



Lake Washington
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Dear Students and Parents:

Welcome to Kirkland Middle School, an exciting place to learn! We hope you had a restful summer and are ready to start a new school year. The Kirkland staff has prepared the enclosed information to help you plan for the 2018-2019 school year.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL The first day of school is **SEPTEMBER 4th**. At the beginning of each school year, we conduct a very successful school orientation program. Our objective during this orientation is to introduce our incoming 6th graders to middle school life. A full day will be devoted to 6th graders starting at our (new) regular time of 8:35 a.m. and ending at 3:05. The afternoon will begin at 10:45 for our 7th and 8th grade students.

Our schedule for September 4th:

6th grade- Beginning at 8:35 (Bus Transportation is provided – Please make sure your student knows their route number which is listed on the post card sent by transportation; or you can check the KiMS website under the parent tab where you will find the School and Bus Finder information) - Students will report to the commons to pick up their schedules and have a short assembly. They will then be split into groups for student photos, activity/athletic overview, academic and behavior expectations and an opportunity to purchase ASB cards, Yearbooks, and add money to lunch accounts. After lunch, they will attend a shortened version of all 6 of their classes. Their school day will end at the regular time of 3:05 p.m.

7th and 8th grade – (Bus Transportation is provided): The bus will pick up 7th and 8th graders 2 hours and 30 minutes later than their regular pick up time which is listed on the post card sent by transportation, or you can check the KiMS website under the parent tab where you will find the School and Bus Finder information. Beginning **at 11:05** students will report to the gym to pick up their schedules and attend an orientation assembly. They will then have lunch and attend a shortened version of all 6 of their classes. Please note: We encourage students to bring their lunch on the first day, if buying lunch, students should bring last year's ID cards (if they have them) this will help the lunch lines move faster. 7th and 8th graders will have student photos taken on the 2nd day of school during their math classes.

Please note: With the exception of three Wednesdays; all other Wednesdays are a 1:35 p.m. dismissal time for students. The exceptions are:

- September 5th, the second day of school, is a full school day, 8:35 a.m. – 3:05 p.m.
- November 21st, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a half day 8:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.
- June 19th, the last day of school is also a half day 8:35 a.m. – 11:35 a.m.

Be sure to mark your calendar for **Curriculum Night**, held on: Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Also check "Events" on the home page of our website, www.lwsd.org/KiMS for upcoming events. Please be sure to check the "Frequently Asked Questions" for more general information. I have enclosed a quick check off list at the end of this letter to help with start of school information.

We are looking forward to an exciting and rewarding school year.

Sincerely,

Deborah K. W. McCarson
Principal Kirkland Middle School

Forms and Checks:

Associated Student Body (ASB) & Athletics: (May combine payment on one check payable to KiMS)

- ASB Card \$25 (optional)
- Yearbook \$35 (optional)
- Athletic Form (Physicals to be completed prior to participation in any school sport.)
- Pay to Play fee of \$75 if playing a first season sport (Boys and Girls Cross Country, Boys Tennis, Boys Basketball)

Lunch: (make check payable to LWSD)

- Bring a check to purchase school lunches, or call (425) 936-1393 to use your debit/credit card (see Food Service link)

School Photos: (make check payable to Dorian)

- Dorian will be mailing picture package information to each family. If you do not receive a form, extras will be available in the office. All students are photographed for School ID cards.

PTSA: (make check payable to PTSA)

- PTSA President Welcome
- Volunteer Form
- Membership Form & Student Directory Form

Note: These forms and checks (except School photos and money for lunch accounts) may be dropped off prior to the first day of school starting August 23rd, in the front office