

October 2018



KINSHIP NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Kinship Caregiver Newsletter

School dates to remember for October 2018

Bellingham Schools:

4- Elementary
Schools early
dismissal

11- Elementary
Schools early
dismissal

18- Elementary
Schools early
dismissal

19- No School for
students (Teacher
Workday)

25- Elementary
Schools early
dismissal

Nooksack Schools:

3- Early dismissal/
Late Arrival day

24- Early dismissal/
Late Arrival day

30- Middle School
Conferences (Early
Dismissal)/ High
School Evening
Conferences

31- Middle School
Conferences (Early
Dismissal)

Lynden Schools:

3- No School Waiver
Day

10- 1 Hr. Late
Arrival

11- Early Release
grades 6-8 only for
Conferences

12- Early Release
grades 6-8 only for
Conferences

17- 1 Hr. Late
Arrival

24- 1 Hr. Late
Arrival

31- 1 Hr. Late
Arrival

Meridian Schools:

5- 1 Hr. Late Start

12- No School:
Contract day for
Certified Staff

19- 1 Hr. Late Start

26- 1 Hr. Late Start

Mount Baker Schools:

12- No School
Waiver Day

26- Early Release
Elementary/
Secondary K-6 Staff
Plan/ 7-12
Conferences

Blaine Schools:

8- Late Start

29- Late Start

Ferndale Schools:

10- Early Release

26- Elementary Conf
Prep K-5 Early
Dismissal

31- Early Release

Lummi Nation School:

5- Half Day

12- No School

15- No School

19- Half Day

Family Connections Gathering

October 20, 2018

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Lummi Veteran's Building (Old Head Start)

Lunch will be Provided

Family Photos at gathering

Free Entry to the Seattle Aquarium for Kinship Caregivers and Foster Parents

Interested in taking the kiddos in your care to the Seattle Aquarium? The Lummi Kinship Navigator has 2 year passes for two adults and 5 youth (who are under the full time, on-going custody and care of the caregiver). The pass is for entry to the Seattle Aquarium during regular hours of operation. You will need to present a valid, legal form of ID and the Kinship Navigator card.

If you are interested in

receiving this pass, contact Chastity Jeffries, Facilitator-Child Consultation Team (CCT) and Lummi Kinship Navigator or Topsy Kinley, ETC Program Manager, if Chastity is not available. Unable to come into our office? Let Chastity know so other arrangements can be made. You may reach Chastity Jeffries at 360-312-2086 or chastityj@lummi-nsn.gov. The Seattle Aquarium is located on the scenic



downtown Seattle waterfront at 1483 Alaskan Way, Pier 59. Open daily 9:30 am– 5:00 pm. Last entry is at 5:00 pm; exhibits close at 6:00 pm. For more information, visit www.SeattleAquarium.org.

Free Access Pass to Pacific Science Center for Youth and Foster Parents or Kinship Caregivers

Seattle Pacific Science Center inspires a lifelong interest in science, math, and technology by engaging diverse communities through interactive and innovative exhibits and programs. They have announced their Youth Access Membership. If you are a foster parent, relative caregiver or kinship

caregiver you will want to learn more about this amazing resource for children, youth and caregivers throughout Washington.

Please contact Chastity Jeffries if you are interested in learning more information about your eligibility for this amazing offer

and how to sign up for it. This comes with more than just the entry.

Youth ages 14 and up will be able to sign up for their own membership, but we encourage their caregivers to come in with them to get the information.

Lummi Youth Social Services Prevention Program

The next Teen Night is October 5 & 19, 2018 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Ages 12-19

Dinner, Activities, Games, Snacks

For more info or an application please contact Joanna Lane at joannal@lummi-nsn.gov 360-312-7152

Lummi Youth Social Services Building

Lummi Youth Social Services Prevention Program Continued...

Strengthening Families Program

The Strengthening Families Program is an 11 week program. The classes consist of parenting skills, children's life skills and family skills training. Usually classes are every Tuesday from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM
Dinner provided at Youth Wellness Center Cafeteria
Check with Arissia Ward to see when the next session starts
(360) 312-2092 or at ArissiaW@lummi-nsn.gov

*Information was taken from the LYSS Strengthening Families Program Flyer.

Skookum Kids: Foster Parent Interest Meeting

October 16, 2018 from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Perch & Play (1707 N. State Street, Bellingham, WA 98225)

Halloween events happening during the month:

- Haunt the Park in Ferndale
- Nightmare on Railroad
- Bleedingham: Bellingham's Horror Film Fest
- Scream Fair Haunted House in Lynden (Oct. 19-20, 26-27, 31)
- Triple-Wren Farms Pumpkin Patch Kick-Off, Oct. 6
- Gore and Lore Walking Tours
- Watch for updates for Lummi events on the Lummi Communication's Facebook page
- Trick or Treating in Fairhaven from 3 pm to 6 pm
- Trick or Treating in Downtown Bellingham from 3 pm to 5 pm
- Trick or Treating in Ferndale
- Thrillingham at Maritime Heritage Park in downtown Bellingham from 8 pm to 10 pm
- For the adults head to Chuckanut Brewery after the kids finish trick or treating



Lummi Services Contact Information:

Lummi WIC– 360-312-2467

Lummi Early Learning Center: 360-384-2444

Northwest Indian College Day Care: 360-392-4227

Teen Parent Child Development Center: 360-752-9912

Lummi Indian Health Clinic: 360-384-0464

Whatcom County Services Contact Information:

Childcare Aware: 360-734-8396 ext. 227 or 1-888-444-1862

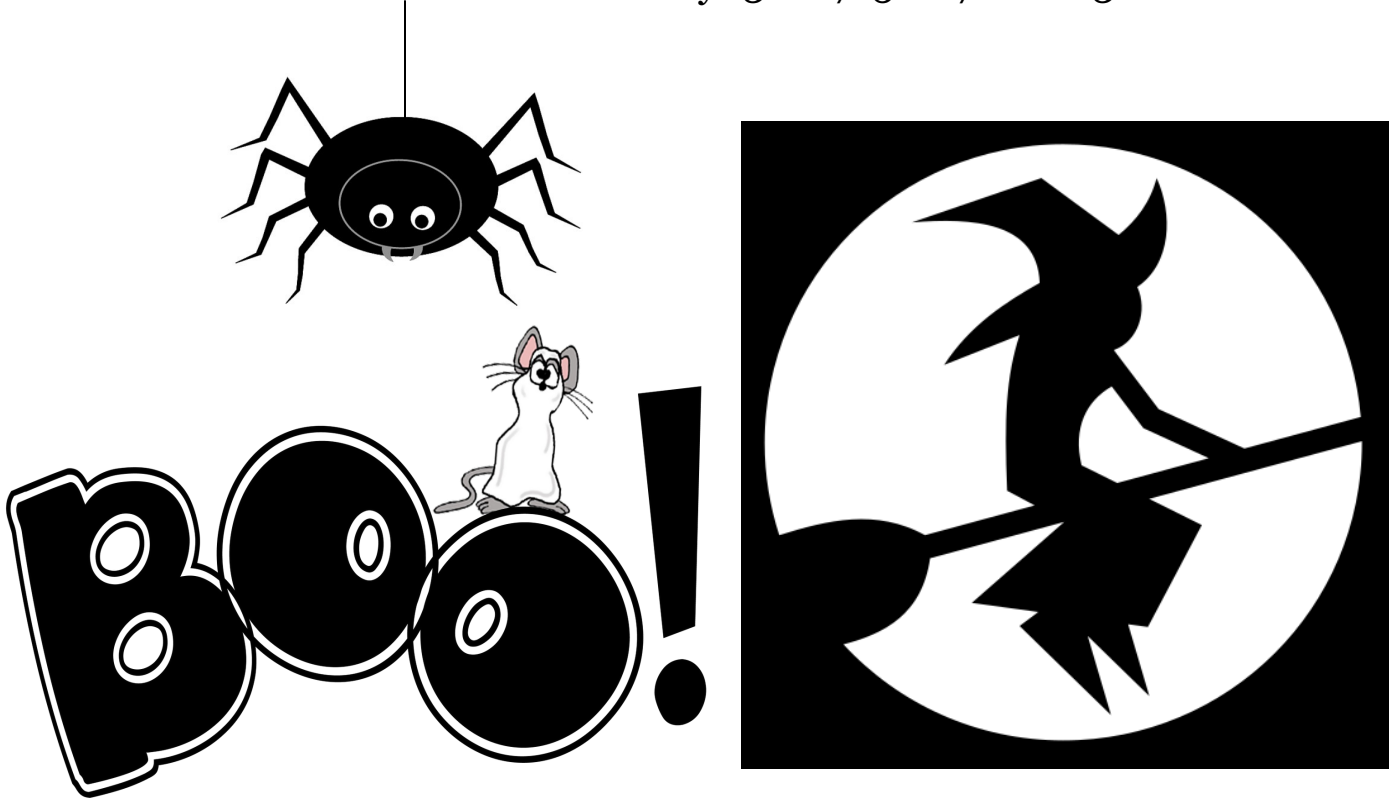
Working Connections (Childcare Assistance): 1-877-501-2233

Blue Skies for Children: 360-756-6710

Brigid Collins: 360-734-4616

Whatcom Learning Lab: 360-371-3978

Parent to Parent of Whatcom County: 360-715-0170 ext. 301



Shala Crow offers a support group for caregivers at Brigid Collins. There is no support groups in June, July, November and December. Childcare and dinner is provided. Please RSVP before attending. Contact Shala for dates and times. You may contact her at (360)220-3785 or Shala-crow@olivecrest.org

30 Questions to ask your kid instead of “How was your day?”

By Sarah Goldstein

*Found this on Motherly

1. What did you eat for lunch?
2. Did you catch anyone doing something funny?
3. What games did you play at recess?
4. What was the funniest thing that happened today?
5. Did anyone do anything super nice for you?
6. What was the nicest thing you did for someone else?
7. Who made you smile today?
8. Which one of your teachers would survive a zombie apocalypse? Why?
9. What new fact did you learn today?
10. Who brought the best food in their lunch today? What was it?
11. What challenged you today?
12. If school were a ride at the fair, which ride would it be? Why?
13. What would you rate your day on a scale of 1 to 10? Why?
14. If one of your classmates could be the teacher for the day who would you want it to be? Why?
15. If you had the chance to be the teacher tomorrow, what would you teach the class?
16. Did anyone push your buttons today?
17. Who do you want to make friends with but haven't yet? Why not?
18. What is your teacher's most important rule?
19. What is the most popular thing to do at recess?
20. Does your teacher remind you of anyone else you know? How?
21. Tell me something you learned about a friend today.
22. What was your favorite subject to study today? Why?
23. What is one thing you did today that was helpful?
24. When did you feel most proud of yourself today?
25. What rule was the hardest to follow today?
26. What is one thing you hope to learn before the school year is over?
27. Which person in your class is your exact opposite?
28. Which area of your school is the most fun?
29. Which playground skill do you plan to master this year?
30. Does anyone in your class have a hard time following the rules?

Know someone that may need some assistance navigating through the programs to get assistance for children in their care (nieces, nephews, grandchildren, cousins)? Please send them my way or have them call or message me to set up an appointment. If you are at the LIBC administration office, please feel free to check in with me to see if the program is a good fit for you.

The Kinship Navigator does not have any funds to provide support services. What I do as the Kinship Navigator is assist you in finding resources that may be able to help you keep the children in your care. I am more than happy to see what your needs may be and what I may be able to do to help.

If you are receiving this in paper form through the mail, you could send me your email to start receiving it in electronic form.

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Email me your email address to receive an
electronic version of the Kinship Caregiver
Newsletters

Safety Tips for Trick or Treating:

- Stay in groups
- Communicate with your group to agree where you are going
- Be sure to stay visible (Flashlights, reflective tape/Stickers)
- Stick to well lit homes and areas you know
- Eat only factory wrapped treats

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