

# Crescent Heights New Student Tidbits



## 2018-2019 School Year

### **SCHOOL COMMUNICATION:**

1. **Husky Connection:** Every Sunday the “Husky Connection” goes out to families who have signed up for it. Both PTA and all school information are sent out, including important upcoming dates/events.  
✓ *Signing Up:* Go to [www.chepta.org](http://www.chepta.org) and click on the “Sign Up for the Husky Connection” tab.
2. **Crescent Heights Elementary PTA Facebook Page:** [www.facebook.com/crescentheightselementary](http://www.facebook.com/crescentheightselementary)  
✓ Like our page and receive updates and pictures not included in the Husky Connection
3. **PTA Website:** [www.chepta.org](http://www.chepta.org). We are working to update our page with helpful information. It is a work in progress. We have a “Parent Resources” tab that has helpful documents.

### **SCHOOL FOLDERS:**

Each student will receive a school folder which will be sent back and forth between school and home. It is important to check daily and clean out any school work so the folder does not get too full and start to rip. Information will come home from teachers, school office, PTA, etc.

### **SCHOOL UNIFORMS:**

Crescent Heights is a uniform school. We have posted the uniform policy on our webpage. Go to [www.chepta.org](http://www.chepta.org) and look under the “Parent Resources” tab. We have a uniform rack at the bottom of the stairs that has used uniforms in good condition for people who need it. No questions asked.

### **SCHOOL ABSENCES:**

If your child is going to be late or absent, you need to call the absence hotline which is **253.571.5544**. You need to clearly list your child’s name, child’s teacher and child’s reason for being late or absent.

### **VOLUNTEER BACKGROUND CHECK:**

Background checks need to happen every school year. Before you can volunteer at Crescent Heights in any capacity, you need to complete a volunteer background check. The background check includes a copy of your driver’s license. Please allow a couple of weeks for the form to be processed prior to when you want to volunteer....especially for field trips. Forms need to be turned into Ronda in the office.

### **BUSSES:**

Before a student can ride a school bus, they need to be officially signed up for a bus route. Carrie Eklund is the bus coordinator for Crescent Heights and can be found in the school office. She coordinates with families and each bus driver. If a bus rider wants to take a friend home with them, the friend needs to have a note from home stating they have permission to go with the bus rider on the bus. The note is given to their teacher who in turn sends it to the office.

### **ORDERING SCHOOL SWEATSHIRTS:**

We will offer two order periods at the beginning of the school year.

- Order online at [www.pugetsoundscreenprinting.com](http://www.pugetsoundscreenprinting.com) through August 12<sup>th</sup> to be ready for pick up at Ice Cream Social (Tuesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>).
- A second order will be held August 13<sup>th</sup> through September 24<sup>th</sup> with delivery by October 9<sup>th</sup>.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders have their own “Unstoppable Sweatshirts”.

### **FUNDRAISING:**

The PTA’s one big fundraiser will be our Fun Run held on Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. This event will fund the bulk of our PTA Budget. We are hoping to raise at least \$50 per student on average. Throughout the year, Crescent Heights will also hold community fundraisers aside from PTA sponsored events such as: Jump for Heart, Holiday Gift Tags during December or Pennies for Patients. These are school fundraisers to help people in need.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHTS:**

The purpose of our family fun nights such as Harvest Dance or Movie Night is to offer an opportunity for Crescent Heights families to get together and have fun. There is usually a small fee to cover the costs of the evening. If cost is ever an issue, please let us know. Our goal is to have as much family involvement as possible.

**PTA MEMBERSHIP:**

Annual membership is \$12 for one person or \$20 for two people. A membership campaign occurs at the beginning of the school year. There will be opportunities to sign up at school during Ice Cream Social and Curriculum Night. In addition, information will be sent home and you can send the membership form and money back into the school. Membership is a way to support the PTA and school, but it is not required to attend PTA events or meetings. You are supporting an organization that helps schools nationally.

**PTA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

Each month there are PTA events at school or after school where you can volunteer. Information about volunteering is sent out via the Husky Connection platform. Currently, the PTA uses Sign Up Genius to manage volunteers. There are always programs needing extra hands. Throughout the school year but especially at the beginning and end of the school year, the PTA advertises needs. If you have a desire to help and do not know where to begin, just e-mail [board@chepta.org](mailto:board@chepta.org) and we would love to find a place for you.

**NE TACOMA HEALTHY KIDS COALITION:**

The coalition is a partnership between NE Tacoma PTAs, schools and community organizations focusing on providing healthy weekend meals to students in need in our community.

**LOST AND FOUND:**

There is a lost and found rack at the bottom of the stairs. Coats are hung up on the rack and lunch boxes and smaller items are next to the rack in a box. A day or two can go by before an item makes its way to the rack. Twice a year, unclaimed items are donated to charity. Before a donation happens, there are several posts about it. Sweatshirts with names printed on the back are not donated.

**MORNINGS – LINING UP:**

All students line up by teacher. Kindergartners line up in the kindergarten playground whereas 1-5<sup>th</sup> graders line up in the gymnasium. Students need to be lined up by the first bell at 8:55am.

**MORNING DROP OFF:**

1. As you enter Crescent Heights parking lot all cars must pull forward.
2. Do not let your children out of the car until you are in the front (four cars) of the line, and a valet (teacher or student) lets the child out of the car.
3. Use caution if moving (passing) directly to the left of the cars in the drop off zone to park.
4. No parking is allowed in the drop off lane next to the curb. Please do not get out of your car in this lane.
5. If you park, children must be escorted to the building.
6. Please do not cross the drop off zone; use the sidewalk at the south end of the parking lot near the flag pole.

**AFTERNOON PICK UP:**

School is out at 3:30pm. Students being picked up in a vehicle should follow this protocol:

1. Teachers will escort students to the outside main entrance. Classes will line up by grade level. Children will only be put into cars in the loading zone. The students will be called forward and put into the car.
2. If parents park in the parking lot, they must walk across the parking lot, wait near the flagpole, and escort their children to their vehicle.
3. Kindergarten parents may park and pick up their kindergarten students in the designated kindergarten area.
4. No parking is allowed in the pick-up lane next to the curb.
5. No parent pick up or drop off is allowed in the bus zone.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE:**

School's out daycare is an onsite daycare held in the Crescent Heights cafeteria. Hours are 6:30am – 6:30pm. Check out [schoolsoutcc.com/crescent-heights-elementary/](http://schoolsoutcc.com/crescent-heights-elementary/) for more information. There is full-time and part-time care available.

**\*\*QUESTIONS: Please don't hesitate to e-mail [board@chepta.org](mailto:board@chepta.org). \*\***