

# Aberdeen Schools

*Keeping you informed about our schools -- September 30, 2023*



## Stevens is digging in!

At Stevens Elementary School, every Friday morning it's time for The Husky Digs. It's when students participate in a class they really dig.

But these aren't your typical kinds of classes. The Stevens Elementary teachers are piloting a "Passion Class Project." They have aligned their personal hobbies to the curriculum and the result is that once a week you can find students gardening, baking, dancing, crocheting, learning origami, painting, sculpting and even learning how to invent a board game. Classes also include sign language, robotics, musical production, Spanish club and seasonal sports.

"Every teacher is involved, as well as most of the staff who have teamed up with a teacher," Principal Jamie Stotler said. "The kids love it. You can hear them on Thursdays



saying, 'Tomorrow is Friday!' It's really improved attendance because they want to be here for these classes."

The idea grew out of site visits last Spring when a group of teachers from Stevens was able to visit several innovative schools in the St. Louis, Mo., and San Diego, Calif., areas.

In addition to staff sharing their hobbies, Principal Stotler said students were also asked for ideas. And then they voted. Once the list was narrowed, each student picked three classes and they were guaranteed placement in one of their top three.

All of the classes are multi-grade and this has opened doors to new relationships between students -- and between students and staff, Principal Stotler said. In the Sign Language class, for example, this visitor observed an "upper classman" teaming up with a kindergartner to learn a new sign.

When one student was asked why she elected to be in a particular class, she said, "This is not a class!"

"Oh, what should I call it?" the visitor asked.

"It's ... it's ... uh ... it's ... I don't know exactly, but it's not a class because we're not in class."

You can find more pictures on our [ASD5 Facebook page](#).



Baking



Painting



Robotics

## More Husky Digs on Facebook!



### Volunteers needed for elementary basketball

Following the School Board's approval earlier this year to resume the elementary basketball program, Athletic Director John Crabb reports schools are pleased to be gearing up for six-week seasons for 5th graders.

The girls' basketball season begins in October and will culminate with an all league tournament. Cosmopolis and Hoquiam school districts will also field teams and compete with the Aberdeen elementary schools. The boys' league will take place in the spring.



Coaches and volunteers are needed. Contact Director Crabb at 360-538-2065 or at [jcrabb@asd5.org](mailto:jcrabb@asd5.org). The volunteer application packet can be downloaded [here](#).

Director Crabb adds that "if coaching is not your thing, we could use help with officiating."

Information about schedules and how students can sign up is available from the schools.

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## Next meeting is Tuesday, October 3

[Agenda](#) (pdf)

The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6 p.m. Tuesday, October 3, in the Community Room at Aberdeen High School.

Those who attend regular meetings are welcome to sign up at the meeting to provide public comment on agenda items. Written public comment for the record can also be submitted up to noon the day of the meeting by writing to [schoolboard@asd5.org](mailto:schoolboard@asd5.org). Comments or concerns not on the agenda can be brought to the attention of the district by contacting the Superintendent's Office or by contacting individual board members.

## Staying in touch with Leadership

- Superintendent Jeffrey Thake, [jthake@asd5.org](mailto:jthake@asd5.org)
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| October 2023  |  |  |  |   |                                      |    |
|---|--|--|--|---|--------------------------------------|----|
| Monday  | Tuesday  | Wednesday  | Thursday   | Friday  | Sat / Sun                            |    |
|   |  |  |  |   |                                      | 1  |
| 2   | 3<br>School Board 6 pm   | 4  | 5<br>World Teacher Day   | 6<br>Homecoming   | 7<br>Homecoming Dance<br>SAT Testing | 8  |
| 9<br>Robert Gray PTO  | 10<br>Senior Parent Night for Yearbook Ads 4-7 pm<br>Music Boosters 7 pm<br>Bobcat Boosters 7 pm<br>Stevens PTO 6 pm | 11   | 12<br>Central Park PTO 6 pm<br>McDermoth PTO 6 pm  | 13<br>Early Release Grades 6-12   | 14                                   | 15 |
| 16  | 17<br>School Board 6 pm  | 18<br>Great Shakeout Drill<br>AHS Orchestra Clinic 7 pm  | 19<br>Secondary Conferences No School Gr. 6-12<br>GEAR UP Family Night<br>Miller Orchestra Clinic 7 pm | 20<br>Secondary Conferences No School Gr. 6-12<br>Miller World Rhythms and Band Clinic 7pm                | 21                                   | 22 |
| 23  | 24   | 25<br>Collaboration Day Early Release<br>AHS Career Day<br>AHS Band Pops Concert, Commons 7 pm | 26<br>AJ West Assembly<br>Stevens Husky Celebration  | 27<br>Central Park Assembly<br>Robert Gray Smooth Sailing<br>Stevens Fall Fest 5:30 pm<br>AHS Blood Drive | 28                                   | 29 |
| 30<br>Elementary Early Release<br>AJ West Book Fair<br>Stevens Assembly | 31<br>Elementary Early Release<br>AJ West Book Fair  |  |  |   |                                      |    |

## School Office Hours

### A.J. West Elementary School

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2130 / Principal Nani Villarreal

### Central Park Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8:15 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2170 / Principal Ruth Erwin-Svoboda

### McDermoth Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2120 / Principal Mindi Hammill

### Robert Gray Elementary School

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.



- (360) 538-2140 / Principal Sherri Northington

#### **Stevens Elementary School**

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2150 / Principal Jamie Stotler

#### **Harbor Learning Center**

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2180 / Principal Lisa Griebel

#### **Hopkins Preschool**

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- (360) 538-2190 / Principal Darby Carroll

#### **Miller Junior High School**

- Office Hours: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- (360) 538-2100 / Principal John Meers

#### **Aberdeen High School**

- Office Hours: 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- (360) 538-2040 General / Principal Aaron Roiko
- (360) 538-2060 Attendance Line

## 2023-2024 Aberdeen School District Calendar

| August 2023    |     |     |    |    |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| M              | T   | W   | TH | F  |
|                | 1*  | 2   | 3  | 4  |
| 7              | 8   | 9   | 10 | 11 |
| 14             | 15* | 16  | 17 | 18 |
| 21             | 22  | 23  | 24 | 25 |
| 28             | 29  | 30  | 31 |    |
| 02/180         |     |     |    |    |
| September 2023 |     |     |    |    |
| M              | T   | W   | TH | F  |
|                |     |     |    | 1  |
| 4              | 5*  | 6   | 7  | 8  |
| 11             | 12  | 13  | 14 | 15 |
| 18             | 19* | 20  | 21 | 22 |
| 25             | 26  | 27√ | 28 | 29 |
| 22/180         |     |     |    |    |
| October 2023   |     |     |    |    |
| M              | T   | W   | TH | F  |
| 2              | 3*  | 4   | 5  | 6  |
| 9              | 10  | 11  | 12 | 13 |
| 16             | 17* | 18  | 19 | 20 |
| 23             | 24  | 25√ | 26 | 27 |
| 30             | 31  |     |    |    |
| 44/180         |     |     |    |    |
| November 2023  |     |     |    |    |
| M              | T   | W   | TH | F  |
|                |     | 1   | 2  | 3  |
| 6              | 7   | 8   | 9  | 10 |
| 13             | 14* | 15  | 16 | 17 |
| 20             | 21  | 22  | 23 | 24 |
| 27             | 28  | 29  | 30 |    |
| 62/180         |     |     |    |    |
| December 2023  |     |     |    |    |
| M              | T   | W   | TH | F  |
|                |     |     |    | 1  |
| 4              | 5   | 6√  | 7  | 8  |
| 11             | 12* | 13  | 14 | 15 |
| 18             | 19  | 20  | 21 | 22 |
| 25             | 26  | 27  | 28 | 29 |
| 73/180         |     |     |    |    |
| January 2024   |     |     |    |    |
| M              | T   | W   | TH | F  |
| 1              | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  |
| 8              | 9   | 10√ | 11 | 12 |
| 15             | 16* | 17  | 18 | 19 |
| 22             | 23  | 24  | 25 | 26 |
| 29             | 30  | 31  |    |    |
| 94/180         |     |     |    |    |

**August 2023**  
 28 Professional Development  
 29 Professional Development  
 30 First Day of School

**September 2023**  
 04 Labor Day-No School

**October 2023**

**November 2023**  
 10 Veterans Day Observed - No School  
 22-24 Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 2023**  
 15 Early Release  
 18-29 Winter Break

**January 2024**  
 01 Winter Break continues  
 15 Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday-No School

**February 2024**  
 19 Presidents Day Holiday -No School  
 20 Professional Development-No School

**March 2024**  
 15 Weather Makeup Day, If Needed

**April 2024**  
 1-5 Spring Break

**May 2024**  
 24 Weather Makeup Day, If Needed  
 27 Memorial Day Holiday

**June 2024**  
 13 Last Day of School / Early Release  
 19 Juneteenth

\* Denotes Board meeting  
 √ Collaboration Days:  
 09/27 10/25  
 12/6 01/10  
 02/07 03/06  
 04/10 05/15

| February 2024 |     |     |    |    |
|---------------|-----|-----|----|----|
| M             | T   | W   | TH | F  |
|               |     |     | 1  | 2  |
| 5             | 6*  | 7√  | 8  | 9  |
| 12            | 13  | 14  | 15 | 16 |
| 19            | 20* | 21  | 22 | 23 |
| 26            | 27  | 28  | 29 |    |
| 113/180       |     |     |    |    |
| March 2024    |     |     |    |    |
| M             | T   | W   | TH | F  |
|               |     |     |    | 1  |
| 4             | 5*  | 6√  | 7  | 8  |
| 11            | 12  | 13  | 14 | 15 |
| 18            | 19* | 20  | 21 | 22 |
| 25            | 26  | 27  | 28 | 29 |
| 133/180       |     |     |    |    |
| April 2024    |     |     |    |    |
| M             | T   | W   | TH | F  |
| 1             | 2   | 3   | 4  | 5  |
| 8             | 9   | 10√ | 11 | 12 |
| 15            | 16* | 17  | 18 | 19 |
| 22            | 23  | 24  | 25 | 26 |
| 29            | 30  |     |    |    |
| 150/180       |     |     |    |    |
| May 2024      |     |     |    |    |
| M             | T   | W   | TH | F  |
|               |     | 1   | 2  | 3  |
| 6             | 7*  | 8   | 9  | 10 |
| 13            | 14  | 15√ | 16 | 17 |
| 20            | 21* | 22  | 23 | 24 |
| 27            | 28  | 29  | 30 | 31 |
| 171/180       |     |     |    |    |
| June 2024     |     |     |    |    |
| M             | T   | W   | TH | F  |
| 3             | 4*  | 5   | 6  | 7  |
| 10            | 11  | 12  | 13 | 14 |
| 17            | 18* | 19  | 20 | 21 |
| 24            | 25  | 26  | 27 | 28 |
| 180/180       |     |     |    |    |
| July 2024     |     |     |    |    |
| M             | T   | W   | TH | F  |
| 1             | 2*  | 3   | 4  | 5  |
| 8             | 9   | 10  | 11 | 12 |
| 15            | 16* | 17  | 18 | 19 |
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## Office of the Education Ombuds

The Washington State Governor's Office of the Education Ombuds (OEO) was created to help families navigate the education system.

Get your game tickets online or at the door





The Athletic Department is pleased to introduce online ticket sales through GoFan. You can still buy tickets at the gate. Athletic Director John Crabb said the e-ticket option will be available for all home sporting events. Patrons can buy season tickets or individual tickets.

Access the online ticket site using the QR code at left or by visiting [here](#).

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