





The communication has been great for our new middle school student Cubs Day (6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation) and parent information night were awesome. Just as the principal sets the tone for a school, Dr. Baker has set the tone for the district.

Principal Jordan (Shuksan) knew there were some Squaticum 9<sup>th</sup> graders (former Shuksan 8<sup>th</sup> graders) who were nervous to walk into school on the first day. Mr. Jordan told students he would be there to walk them in, and he was at Squaticum on the first morning of school, standing next to Mr. Schacht, greeting them.

The opportunity to meet with teachers early in the school year is invaluable.

High school freshman night was great; grateful for the BPS commitment to kids.

The Sehome freshman orientation was 10 days before school, and while the students were participating in the orientation, the librarian did a website overview for the parents.

Impressed with the work that principal Analisa Ficklin is doing to improve the social climate at Wade King.

Curriculum night was very informative.

Great start at Sunnyland and at BHS. Happy that there is an after-school bus to the Boys and Girls Club from Sunnyland.

Kudos to the district for hiring Brian Pahl as a Technology Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA).

Happy for the return of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade strings program. Dr. Baker noted that 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are able to participate in a strings program. The after-school progrBT/F8s Day w( th)-s t6(e)]T



Every school has a certain sense of community, but could more families be pulled in, in order to develop a better sense of community?

Is it possible to donate plastic pencil boxes that are not needed by our family? Dr. Baker stated that families are welcome to return unwanted supplies to their school office.

The elementary school is sometimes used as a dog park. Even when people pick up after their dogs, bacteria is left behind.

For a Fairhaven after school track meet, the second bus did not show up until 5:15 p.m. Could that be avoided in the future?

There is a lot of outdated information on the website. Also, it would be nice if there were more links on the website.

There are reports from Sehome students that boys are smoking in the restroom, and it is intimidating for other boys to walk into the restroom.

Has the new grant writer been successful? Has she met with principals? Is she looking for grants across all levels? Dr. Baker confirmed that the grant writer has been successful in securing grants for the district. He stated that just last night the district received notification that it was awarded a \$25,000 grant which will support the GRADS program over the next three years.

Does the district look at school culture?

Is there staff development around curriculum night?

Do substitutes receive training?

Will parents receive menus for the family dinner nights at Shuksan?

Wonders about the level of competence of the substitutes in the classroom.

Wonders if there is any progress regarding Playworks. The Lowell program has too many regulations. Dr. Baker commented that implementation of the program is still a work-in-progress but the playgrounds will not be a free-for-all. The playgrounds need to be a safe, fun place for all students, and Playworks helps with that. All schools are working on massaging the program so that it works for their playground.

Will we be moving in the direction of removing some not-so-healthy choices from the menu (such as chocolate milk)?

We seem to be receiving a lot of paper home from school. Will that change?

Dr. Baker noted that he feels this has been the best start to a school year during his five years in

## **Announcements**

Key Communications will go out in the next couple of days. There will be a small write-up at the bottom of the Key Communications that can be used for school newsletters.

The PTSA President at Squaticum High asked that it be conveyed to everyone