive and contribute to society.

Life, Career and College Ready!

Kindergarten Visits & First Day of School

WELCOME to kindergarten



We are looking forward to meeting each student and their family for a Getting to Know You meeting, August 30th-September 1st. Each teacher will be contacting families to set up this appointment in mid-August. Some other important dates are:

Kindergarten Site Tour
August 28th at 11:00 am

Kindergarten Orientation
September 3, 4:30 pm in the Gym

Open House
September 3, 5:00-6:00 pm

First Day of Kindergarten
September 9th, 9:05 am-3:35 pm

Boo Hoo Breakfast
September 9th, 9:05 am, Room 16



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When Your Student is Absent

Washington State truancy laws require that all absences must be excused by a parent or guardian.

When Your Student is Tardy:

- Please stop by the office to check-in.

Absent:

- Call the office at (360) 473-4600 as early as possible to excuse your student for the day, or email whattendance@bremerton-schools.org.
- Extended absences require prior approval by an Administrator.



Watch D.O.G.S. Dads of Great Students

Are you a Dad/Grandfather/Uncle looking to volunteer in our school?

We want you!

Please consider joining our Watch DOGS (Dads of Great Students) team and help make a difference in the lives of our students!

If you would like to know more, please contact the Office Staff at 360-473-4600, or Mrs. Sharlow directly at 360-473-4671 or email shayla.sharlow@bremertonschools.org



CAMPUS SAFETY, SECURITY & ROUTINE PROCEDURES

THE WEST HILLS STAFF ARE COMMITTED TO THE FOLLOWING SAFETY & SECURITY PROCEDURES.



All visitors in the building or on the playground are welcome and must sign in at the front office and obtain a VISITOR'S badge between the times of 9:05 a.m.-3:35 p.m. This applies when being on the outside of the buildings, as well as being within our walls.

Supervision begins on all of our playgrounds @ 8:40 am. There are several supervision staff members with bright orange vests on the playground in the morning. K-5 breakfast is in the gym. 6-8 breakfast is in the flex space. Students who arrive before 8:40 a.m. will be seated in the main hallway and parents may be contacted.

Kindergarten reports to the fenced student area in front of the school before the morning bell at 9:05 a.m. **1st Grade -5th Grade** report to the playground. **Middle level students** report to the field. Parents are welcome to observe their children from the fences. Those who want to walk amongst the students and around the playground are asked to sign in and get a VISITOR'S badge.

When at all possible we like to have students outside and able to play. Please send your students to school dressed appropriately for the weather. More often than not, they will be outside and for no longer than 15 minutes. There is a covered area for those students who do not wish to be in the open air. Students are welcome to stay inside if they do not wish to go outdoors. Please communicate your wishes to your child's teacher. Students will be kept indoors due to the weather at the discretion of the building principal. Factors that influence this decision are temperature and amount of precipitation.

On rainy days during school hours, students play in their classrooms and are monitored by our supervision and support staff. We assign 1 adult to monitor 1-2 classrooms.

When picking up your child during the school day, we ask that you wait in the front office area and refrain from being in the hallways. Teachers are using every moment to provide instruction to their students.

All students and adults are asked to walk when on our campus. Everyone is welcome to run on our playground in areas that are outside the bark area.

Parents & guardians are welcome to visit, volunteer and observe in classrooms. We ask that you contact your child's teacher if you are interested in a visit and/or volunteering. If you would like to pop in unannounced, we ask that you check in with the front office, obtain a visitor's badge and the principal will escort you to your child's classroom.

At dismissal West Hills staff have designated locations on our grounds where they are on duty keeping kids and adults safe. Please follow their requests and know that they are asking you to do so in the name of safety for all. Our main parking lot gets extremely packed and can result in wait times up to 15 minutes. It is highly advised that parents and visitors park in other locations near the site, such as the VFW (directly across the street) along Preble Street, and in the dirt lot, next to the north and south sides of our field.

2019-2020 West Hills STEM Academy Staff

Kindergarten

Nelida Vela
Lisa Beeman
Kaelin Larson

First Grade

Ashley McNeil
Patrick Murphy
Beverly Jewett

Second Grade

Julie Durham
Stephanie Tubberville
Andrew Nelson

Third Grade STEM

Mary-Anne Craig
Sharon Porter

Fourth Grade STEM

Thomas Hornburg
Chelsee Bunch
Shayla Sharlow
Melissa Chapman

Fifth Grade STEM

Rachel Batschi
Stephanie Doornink
Allyson Smith
Sarah Straume

Sixth Grade STEM

Dawn Parker
Elizabeth Abel

Seventh Grade STEM

Wendy Nelson
Margaret Cordray

Eighth Grade STEM

Cathleen Markham
Karen Lippy

CTE

Joneva Barry-Meller

Spanish Immersion

Ivelis Botti, 4th Grade
Jose Gonzalez, 5th Grade

Preschool

Katrina Jones
Kelsey McCreary

Technology Integration

Specialist

Val Sandell

Health & Fitness

Derrick Smith

Emily Thatcher

Music

Vanessa Lee

Administration

Lisa Heaman

Melissa Rohr

Counselor

Kasia Roque

Patti Sgambellone

ISP

Mollyshannon Neel

Support Services

Danan Myers

Melissa McConnell

Stephanie Codorniz

Maria Briones

Kristen Coalman

Emily Thatcher

Charlene Serra

Dianne Noyes

Special Services

Colleen Paris, OT

Valerie Custodio, SLP

Laura Saldivar, Psych

Anna Friedel, Nurse

Alicia Lowery

Ione Shepherd

Instructional Coach/Title

Desiree Hall

Paraeducators

Holly Dains
Mavis Hamrick
Mary Ruddy
Francine Flanagan
Karen Calsen
Kathleen Bartel-Brocksome
Tammy Lalanne
Regina Nelson
Christine Rase
Frances White
Sarah Andrews
Dean McColl
Zara Conticelli-Aguirre

Office Staff

Ami Looker
Nichole Thorsen
Jessica Norton

Custodians

Roberto Cristobal
Shawnee Fenton
Scott Oker
Ronald Van Diest

Nutrition

Jessica Carson
Linda Mathes
Autumn Moore



Meet Our New Staff Members

Melissa Rohr - Assistant Principal



It is with great excitement that I am joining West Hills this year. I have spent the last two years as an Assistant Principal in Southern California and the year before at Coupeville Middle/High School. Prior to that I spent 12 years in the Peninsula School District as a Middle and Elementary teacher. My son and I have just moved back to the Pacific Northwest and are very happy to be near our friends and family once again. I am very enthusiastic to get to know all the new faces at West Hills!

Dianne Noyes - Support Services

Dianne Noyes was born in Everett, Washington. She received her BA in Ed. from Central Washington University and her Masters from Leslie University. She is married and has four daughters and eight grandchildren. Her hobbies are her children and grandchildren, playing pinochle and traveling when possible. Her passion is working with children and watching them grow academically and learning to believe in themselves. She is excited to be back at West Hills Stem Academy after a two year absence.



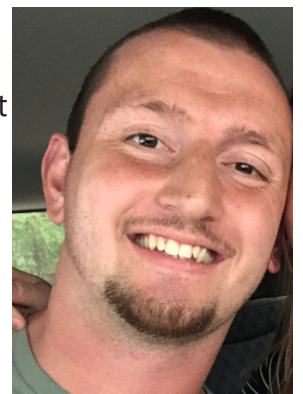
Kristen Coalman - Support Services



My name is Kristen Coalman and I am excited to begin teaching at West Hills Stem Academy. Originally I am from the Chicago area, but have lived in WA for 25 years. I have taught special education in the Fife and Clover Park school districts. Additionally I taught English in Japan to public school middle school and high school students for 3 years. I live in Gig Harbor with my 17 year old daughter, 15 year old son and a menagerie of animals. In my spare time I love camping, road trips, genealogy, water sports; gardening, and spending time with my kids and my animals (horse, dogs, cats, chickens and yes, we even have 2 alpacas!). I look forward to getting to know my new West Hills STEM work family!

Derrick Smith - PE Teacher

I am from Chewelah, Washington. I went to Whitworth University for both undergrad and my Master in Teaching. I received a B.A. in kinesiology and minors in psychology and coaching. I played football at Whitworth for the first 2 years. Finished my Master in Teaching in June.





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