



# Panther Lake Elementary

## Profile 2008-2009

### What Is Special About Our School?

Panther Lake serves a diverse community of approximately 400 students in Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grades. This school attends to each student's full range of educational needs, preparing him or her for continued learning in middle school and beyond. The cooperative efforts of a dedicated staff, involved parents, wonderful students, and a supportive community help to meet that mission.

Panther Lake is unique in many ways. The school recognizes and celebrates all the diverse cultures represented in its population. The staff focuses on the individual learner and on fulfilling each student's academic needs. Panther Lake expects that all students will achieve their full potential. The staff realizes they can teach students to learn, but parental modeling and support are what teach a child to work.

Panther Lake's many accomplishments are made possible through a full partnership with parents, community, and school staff.

The model inclusion program provides for the varied needs of all the students. Staff development concentrates on helping adapt and integrate the curriculum so that all students are successful. In order for these successes to continue to grow, the Panther Lake staff invites all community members to work with them as they nurture and educate children.

Panther Lake's parent volunteer program reflects a wide cross-community representation. A PTA organization and a parent volunteer group contribute to the success of the annual carnival, science fair, math and literacy nights, field trips, assemblies, and many valuable teaching materials and resources. Teaching children is truly a team effort. Without the efforts of our PTA, we would not be nearly as successful.

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Principal: Rudy Baca (since 2006)

School Built: 1960  
School Last Remodeled: 1978  
Number of Classrooms: 23

### Academic and Student Programs

Accelerated Reader	Learning Assistance Program (LAP)
AmeriCorps	Librarian
Assemblies, Various	Looping Grades
Breakfast & Lunch Program	Music Program
Counselors or Dean	P.E. Specialist
Daycare Onsite	PTA
English Language Learners (ELL)	Special Ed Inclusion
Extended Learning (ELO)	Special Ed Resource Rm.
Field Trips – Grade Level	Special Ed Self-contained
GATE Gifted & Talented	Student Led Conferences
Honor Choir	Summer School
Instructional Coaches (2)	Technology Lab
Intramurals/After School	Title 1 School
Kindergarten All Day	Tutoring
Kindergarten Half-day Integrated	Yearbook
Kindergarten Integrated	

### No Child Left Behind Report Card

The No Child Left Behind Act requires all schools and school districts in the United States to prepare annual reports for parents and the public detailing their academic achievement. The State Superintendent of Public Instruction's web site makes this information available on-line. Find your school's report card on-line at <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/>, Click on Federal Way in the "Summary" box, and then choose your school from the list. You may also request a paper copy of the report card at your school's office. For more information about the NCLB Act, go to <http://www.nclb.gov/index.html>.

**Student Characteristics  
Distribution of Student Ethnicity  
(percentage)**

	2006	2007	2008
African American	14.63	17.00	16.37
Asian	25.61	25.30	24.69
Hispanic	9.76	8.10	10.08
Native American	1.71	1.30	1.51
White	38.54	37.20	32.24
Pac Islander	1.95	2.50	3.78
Multi-Racial	6.34	6.10	8.82

**Other Student Characteristics**

	2006	2007	2008
Number of Students (Oct.)	367	400	397
Free/Reduced Meals	48.5%	50.9%	47.0%

**How Are We Using Our Financial Resources?**

**Our District  
"Per Pupil" Expenditures for 2007-08**

Total Expenditure	\$8,902.00
Supplies & Instructional Materials	\$512.00
Equipment	\$51.00

**Our School Funding**

Building Expenditures	\$49,843.33
ASB (Associated Student Body) Expenditures	\$4,333.00

Panther Lake's funds are used to enhance student curriculum and student programs. Most of the money is used for teaching supplies, PE equipment, technology, library books, staff development, materials, equipment, and photocopying for student lessons. ASB funds go for assemblies, field trips, and incentive awards.

**How Are Our Students Doing on Required Tests?**

**Washington Assessment of Student Learning (WASL)**

\*Beginning in spring of 2006, the state of Washington requires that the WASL be given at sixth grade.

Percentage Meeting Standard in:

<b>Grade 3</b>				
<b>Math</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
School	.0	64.0	68.9	78.0
District	.0	70.0	74.1	71.0
<b>Reading</b>				
School	.0	67.0	67.2	70.0
District	.0	72.0	73.5	71.0

<b>Grade 4</b>				
<b>Math</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
School	54.9	62.0	58.0	61.0
District	61.7	66.0	60.1	60.0
<b>Reading</b>				
School	84.5	85.0	84.0	77.0
District	84.4	86.0	80.2	77.0
<b>Writing</b>				
School	49.3	62.0	59.2	48.0
District	58.6	58.0	56.2	58.0

<b>Grade 5</b>				
<b>Math</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>
School	.0	55.0	64.5	64.0
District	.0	58.0	66.2	69.0
<b>Reading</b>				
School	.0	87.0	67.7	74.0
District	.0	82.0	66.2	80.0
<b>Science</b>				
School	60.0	48.0	32.3	41.0
District	32.0	30.0	31.2	40.0