



# School News

Helen Haller Elementary

## Letter from the Principal

Dear Helen Haller Families,

**What a great week** with students this week. As I walk through classrooms, I see smiles on student's faces, teachers teaching reading, writing and math lessons, and fun recesses on the playground. Speaking of writing, it is a focus for us this year and so far, there have been creative pieces of writing posted on bulletin boards around the building.

**Off and Away** – At the elementary level our practice has always been that all toys and any electronics stay off and in backpacks. We appreciate your proactive parenting in helping your student(s) to apply this district wide rule.

**Students & Parking Lot Safety** – To keep students safe we ask that cars drive through our pick-up line. Going slow and practicing patience and courtesy to all Haller Drivers is excellent modeling for our students. **Parking on Fir St. and students walking to a car in line is dangerous and prohibited. Pick up takes place in the parking lot via car or a parent walking in.** Thank you for keeping our students safe!

**Another Pick-Up Option** – The Boys and Girls Club is right next door and we have many families that skip the pick-up line. Instead they have their student(s) go to The Club and pick them up sometime between 3:15 – 6:00 p.m. when the traffic and wait time is minimal. Teachers walk students to our gym and Club staff walk them to The Club. There is also a snack at The Club.

**Lunch and Recess** – Each grade level has a 20 minute lunch and a 15 minute recess scheduled. If your student feels like they need more time to finish lunch they are welcome to stay in to finish up and then head out to recess. All staff will be informed of this option. We appreciate the grace while we refine our systems.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Stanton - Principal

### A LOOK AHEAD:

**19** Picture Day!

**19** PTA meeting  
HHE Library 6pm  
Childcare provided

## End of Day Pick Up and Release

1. A lot of congestion on the front sidewalks is occurring. We are adjusting a few pieces starting today FRIDAY 9/15.
2. Please make sure you have your car signs on your dash so we can read the name into our walkie talkies.
3. **Students will be staged behind the fence with staff and exit a gate to move east toward the front of the car pick up line. See map**
4. **Parents** who are walking in to pick up their students will have a meeting spot on the grass outside the yellow pod. All parents will meet their student there and walk off campus.

*Thank you for your patience as we make adjustments to help better the experience for all.*

## Picture Day

Picture Day will be Tuesday, September 19th

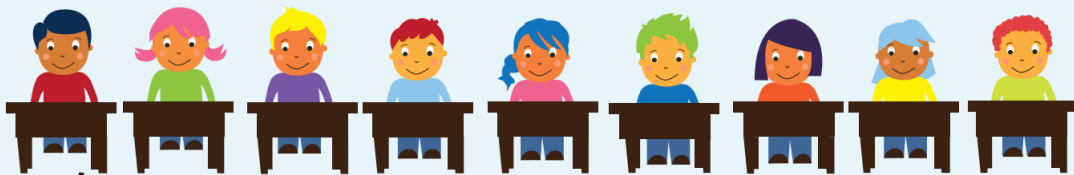
Order forms were sent home with students this week. Forms can also be picked up in the Haller office. Orders can also be placed online at [Home :: LEO'S Photography \(leosphotography.com\)](http://Home::LEO'S Photography (leosphotography.com)) . **Please don't return order forms to school until picture day.**

For questions about orders, please contact [Leo's Photography: 509-924-3600](http://Leo's Photography: 509-924-3600)

[Picture Day ID: fal223813](#)



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# SEQUIM ELEMENTARY PTA

ESTABLISHED 2023

## PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION:

Our PTA is a big part of our Greywolf & Helen Haller Elementaries. The PTA sponsor fund raisers and many activities at *both* schools throughout the year. Anyone can join and EVERYONE is welcome. Annual dues are \$10 to become an active voting member. Enrollment forms are available in the office. Meetings are held at 6pm the second Tuesday of every month at the Helen Haller Library.

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## OFFICERS FOR 2023-2024

President:	Erin Hiner
VP:	Ali Hueter
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Secretary:	Carrie Johnson
Fundraising:	May Smith

## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE PTA

**Box Tops for Education:** The Box Tops app makes it easy to earn cash for our school. Download, purchase Box Top products, then scan your receipt. [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

**Volunteer:** there are various opportunities to volunteer throughout the year. Join a committee and help plan events, or help the day of!

**Annual Holiday Bazaar:** Held each year at Greywolf, support by having a booth to sell, help at concessions, or organize the raffle. Dates this year are December 2-3.

## GET INVOLVED AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OUR SCHOOL!



The Little Hurt includes 3 legs – biking (loaner bikes available), rowing on rowing machines provided by the Olympic Peninsula Rowing Association, and trail running. The event will take place at Peninsula College. Each participant does all of the legs – there is not a relay option for Little Hurt.

**Ages: 1st through 8th grade | Cost: \$15/participant**  
**September 24th, 2023**



## *Bike*

1st - 2nd grade: 0.5 miles  
3rd - 4th grade: 1 mile  
5th - 6th grade: 1.5 miles  
7th - 8th grade: 2.25 miles



## *Row*

1st - 2nd grade: 500 meters  
3rd - 4th grade: 500 meters  
5th - 6th grade: 1,000 meters  
7th - 8th grade: 2,000 meters



## *Run*

1st - 2nd grade: 0.5 miles  
3rd - 4th grade: 1 mile  
5th - 6th grade: 1 mile  
7th - 8th grade: 1.5 miles



**PENINSULA COLLEGE**  
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**MORE INFORMATION:**  
<https://bighurtpa.com/little-hurt/>

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