

# Little Cedars Elementary School

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Our fundamental purpose is to create a student-centered learning community  
that welcomes everyone as we educate students to live in a democracy.

August 20th, 2009

Dear Parents of Little Cedars Kindergarten students,

Your child's first day of school is just around the corner and what an exciting day it will be!

I would suggest that if your child will be riding the bus to school on a regular basis that you have them ride to school on the first day. This is an important opportunity for them to become familiar with their bus and driver, as well as giving them a tremendous amount of confidence in themselves. It is also a big day of learning the bus procedures together and makes the process go so much smoother if they learn their routine right away. You can then hop in the car, or carpool with your neighbor, and meet your child at school. We welcome you to bring your camera and video camera to school with you to record the big day once you get here!

Once your child is settled in the classroom I would love to have you join me for an event we call "Tears or Cheers". A parent who was sending their last child off to Kindergarten once told me we should call the event "Champagne and Confetti", but whether you are sending your first child or your last (or one in-between) I hope you will join me to celebrate this special day. Parents of AM Kindergarten students and our All Day Kindergarten students will meet in the Multi-Purpose room at 8:30 a.m. The parents of our PM Kindergarten students will meet in the Library at 12:20 p.m. I will be happy to answer any questions you may have. As a mom and a former kindergarten teacher, I know that there may be some first day jitters you are experiencing as you send your child off to school. There also seems to be other similar emotions that surface on this day for parents; happiness, sadness and worry.

The happiness comes as you look forward to your child flourishing as a learner and the opportunities that lie ahead for them. You also feel *their* excitement about starting school! The sadness is a natural result of realizing that your child is growing up and "leaving the nest" and that you will miss them and the times you shared before they started school. Finally, the worry comes when you think about the fact that they may be vulnerable without you and you may experience concern about their social relationships. These conflicting feelings are a very normal part of the process of sending your child off to school. I want to assure you that we understand these feelings and if you can focus on the feelings of happiness you have, the worries will diminish. We will take very good care of your child while they are here with us!

So whether this is your first kindergartner or your last, I will look forward to seeing you on Wednesday as we begin our journey together as partners in your child's education.

Becky Brockman  
Principal

## Calendar September

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| 3rd  | 1:15 p.m. Class Lists posted<br>1:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.<br>AM Kindergarten Students<br>and families with their last<br>names starting with the<br>letters A-M<br>2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.<br>PM Kindergarten Students and<br>families with their last names<br>starting with the letters N-Z. |
| 9th  | FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  |
| 9th  | Cheers or Tears<br>AM Kindergarten Parents and<br>our All Day Kindergarten<br>Parents at 8:30 a.m. in the<br>Multi-Purpose Room  |
| 9th  | Cheers or Tears<br>PM Kindergarten Parents<br>12:20 p.m. in the Library  |
| 14th | New Family Welcome<br>7:00 p.m. in the Library   |
| 15th | Watch DOGS kick off<br>event 7:00 p.m. in the<br>Multi-Purpose Room  |
| 17th | Curriculum Night<br>7:00 p.m.  |
| 22nd | Individual Student Picture<br>Day  |
| 22nd | PTA Board Meeting 6:00<br>p.m. in the Library<br>PTA General Meeting 7:00<br>p.m. in the Library   |
| 29th | Vision Screening for<br>Kindergarten through 3rd<br>Grade and 5th Grade  |



Tears or Cheers

Wednesday, September 9th

AM/All Day Kindergarten Parents 8:30 AM in the Cafeteria

PM Kindergarten parents 12:20 PM in the Library.



Meet your Teacher Event

On Thursday, September 3rd you will have an opportunity to meet your child's teacher and visit the classroom. We hope that you will also bring their school supplies with you at this time so they can get them put away, leaving one less thing for them to have to take care of on the first day of school. They will see where they hang up their coats and back packs and get familiar with their classroom. Our morning kindergarten students can visit the classroom from 1:30-2:00 and our afternoon kindergarten students are invited to come from 2:15-2:40. After you visit the classroom you are welcome to visit our playground and we will have a school bus in our bus loading zone to give your child a chance to see what the bus looks like prior to it picking them up.

Bus Information:

To locate your child's bus information please follow these easy steps:

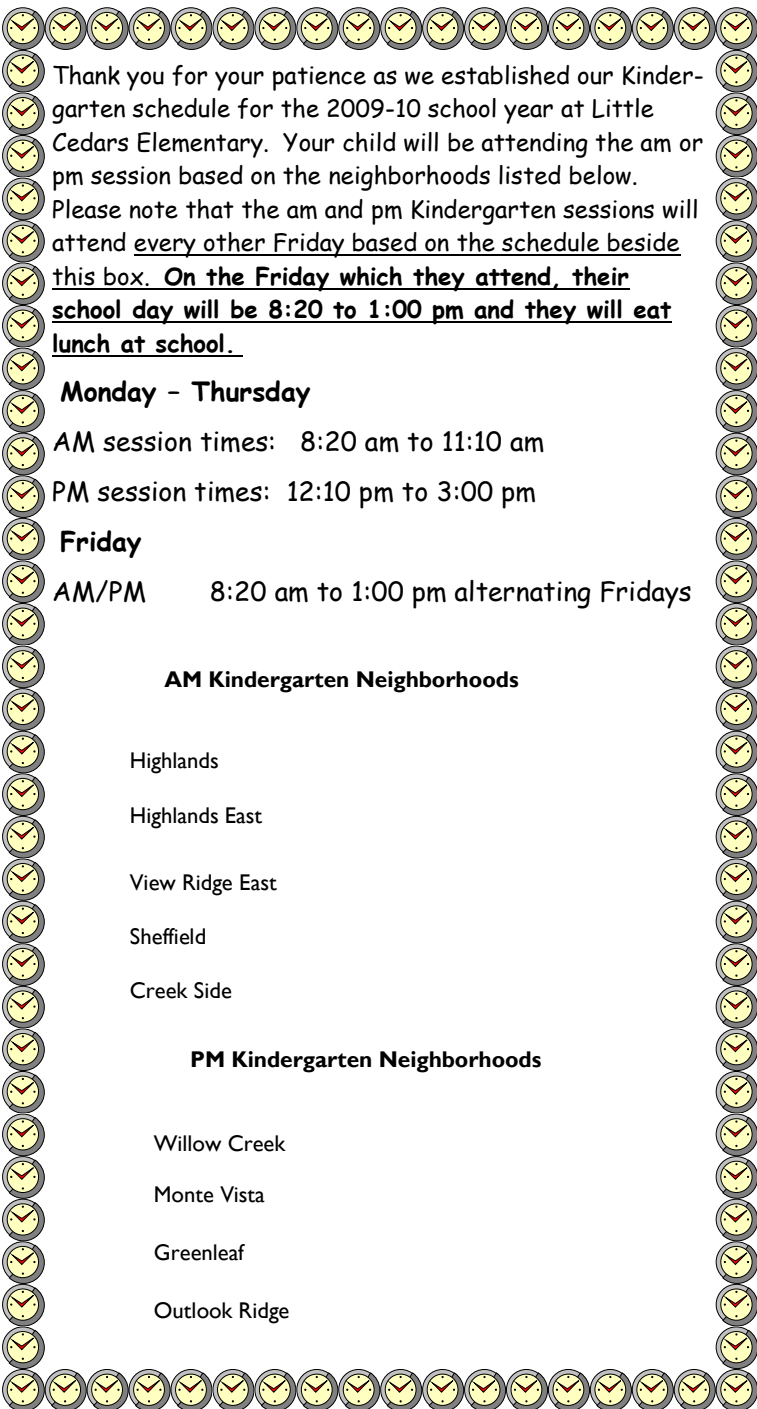
- Go to the Snohomish School District webpage at [sno.wednet.edu](http://sno.wednet.edu)
- On the left bar choose the tab *information for parents*
- From the drop down box, *choose bus schedules*
- Then choose, *click here for the 09-10 bus schedules*
- From there choose, *Little Cedars Elementary*
- Locate the street corner that is closest to your house in the am and pm
- This is the pick-up and drop off time for your child.

At the Meet the Teacher event on September 3rd you will be provided with stickers which you will fill out providing us with your child's information. We would like your child to wear the stickers for the first two and a half weeks of school. Before school each day please put a completed sticker on your child. If you are unable to attend the event on the 3rd, the stickers will be mailed to the address that you provided us at registration.

At the end of your student's day, the kindergartners are taken out to the buses before the rest of our students to get settled on their buses. All of our drivers have the kindergarten students sit together in the front of the school bus for their ride to and from school.



We know that some families are experiencing challenges during these difficult economic times. If you are in need of a backpack and school supplies for your child please contact our school office. All requests will be kept confidential.



Thank you for your patience as we established our Kindergarten schedule for the 2009-10 school year at Little Cedars Elementary. Your child will be attending the am or pm session based on the neighborhoods listed below. Please note that the am and pm Kindergarten sessions will attend every other Friday based on the schedule beside this box. **On the Friday which they attend, their school day will be 8:20 to 1:00 pm and they will eat lunch at school.**

**Monday - Thursday**

AM session times: 8:20 am to 11:10 am

PM session times: 12:10 pm to 3:00 pm

**Friday**

AM/PM 8:20 am to 1:00 pm alternating Fridays

**AM Kindergarten Neighborhoods**

- Highlands
- Highlands East
- View Ridge East
- Sheffield
- Creek Side

**PM Kindergarten Neighborhoods**

- Willow Creek
- Monte Vista
- Greenleaf
- Outlook Ridge

AM/PM Friday Kindergarten Schedule

September 11, 2009	AM	PGF
September 18, 2009	PM	PGF
September 25, 2009	AM	PGF
October 2, 2009	PM	PGF
October 9, 2009	AM	PGF
October 16, 2009	PM	PGF
October 23, 2009	AM	PGF
October 26, 2009	PM	Conferences
October 27, 2008	AM	Conferences
October 28, 2008	PM	Conferences
October 29, 2008	AM	Conferences
October 30, 2008	PM	Conferences
November 6, 2009	AM	PGF
November 13, 2009	PM	PGF
November 20, 2009	AM	PGF
November 25, 2009	PM	11:30 AM Early Dismissal
December 4, 2009	AM	PGF
December 11, 2009	PM	PGF
December 18, 2009	AM	11:30 AM Early Dismissal
January 8, 2010	PM	PGF
January 15, 2010	AM	PGF
January 22, 2010	PM	PGF
January 29, 2010	AM	PGF
February 5, 2010	PM	PGF
February 19, 2010	AM	PGF
February 26, 2010	PM	PGF
March 5, 2010	AM	PGF
March 12, 2010	PM	PGF
March 19, 2010	AM	PGF
March 22, 2010	PM	Conferences
March 23, 2010	AM	Conferences
March 24, 2010	PM	Conferences
March 25, 2010	AM	Conferences
March 26, 2010	PM	Conferences
April 9, 2010	AM	PGF
April 16, 2010	PM	PGF
April 23, 2010	AM	PGF
April 30, 2010	PM	PGF
May 7, 2009	AM	PGF
May 14, 2010	PM	PGF
May 21, 2010	AM	PGF
May 28, 2010	PM	PGF
June 4, 2010	AM	PGF
June 11, 2010	PM	PGF
June 18, 2010	AM	PGF
June 21, 2010	PM	11:30 AM Early Dismissal