

Beach School 2009-2010 Family Handbook



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DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Ferndale School District, in partnership with families and the larger community, will educate each student to develop the knowledge, skills and character necessary to lead a self-reliant, socially responsible life.

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Ferndale School District complies with all state and federal rules and regulations and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, creed or disability. This holds true for all students who are interested in participating in educational programs and/or extracurricular school activities. Inquiries regarding compliance and/or grievance procedures may be directed to the school district's Title IX/RCW 28A.640 Office, Elvis Dellinger, Assistant Superintendent, P.O. Box 698, Ferndale, WA 98248 (360) 383-9206 and/or Section 504 ADA Coordinator; Dr. Michael Berres, Director of Special Services, P.O. Box 698, Ferndale, WA 98248 (360) 383-9221.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the policy of the Ferndale School District not to discriminate in its educational programs, activities, or employment policies as required by the federal and state equal opportunity statutes.

BEACH SCHOOL MISSION

It is the mission of Beach School to respect, nurture, and guide children, to help them realize and exercise their individual capabilities intellectually, psychologically, and spiritually so they may enjoy childhood and grow to be healthy, responsible adults.



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Welcome to Beach School!

“The best of traditions meet the computer age in an atmosphere of caring no large school could match.” These words by Island artist, Anne Jewell, about Beach School, capture our school’s spirit.

Have a great year!!!

The staff and parents of Beach School students hope that this will be the beginning of an enriching experience for your whole family. Sharing in your child's school experience will encourage you to remain involved in the educational process as your child progresses through school. Please take time to discuss this handbook with your children.

Each year our school receives a tremendous amount of support from the students, parents and community. We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for these efforts to care for the grounds, the school building, books and equipment and for the many volunteer hours that go into providing the quality of education for which Beach School is known.



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EAGLES**

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BEACH SCHOOL STAFF

Beach School is part of the Ferndale School District. Its funding, staff, and ground maintenance is supervised through the District Offices.

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Superintendent Mrs. Linda Quinn
Assist. Supt. for Edu. Services Mr. Elvis Dellinger
Executive Director for Business and Mark Deebach
Support Services

Beach School is staffed by four certificated teachers, a secretary, two instructional assistants, a part-time custodian, a part-time playground/lunch supervisor, library aide, and various District support staff, including our nurse, psychologist, communication disorders specialist, librarian and music teacher. We are fortunate to have a very dedicated and qualified group of individuals working with our students.

A Message from the Principal

I am very excited to serve as the principal at Beach Elementary School. Beach is a warm and caring school providing challenging and positive learning experiences for our children. Beach also has an important place in the larger Lummi Island community. I've met with staff, met some of the parents, and am starting to learn more about the children. I am looking forward to getting to know and working with you and your children this school year.

An effective school program partially results from an active and vibrant partnership between school, home, and the community. Beach has exceptionally strong support and involvement from parents and the community. I will work with you to continue that great tradition and we might even find some new ways to expand it. It's the job of staff and families to support our children to work hard, have fun, and help each other. We'll have a great year. I'm honored to be a part of the Beach School community.

Michael Berres
Principal

TEACHING STAFF

Teacher Judy Thomas (grades 5/6) **School Manager**

Mrs. Thomas received a Bachelors Degree in Biology from the University of Kentucky and a Masters in Science Education from Western Washington University. She was a fisheries biologist for 17 years and has been working twenty years for Ferndale School District. Both of her children, Stacey and Kayak, graduated from Beach School. She is a volunteer with the Island Fire Department and loves to sail, golf, and read. After 20 years, she retired from the Island Fire Department this summer.

Teacher: Terri Cook (grades 3/4)

Terri was born on the island of Maui and raised in the Northwest by her father. In 1994 Terri came to Lummi Island to do her student teaching. She graduated from Western Washington University in December of 1996 and completed her Masters in literacy in 2008. Terri started teaching PE at Beach as a para-educator. She then taught the intermediate grades and is now the third and fourth grade teacher. She and her husband, Joe, love enjoying the outdoors with their son, Edgerton.

Teacher: Linda Sheek (grades K/1/2)

Mrs. Sheek attended Western Washington University where she earned her Bachelors and Masters Degrees in Education. Although she began her career teaching for the first two years at the intermediate level, she has taught primary grades for the past 23 years. A long time resident in Whatcom county, Mrs. Sheek enjoys traveling, aerobics, gardening, kayaking, and spending time with her husband and five grandchildren.

Teacher: Kjerstin Satter (P.E. /Extended Day K's)

Kjerstin arrived on Lummi Island in 2001, via Colorado, California, and Wisconsin. She got her B.A. at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, and her teaching degree from Denver University. Lummi Island has been her favorite home, and she and her three daughters hope to be here for a very long time.

Librarian:

Julie Hunter

Julie and husband, Mark, came to Lummi Island when she took the position as head teacher at Beach School several years ago. She taught at Beach School for three years, then moved on to Skyline Elementary School. While at Skyline, Julie earned her library science endorsement and now serves as the librarian for Central, Skyline, and Beach Elementary. Julie has two sons, Louis in eighth grade and Sam in fourth grade.

Music/Orchestra Teacher:

Celeste Larson

Celeste has worked in the Ferndale School District since 1978 (with a short break for kids) and has taught in every elementary school in the district. She taught music at Beach in the "Patty Years" and is happy to be back. Celeste has two children, Reed, 20 and Elise, 14. Her husband teaches at Cascadia. Celeste plays viola in the Whatcom Symphony Orchestra and is very involved in the theater in Lynden.

Special Education Teacher:

Laura Swanson

Speech Therapist:

Christy Holt

Occupational Therapist:

Jennifer Cool

School Psychologist:

Jim Scarborough

School Nurse:

Sandi Bird

Family Coordinator:

Susan Gribben



CLASSIFIED STAFF

Administrative Assistant: Kathy Thurber

Kathy and husband, Bryan, are long-time residents of Lummi Island. Kathy has a Bachelors Degree in Communications from the University of Washington and was a childbirth educator for 22 years. Her son, Matthew, and daughters, Jenica and Aleesha, are Beach School alumni. She has two grandchildren.

ParaEducator: Arria Merrill

Arria and her husband, Lars, have lived on Lummi Island since 1990. She is a graduate of Bowdoin College in Maine and holds a degree in Anthropology/Sociology and Environmental Studies. Arria loves exploring art and nature with children. She has daughters in ninth and twelfth grades. Both are graduates of Beach School. She enjoys coordinating our 6th grade leadership program.

ParaEducator/ Food Service: Joe Cook

Joe Cook graduated from Western Washington with a degree in English and has since worked (among other things) as the head brewer for Orchard Street Brewery. With the birth of his son, he has taken the opportunity to work on construction projects, music, art, and is trying to start a business, making and selling a backyard game and climbing structure.

Head Custodian: Molly Harmoney

Molly is a lifetime Lummi Island resident and started working at Beach School in 1988 as a teacher's aide doing office work. In 1993 she changed from a permanent position to one of substituting. Molly became the head custodian in 2000. Molly and her two children, Sandi and Chris, are all graduates of Beach School.

Library ParaEducator: Buffy Lapof

Buff Lapof moved to the Island over 30 years ago. From the beginning Beach School has been part of her life. She has a niece and nephew who both went to Beach School. Buffy grew up with a wonderful wanderlust family and traveled throughout the United States and was a regular library patron in every school and town where she lived. Buff looks forward to good times and good reading with students at Beach School this year.

ParaEducator: Kim Gardner

Kim grew up on Lummi Island for the most part but after college moved to Bellingham. She worked in elementary education for twelve years in Bellingham and is looking forward to another excellent year at Beach

Emergency Planning

In the event of an earthquake or other disaster:

- * No student will be dismissed from school unless a parent (or individual designated by a parent) comes for him/her.
- * No child will be allowed to leave with another person, even a relative or baby-sitter, unless the school has written permission to that effect or that particular person is listed on the student's emergency card in our files. With this in mind, if your child's card is not up to date, please request a new card from our office.
- * All parents, or designated parties, who come for students must have them signed out at the office or at the Temporary Student Release Station at the entrance to the school yard. Signs will be posted on the garage door if this alternate location is required.
- * We are prepared to care for your children in times of critical situations. If you are not able to reach the school, we will care for your child here. The majority of our staff have current first-aid certificates, and we will be in communication with various local emergency services. We do ask for your help in the following areas:
 - Please **do not call the school** - we must have the lines open for emergency calls.
 - Following an earthquake or other emergency, **do not immediately drive to the school** - streets and access to our school may be cluttered with debris. The school access route and street entrance areas must remain clear for emergency vehicles.
 - **Do** turn your radio to KGMI (790) or KPUG (1170) or KBFW (930) on the A.M. dial. Information and directions will be given over the radio.
 - If your child has a condition requiring medication, we recommend that you keep a 72 hour supply at the school at all times. Please refer to "Medications."
 - Please provide an emergency kit for your child. At the beginning of each school year, we request that you send a drink and small snack that can easily fit into a quart-sized zip-lock bag. You may also include a family picture, small toy, or other "comfort item."

DAILY SCHEDULE

The starting and ending times for Beach School during the 2009/10 school year:

Start - 8:10 a.m.
Early Release – 11:50 a.m.
End - 2:15 p.m.

Due to variations in ferry docking schedules and adverse weather affecting road conditions or other emergencies, these times may need to be adjusted.

All students not riding the bus should *not* arrive at school before 8:00 a.m. All students need to line up with their classmates in the gym. Students who arrive at school after 8:10 a.m. are considered tardy and need to sign in at the office before entering their classroom.

Recess is from 11:20 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. Students eat lunch from 11:50 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.

****Dismissal time for kindergarten is 11:20 a.m. except on days when they attend all day (Thursday). Beginning with the 1st Monday in October, kindergarten students will have the opportunity to stay for recess and lunch on their half days. On those days, students will be dismissed at 12:15 p.m. Staying for lunch and recess on regular half days is optional. Please remember to pick your student up promptly.**

The habit of regular and punctual attendance is strongly related to the success of every student. We ask that you help your child to acquire this habit.

The State of Washington requires the school to have a written excuse for any absence. This must include the date written, the date of absence, the reason and the signature of the parent. Your child must bring an excuse to the teacher within 24 hours of their return to school.

Students arriving late to school should also bring a note explaining the reason for being tardy, and must sign in at the school office when they arrive, in order to correct the attendance record.

Provide a note a day ahead of time if your child needs to be released early for doctor or dentist appointments. Please come at least 10 minutes early to pick up your child and allow time to catch the ferry. Parents must come into the school to sign their child out in the office. The staff cannot be responsible for having children ready for you to pick up in advance. Please allow enough time for the staff to locate your child and bring them to the office once you arrive at the school. If you have the flexibility, please try to schedule appointments (i.e. dentist) for your child in the afternoon to avoid loss of instructional time.

All students are considered walkers this year as there is no school bus. Parents need to have discussed after school plans with their children to avoid confusion at dismissal time. If plans change please call the school before noon to allow time to get the message to the student. Please remind your child(ren) that as students, they are not permitted to leave the school grounds without parental or teacher permission once they arrive at school.

In the event of illness, parents or the designated contact will be notified prior to a student being taken or sent home. Be sure your data is up to date regarding any person to be called in case you cannot be reached.

SCHOOL ARRIVAL

Upon arrival students will immediately stand in their class line in the gym. No student should be on the playground, as there is no supervision. The lines are formed in the gym. Do not send your child before 8:00 a.m. Staff is working and cannot supervise your child(ren).



DISMISSAL PROCEDURE

At Beach School, we have a duty first and foremost to the safety of students. To this end, we need everyone to observe the following procedures:

Parents may request their children whenever they wish by coming into the office. (It may take 5 – 10 minutes for students to pack up depending on the student.) **Students remain in classroom until parents arrive.**

Parents of kindergarten students should come into the building to pick up their children five minutes early and wait in the gym so that they are on the school grounds when their child is dismissed. This is critical since kindergarteners will not be able to return to the classroom in the afternoon.

After School Arrangements: As a courtesy to the Beach School staff please make arrangements and play dates the day before, then send a note to school the next morning. If you need to make a change in plans, **please call before 12:00 p.m.**

Guidelines to ensure that this procedure will continue:

- There is no parking in the drop-off turn around lane, (even for a minute or two) unless permission has been given.
- Students and parents are **to come and go via main gym doors**, and use the **ramp and gravel path** leading to parking area. Students must be accompanied by an adult.



DANGEROUS WEAPONS POLICY

It is a violation of district policy and state law for any person to carry (be in possession of) a firearm or dangerous weapon on school premises, school-provided transportation or other facilities being used for school activities.

Students who violate this policy are subject to district discipline policies and procedures, including the due process provisions regarding notification of parents. Students in violation of the policy are subject to a minimum one calendar year expulsion, with a possible case-by-case modification by the Superintendent.

School officials shall notify the appropriate law enforcement agency or juvenile authorities with names of any violators.

PLAYGROUND SUPERVISION

Adult supervision is provided on the playground during recess only. **There is no supervision before or after school**, so students are asked to make it their goal to be on school grounds five minutes before the school day begins. If students arrive at school more than 15 minutes prior to the start of the school day, parents will be informed via an FYI form. Students are to leave directly after school, unless prior arrangements have been made with their teacher.



COMMUNICATIONS

FYI (For Your Information) FORMS:

FYIs are a communication tool used to keep parents informed of how their children are doing on a given day. They may be used to inform a parent that their child had some problems at school (i.e. was feeling sad), to share a successful moment (i.e. learned how to do long division), or just for informational purposes (i.e. complete last night's reading assignment over the weekend.) The FYI must be signed by the parent and returned to school the next day.

NOTE HOME

Your child will bring home a note with current information from the staff, P.T.O. and Ferndale School District on a weekly basis, usually on Thursdays. Please take time to read this important information carefully.

SCHOOL PHONE: GIVE US A CALL

You can reach the Beach School office at **383-9440**. Each teacher also has a phone in her/his room that they may be reached at after 2:15 p.m. If you call these numbers during school hours your call will be transferred to the office number as the phones will be on Do Not Disturb. When the office phone is not monitored (as we do not have a clerk to cover the office when the secretary is out) the phone lines are redirected to our answering machine. Messages are checked frequently throughout the day. Staff phone numbers are as follows:

Michael Berres	383-9221	Judy Thomas	383-9445
	383-9447	Kjerstin Satter	383-9449
Linda Sheek	383-9443	Joe Cook	383-9446
Terri Cook	383-9444	Kathy Thurber	383-9440
Buff Lapof	383-9441	Arria Merrill	383-9448

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PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Conferences regarding student progress are scheduled during fall and spring grading periods.

SCHOOL CLOSURES

Local radio stations (KPUG-1170, KGMI-790, and KBFW-930) broadcast information regarding school closures and road restrictions. Please note that if schools in the Ferndale School District are closed due to bad weather, Beach School will be closed as well. Listen to your radio for current information during bad weather. **Please do not call Beach staff at home.**

PRESERVING INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

- 1) **All visitors including parents must enter the school through the gym and sign in at the office** even at the end of the day when picking up a child. Check with Kathy, if you need to see the teacher and she will find a suitable time that does not disrupt the flow of the lesson.
- 2) Whenever possible, prearrange visits to the classroom or set up volunteer times in advance. A quick phone call to your child's teacher before the school day is probably the best way to arrange to visit your child's room.
- 3) In our small school, voices echo and travel. When school is in session, be aware that a loud voice in the main level hallway or in the gym can greatly impact a class during quiet, independent work times or during a lesson. This is especially important in the gym when classes are using that area for instruction.

TARDY PROCEDURES

At Beach School, we set high expectations regarding attendance. Washington State law concerning pupil attendance states that "pupils shall be punctual and regular in attendance." (WAC 180-40-010) When students are late they fall behind in their work, miss important announcements, and lessons, and it can cause them to be disorganized to the detriment of the learning environment.

A student is marked tardy if they arrive after 8:10 a.m. and before 9:00 a.m. Students arriving after 9:00 a.m. are considered absent in the a.m. and must provide an excuse.

Students arriving late must sign in at the school office.



TRAFFIC SAFETY

- 1) Handicapped vehicles, emergency vehicles, and our school vehicles are the only vehicles allowed to park in the turn around area from 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
2. Please do not park/leave your vehicle in the turn around area. If you find that you need more than a few moments to let your child exit the car safely, use the parking lot west of the garage instead of the drop off zone. We also ask that drivers do not stop to visit with others in the drop off. Students should exit cars on the side closest to the school and immediately proceed to the designated sidewalk area and follow that to the gym steps to enter the building.
- 3) Drivers of all vehicles are asked to turn off their motors/engines when parking on school grounds as soon as possible. Exhaust fumes come right into the school through the windows that necessitates evacuating the room until the air has cleared

Safety

SAFETY HAZARDS

Building safety policies do not allow the riding of bicycles on school grounds during school hours or immediately prior or following school hours. Bikes and scooters may be ridden on school grounds during non-school hours. In addition, the following sporting equipment is not allowed: golf-balls, golf-clubs, and skateboards. By special arrangement, during Boys and Girls Club hours, students have in the past been allowed to ride bikes, use in-line skates and skateboards ONLY when the proper protective gear is worn, and provided students are closely supervised. For your child's safety, **DOGS ARE NOT EVER ALLOWED ON SCHOOL PROPERTY WITHOUT PRIOR EXPRESS PERMISSION OF THE BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR.** This does not apply to dogs assisting the handicapped.

GUM

No gum chewing is allowed at Beach School because of the damage to carpets, furniture, and spread of disease when it is improperly discarded.

LASER POINTERS

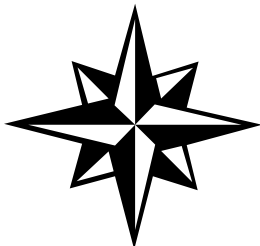
District Policy forbids the possession or use of laser pointers on school grounds at any time.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION UPDATES

If any information has changed on your child's registration form since last year, please stop by the school office and update this information.

BICYCLES

Bicycle racks are located beside the school building. Bicycles are walked, not ridden, on school grounds during school hours (as outlined above). Students are to dismount their bikes when they arrive on school property. Bicycle helmets are highly recommended.



SCHOOL RULES

The staff of Beach School is committed to providing the best possible education for each of our students. In order to do so, it is necessary to create an atmosphere that is conducive to positive interactions between the students and staff.

We believe that all children can learn to behave properly. We also understand that making mistakes is part of the learning process.

Our school operates with five basic rules:

- 1) Communicate appropriately and respectfully.**
- 2) Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.**
- 3) Use equipment safely and as intended.**
- 4) Follow school procedures and the directions of teachers and supervisors.**
- 5) Respect others right to learn.**

Behavior issues will be handled as they occur with appropriate consequences. These will range from a "time out," to sweeping the tennis court, a formal parent conference, to behavior contracts, etc.

LOSS OF PRIVILEGES AND TIME OWED

Students who waste instructional time may be required to "repay" this time with their own time during recess or during a preferred activity. Similarly, privileges which are abused are sometimes temporarily taken away.

Playground Procedures & Expectations

- * Be kind, respectful, and fair to others.
- * Observe playground boundaries.
- * NEVER run out into the street to retrieve playground equipment. **Ask a playground supervisor for assistance.**
- * Enter and exit the building properly.
- * *Walk* on the stairs when dismissed to and from recess.
- * Carry playground equipment to and from the building when dismissed to and from recess. Please hold playground equipment after the whistle blows.
- * Use school equipment safely and as intended.
- * Leave toys, sports equipment and other personal items at home.
- * Demonstrate care of school site.
- * Ground cover stays on the ground.

Lunchroom Procedures and Expectations

- * Wash your hands with soap and water prior to eating.
- * Help maintain a pleasant lunchroom atmosphere.
- * Always walk in the lunchroom to avoid accidents.
- * Pick one place to sit during lunch.
- * Use a quiet voice at your table.
- * Clean your area to help keep the lunchroom clean.
- * When excused from your table, put waste into garbage.
- * Eat and touch only your own food.
- * Respect the property of others.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

Please help us to maintain an appropriate standard by ensuring that students come to school properly dressed. Student dress must be neat, clean, and in good taste. Students may not wear tank tops with spaghetti straps, beachwear, "short shorts," halter tops, half shirts, hats, bare midribs, or bare back blouses. Clothes that advertise tobacco or alcohol products or that display sexual innuendoes and/or products are not allowed. Shorts or skirts must be 3/4 length. Shoes are required at all times. Flip-flop sandals are not allowed. Hats are to be worn **outside** the building only.

Ferndale School District Bullying Policy

The District is committed to a safe and civil educational environment for all people in the education setting free from harassment, intimidation or bullying. This includes "any intentional written, verbal, or physical act, including but not limited to one shown to be motivated by any characteristic in RCW 9A.36/080(3), (race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or mental or physical disability), or other distinguishing characteristics when the intentional written, verbal, or physical act:

- physically harms a student or damages the student's property; or
- has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education; or
- is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment; or
- has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

Beach School Guidelines

Students are often encouraged to use their communication skills to work things out with other students *when it is appropriate (i.e. when there are disagreements or conflicts)*. Students will receive coaching and oversight from parents and staff.

However, it is the responsibility of students, parents, and staff to **report any instances of harassment and/or intimidation to the school manager**. It is the manager's duty to investigate these reports in a timely fashion and to take reasonable steps to ensure that the behavior does not continue.

District Policies

ACCESS TO STUDENT RECORDS

Parents of students who wish to review any or all of the school records may do so by contacting the teacher and/or school secretary. For a complete copy of the District's student record policy, contact the school office.

MEDICATION

It is the District's policy to administer medicine only in extreme cases. For example, if failure to receive the medication might result in the student being unable to attend school or unable to be well enough to participate in learning activities, you could request that the school administer the oral medication. Medication is defined to mean all drugs, whether prescription or over-the-counter.

Students requiring medication during the school day must have on file a form filled out by the doctor prior to dispensing medication. The medication is to be brought to school by the parent or guardian only. A request for PERMISSION TO ADMINISTER MEDICINE slip is to be filled out and signed by the physician and the parent or guardian. This form is available in the school office. The medication is to be brought in its original container with the student's name on it, the amount and frequency of the dosage, the doctor's name and the name of the drug on it. We are allowed to have only enough medication on hand for ten (10) days at a time. The medication must be stored in the office. We are not allowed to give aspirin or other such remedies to students unless the above procedure has been completed.

NO ANIMALS ALLOWED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

Unless specific permission is given by the school manager, animals are not permitted either in the school building or on the school grounds. This includes animals brought for "show and tell." If an unauthorized animal is on the school premises, the school manager will attempt to locate the owner and request that the animal be removed. If the owner cannot be located or refuses to cooperate, the school manager is authorized to secure assistance from other public authorities to have the animal removed.

LIBRARY PROCEDURE

Thanks to the Ferndale School District, the PTO and a dedicated group of volunteers, Beach School has a wonderful library, with a wide variety of books available for all Beach School students, parents, and community members.

LIBRARY DAY IS TUESDAY!

Student guidelines:

1. Users may have no more than 3 books out at a time.
2. Books must be returned within two weeks of the check-out date. A book may be renewed as long as another student has not put in a request for it, but it must be physically returned in order to be re-scanned for renewal.
3. No book may be taken from the library without being stamped or scanned. A designated staff person will process the card and the book with the date due.
4. All books must be returned to a designated spot. Students should NOT re-shelve books themselves unless they are asked to do so by a person in charge.
5. If students have overdue materials at report card times, report cards will not be issued until the materials have been returned or paid for.
6. Charges will be assessed for lost or damaged books.

Parent guidelines:

1. Materials may be checked out only at those times when designated staff members are available to process the transactions. For this school year those times are all day Tuesday or by appointment scheduled through the office.
2. Adults may check out up to five items at a time for a period of two weeks. Those items may be brought in for renewal for one additional two-week period, provided there have been no other requests for the materials. If there have been other requests, the renewal will be denied.
3. Adults may not check out materials that, at that time, are needed for Beach School lessons or projects. If a Beach School staff member requests any materials already checked out to a parent, those materials must be returned as soon as possible after the parent is notified, even though they may not be overdue.
4. All borrowers of Beach School library materials will be subject to the loss and damage fines established for all elementary schools in the Ferndale School District.

Miscellaneous Information

SCHOOL ACCIDENT INSURANCE

School accident insurance is available to students at a nominal cost. Both medical and dental coverage are available on separate policies. Information and forms are sent home at the beginning of the school year.

LABELING PERSONAL ITEMS

Each year, hundreds of personal items are left at school. Please label all personal items with your child's name, including lunch boxes, jackets, sweatshirts, backpacks, hats and notebooks. If you are missing an item, please check the lost and found in the school office.

INVITATIONS AND GIFTS

In the interest of sensitivity to the feelings and needs of our children, you are asked not to bring to school gifts or invitations for activities such as parties or get-togethers.

AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

The Ferndale School District offers after school art and enrichment programs for interested elementary school students. Students will typically meet for one and a half hours for eight sessions each quarter. Sixth grade students will receive first priority followed by students in the descending grades thereafter. In most cases, approximately twelve students will participate in each section. Please note that students who are absent due to illness on a given day should not plan to participate in enrichment classes on the same day.



SNACKS AND LUNCHES

Parents are asked to provide nutritious lunches and snacks for their children. Kitchen facilities are not available for student use. Milk is available for 50¢ per serving. Milk tickets may be purchased in advance from the school office.

Currently, we are participating in the school lunch program. On Monday and Wednesday cold school lunches are available. Hot lunches will be available on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Students may purchase single lunches for \$2.50 or choose to purchase a lunch/milk ticket. **Lunches must be ordered a day in advance. Changes will be listed on the menu calendar whenever possible.**

We suggest that you and your child plan lunch and nutritious snacks together. Please do not send pop or candy (especially gum) and minimize the amount of sugar contained in the foods you provide. Also, please do not send red-colored juices due to the stains they leave on our carpets. Children are asked not to trade or give their food away.

Please do not send greasy potato chips for snack. The grease from the chips falling on the floor soils the carpets and can damage books as well as stain student assignments. Chips are acceptable in the lunchroom. Corn chips are a good alternative to potato chips.





BEACH SCHOOL PTO

"PTO" is our Parent Teacher Organization. We are a unique group of parents and interested community members "dedicated to developing between the staff, the parents, and the community such united efforts as will secure for every child the highest advantages in mental, physical, and social education."

Beach PTO sponsors a variety of annual events and fund-raisers which support contributions to the school and its students.

Beach PTO membership is \$1.00 per person per year. There are many new and ongoing jobs for parents concerned with the quality of education and the school experience. We welcome your participation, new ideas, and enthusiasm.

PTO officers for the 2009 – 2010 school year are:

President	Buffy Fox	758- 2162
Vice President	Curt Stodker	758- 7470
Secretary	Katelyn Carlton	758 -2238
Treasurer	Jackie Granger	758- 7171
Volunteer Coordinator	Angie Dixon	758- 4005

PTO meetings are held at the school every month on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:45 p.m. **Day care is provided.**

Please call one of the officers listed above for more information about the PTO, and watch the "note home", the LICA newsletter and the PTO bulletin board at school for information about upcoming events.

BEACH SCHOOL SONG

We live on Lummi Island, right here in Puget Sound.
It's a ferry ride and a short drive to any kind of town.
There's salmon here and orcas, deer and frogs are found.
Kids who live here go to Beach School.

We will soar forever
like eagles on the wing.
We will grow together
with the strength that eagles bring.
We'll explore and discover,
we will work and play and sing.
And celebrate the good times at Beach School.

Our school is much smaller than any school we know
And so we have more choices, more room to stretch and grow.
To make good friends, find our way, and let our learning show.
There's nowhere else quite like Beach School.

We will soar forever
like eagles on the wing.
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And celebrate the good times at Beach School.

Our school has three classrooms, there's hot lunch on three days.
There's math and science, reading, writing, we do lots of plays.
The soccer field is slanted - you should visit us some day.
That's the only way to really know Beach School.

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