



## Husky Highlights

Madison Elementary  
 616 Pecks Drive  
 Everett, WA 98203  
 425-385-5900  
 “Work hard, be kind, inspire, learn.”

December 16, 2014

### Calendar of Events:

**December 17**  
**Family Math Night**  
**5:00-6:30 pm**

**December 19**  
**75 minute early dismissal-**  
**Students out at 1:30 pm**

**December 22- January 2**  
**No School- Winter Break**



### **Parent communication system messages**

Did you miss the last recorded call from us? If you would like to hear the most recent recorded calls made to your phone, dial 1-877-737-5291 (1-877-REPLAY1) from the primary phone on which you receive calls from the district. You will hear a list of the most recent recorded messages sent to your phone. Select the message that you would like to hear.



### Principal's Corner:

I want to highlight some of the great instruction done here by the Madison staff. To start off I want to showcase Julie Gallaway's class from last Friday.

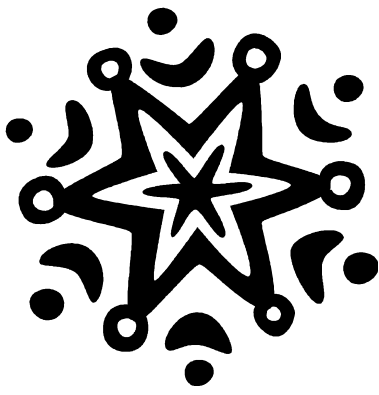
The intermediate extended resource room lived the experience of the times and constructed the setting of the book *The Sign of the Beaver* by Elizabeth George Speare. This is a great example of student engagement beyond that of simply reading the book. They “lived” the book.

The teacher read the book to the students and had a culminating activity to bring the story to life. They constructed a frontier campsite based on the description contained in the book. They sat around a campfire with a glowing fire (lights) and a simmering black cauldron that had blue “construction paper” stew. They found a big branch outside from the windstorm and they put birds, two real bird nests, and a real beehive on it. The setting they created also had animals, a flowing stream, trees, teepees, and a cabin that the character Matt lived in. They ate beef jerky, blueberries, and nuts and enjoyed some apple juice (our version of moonshine).

What Mrs. Gallaway liked about this activity was her students working together and coming up with ideas to help bring the story to life. The students had a lot of fun as did Mrs. Gallaway, Mrs. Archer, and Mrs. Lucero.



Dave O'Neill, Ph.D.  
 Interim Principal



The Holiday season is upon us and for some families experiencing financial burden, this can be a particularly stressful time of year. We would like to pass along a great local resource available to some low income Everett families who are interested in assistance with holiday gifts, called Christmas House.

Christmas House provides holiday gifts for qualifying, low-income, Snohomish County families with children aged 18 or younger. It is a privately funded charity, not a government funded program. To qualify to shop at Christmas House, you must:

- be a resident of Snohomish County,
- have children aged 18 or younger living in your custody, and
- have a household income at or below 150% of the poverty level, as defined by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (see [www.christmas-house.org](http://www.christmas-house.org) for details).

ID, proof of income, proof of custody and Snohomish County residency are required. Christmas House does not pre-register.

There is no advance registration. Admission is by number; numbers are passed out daily starting between 6:30 – 7 am, until one hour before closing time, or until numbers are gone, whichever comes first.

**Christmas House will be open December 4 – 20, 2014.** Hours of operation will be:

- Tuesday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
- Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- Sundays and Mondays closed

Christmas House is located at the Everett Boys and Girls Club, 2316 – 12th Street.

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

**Affirmative Action Office**-Carol Stolz, [cstolz@everettsd.org](mailto:cstolz@everettsd.org),  
425-385-4106

**Title IX Officer**-Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org),  
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**504 Coordinator**-Becky Ballbach, [bballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:bballbach@everettsd.org),  
425-385-4063

**ADA Coordinator**-Kristine McDowell, [kmcdowell@everettsd.org](mailto:kmcdowell@everettsd.org), 425-385-5250  
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### **Celebration of Innovation, Feb. 25, 2015**

Join students for the annual *Celebration of Innovation* at Cascade High School on Feb. 25, 2015, 6 to 8 p.m. Students will showcase examples of gaining insight and solving problems through technology, and teachers using technology to enhance instruction.



