

NEW STUDENT WELCOME INFORMATION

SHERMAN ELEMENTARY

Sherman's PTSA welcomes you to a new school year! Sherman Elementary is such a wonderful school and we are excited to share this year with you!

Our Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) is a powerful voice for our Sherman Elementary children, a relevant resource for families and communities, and a strong advocate for the well-being and education of every Sherman child. Stay tuned for ways you can support the Sherman PTSA, but in the meantime, we wanted to share with you some important information about Sherman Elementary School.

The full student handbook can be found at www.tacomaschools.org/sherman, under the 'About' drop-down menu.

PTSA Membership

Join us! We would love to get to know you better and we need your help and support!

Membership in the PTSA gives you a vote at our meetings to help drive the direction of our community events and fundraising. Come see what PTSA is all about and the fun ways to get involved in our amazing Sherman community!

Membership forms can be found online on our PTSA website:

www.shermanptsa.com

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Co-Presidents: Jenny Gauger & Laura Hehr Co-Vice-Pres.: Carrie Shirer & Celesta Smith Secretary: Lindsay Belcher

Co-Treasurers: Samara Karejwa & Dave Lamkin Volunteer Coordinator: Sara Green Staff Reps: Ana McCall & Earla Reed



"We are Sherman S.T.E.A.M.!"

What is S.T.E.A.M.?

Science. Technology. Engineering. Arts. Math.

Sherman Elementary is a S.T.E.A.M. designated school. Teachers, specialist staff and paraeducators incorporate added emphasis on these aspects of academics into their classrooms. It helps focus students on creative problem solving and is a great way to prepare kids to be 21st century citizens!

Sherman Elementary incorporates the STEAM experience through Project Based Learning (PBL). These are large scale initiatives & projects taking place throughout the year at each grade level, in addition to state-mandated curriculum.

What is Project Based Learning (PBL)? Project-based learning is a dynamic classroom approach in which students actively explore real-world problems and challenges to acquire deeper knowledge & problem-solving skills. Students will collaborate with others, utilize technology, and learn to effectively communicate their ideas.

How will I know my child's academic progress? Teachers communicate with parents in many ways, including Parent Nights. These happen during each PBL initiative and are an opportunity to view your child's learning experience.