



Leitch Elementary



James Leitch Elementary School is a safe, nurturing, and motivating learning environment where student, parents, and teachers form a community of life-long learners who will demonstrate a love for learning, strong self-esteem, and good citizenship.

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Principal's Message

Hello Leitch Families and Friends,

Wow October is here and I am so thankful for this cooler weather. Students are still doing amazing and this month is full of fun events that I hope everyone will take part in. Keep looking through the newsletter for specific details of each event.

Starting next week our 1st and 2nd graders will now be going to Science and PE. We are in the process of hiring a new Science teacher and will have a substitute until we find a permanent teacher. We are excited for this change and hope to find a qualified candidate soon.

As the holidays are approaching please make travel plans around school breaks. It is important for students to be at school and excessive absences are not helpful in their academic and social growth.

I want to thank our PTA for sponsoring our Leitch pumpkin patch again this year for the entire school! This is just one of the fun activities our PTA brings straight back to the students. Please consider joining as it would be great to have each family represented. We currently have only 117 members and close to 600 students. We had over 50 wonderful people at our first PTA meeting! It was great to see such a great turn out and hear ideas

from our community. Please join this great group and get involved! [JOIN NOW!](#)

Sincerely,
Tammy Pachote
Principal

Mark your calendar for upcoming events:

Every Wednesday is a minimum day for 1st & 2nd grade

- Oct. 12 Walk and Roll to School
- Oct. 14 Make-up Picture Day
- Oct. 18 3:00 SSC Meeting**
- Oct. 19 Unity Day Wear Orange
- Oct. 24-28 Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 31 Halloween Parades
- Nov. 1 PTA Meeting 8:20a.m. MUR

Please email kgonzalez1@fusdk12.net for the Zoom link

Unity Day

Unity Day is October 19th! A one-day event held the third Wednesday of October to come together in one giant, orange message of hope and support. It's a day to wear and share orange to visibly show that our society believes no child should ever experience bullying.



Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon will be celebrated the week of October 24th. Please see the spirit flier for more information.

[Spirit Week Red Ribbon](#)

Matching Donations

Every company is different and may require various documentation to complete the matching process. When making a match please try to include as much as your information as possible such as your name, student's name and teacher name. Please keep in mind that some companies only send out checks once a year so your donation may not be received right away. If you have any further questions regarding this process, please contact Kristela via email at kgonzalez1@fusdk12.net

Walk & Roll to School Day October 12th



This is a great opportunity to celebrate our health, the environment and our school spirit.

This year we will have a Walking School Bus. Mrs. Pachote and Ms.

Vang will meet students and their parents to walk to school together. If

you live near the locations below please join us at 8:00 and we will walk together to school in our walking School Bus.

*Corner of Pontiac and Fernald

*Near the Roundabout on Fernald & Sequim Com

If you are unable to join our walking school bus, please see the suggestions below, in hopes that every student will participate.

- Ride your bike to school, wear a helmet, park it at the bike racks (bring your own lock.)

- Parents & students walk, use your skateboard, scooter, etc. to school (all students must wear a helmet.)

If you live farther from the school:

-Carpool with another family.

-Park a few blocks away and walk to school.

Counselor Corner

Please see the [link for our counselor's newsletter](#).

New Leitch Librarian



Please help me welcome Mr. Ronald Camposanto to Leitch as our new Librarian. Library sessions will begin the 1st week of October! Mr. Ronald is excited to get started meeting all our wonderful students and instilling the love of reading for all! He will be a great addition to our Leitch community. [Meet him here!](#)

Forgotten Items

There have been many parents bringing in water bottles, coats, lunches, folders etc for students after the school day has started. Please do your best to make sure children have all their items prepared when coming to school. We will no longer be calling classrooms for forgotten items. This is a big distraction to the classrooms. If your student notices they forgot something they can check the office at recess. We also have water fountains in the classrooms and around campus if they forgot a water bottle.

Halloween Parades



October 31, 2022

8:35 – ALL K, All 2nd grade, AM TK, room 2

12:45 - PM TK, All 1st grade, and rooms K6 and 1

Students may attend school in their costumes and should be able to move and play in their costumes for the entire day. **Parents will not be allowed on campus to help change clothes.** Masks may only be worn during the parade, not in the classrooms or recess time.

-Costumes are not allowed to have the following: Weapons, potential weapons, blood, gore, super scary or offensive costumes.

-We ask that all parents please stay at designated parent viewing areas and follow all staff directions. We want this to be a fun and safe event for all our students.

**If you do not want your child to participate in Halloween activities due to religious or personal reasons, please let your child's teacher know in advance so other arrangements can be made. **