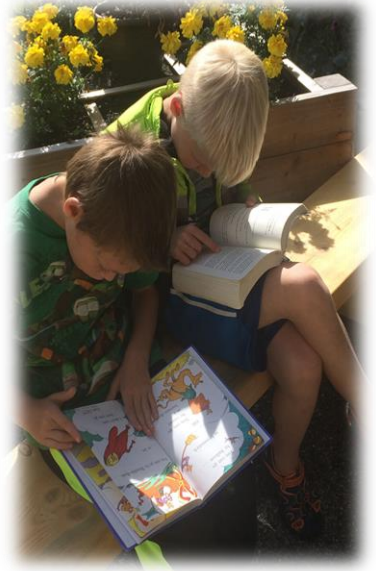


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Vale Elementary After School Program!

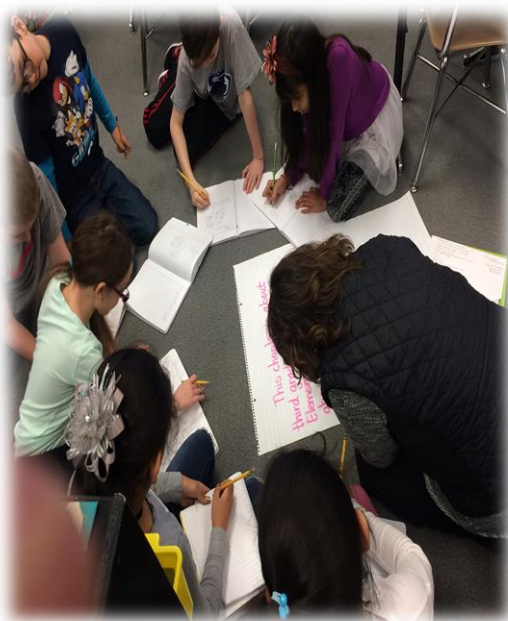
“The KID Zone”

Vale Elementary is expanding by offering an After School Program! Beginning this school year, the Cashmere School District will offer after-school services, Monday through Thursday, for children in grades K – 4.



The decision to offer after-school childcare services is based upon a combination of research and feedback collected through the Early Childhood Education literature and Vale Elementary student surveys completed through our leadership program. Many parents and employers are quick to cite the lack of affordable, high quality after-school childcare for school-age children as a significant challenge. By offering childcare services, the Cashmere School District is hoping to:

- **Provide children with access to a safe, child-centered setting**
- **Reduce transitions for students and parents throughout the day**
- **Increase student participation in enriching, high-interest activities**
- **Support working families and employers**



In addition to examining parent and community feedback, we looked at the research associated with after-school childcare and enrichment. According to the Harvard Family Research Project, “After-school programs are a powerful influence in the lives of young people. They offer safe spaces where youth receive personal attention, find academic support, form friendships, discover their passions, and develop new talents. Research confirms that high-quality after-school programs show positive outcomes for young people, including academic achievement, civic and social development, and reduced risk-taking behaviors.”

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Frequently Asked Questions:

How much does it cost?

Participating families will be asked to pay a monthly fee based on a sliding- scale system. Fees collected will be used to cover the costs associated with staffing, supplies, and a healthy snack. Rates are:

- \$30 per month for families qualifying for free meal services
- \$60 per month for families qualifying for reduced-cost meal services
- \$120 per month for full-pay families

What time does it begin and end?

It will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

What is the ratio of students to each supervisor?

15 students per supervisor for children in grades K through 2. For grades 3 through 4, the ratio will be 20 students per supervisor.

Will transportation be provided?

Transportation will not be provided, except for students who qualify for the Migrant or McKinney-Vento (Homeless) program?

What activities will be offered as part of the childcare program?

Some examples include: games, art projects, outdoor play, independent reading, and homework.



Are “drop-ins” allowed?

Not at this time. As a starting place, we are prioritizing childcare for students needing regular services. Parents of participating students will be asked to pay a monthly fee (see rates left). We’ll assess our ability to allow for drop-ins after the first trimester.

How do I enroll my child?

Beginning Monday, August 21, enrollment information will be available at the Vale Elementary School office. We will also post enrollment information on our district website.

What if I can’t pay for the monthly fee?

If you do not have the funds to pay for this program, a scholarship for one or more months can be applied for through Cashmere Cares. Contact Scott Griffith (below) to request a scholarship application.

Is tuition adjusted if you qualify for programs like Migrant or McKinney-Vento (Homeless)?

Yes. Tuition will be waived for student qualifying for either program. Please indicated your status in these programs on the enrollment packet.

Do children need to bring a snack?

No. Snacks will be provided as part of the cost of the program.

Other questions?

Please direct your questions to [Scott Griffith](mailto:sgriffith@cashmere.wednet.edu), After School Program Coordinator at sgriffith@cashmere.wednet.edu.

