



FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER

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MISSED AN AUTOMATED CALL?

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.

ATTENDANCE

Missing school for any amount of time can have a negative impact on your student's learning, achievement and grades. When your child must be absent, be sure to let us know the reason for the absences. For absences of five or more days, we ask for a written note from your doctor.

Call the 24-hour attendance line:
425-385-6905



Silver Lake Elementary is **FRAGRANCE FREE** due to severe allergies.

February Calendar

February 2	3	4	5	6 LIF 2:10 PM Dismissal
9	10 4:30 PM School Board Meeting (CRC)	11	12	13 LIF 2:10 PM Dismissal Popcorn Friday (\$0.25)
16 No School (Mid-Winter Break)	17 No School (Mid-Winter Break)	18	19	20 LIF 2:10 PM Dismissal
23	24 2:00 PM- 3:00 PM Taproot Assembly 4:30 PM School Board Meeting (CRC)	25 6:00 – 8:00 PM Celebration of Innovation (Cascade High School)	26 7:00 PM PTA General Membership Meeting	27 LIF 2:10 PM Dismissal Popcorn Friday (\$0.25)

SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS ARE COMING (GRADES 3-5)!

TESTING DATES: *Mark your calendar!* *Your child needs to be at school for the entire day!*

If students are absent on a testing day their absence will be unexcused. The Principal will review each individual absence to determine whether to excuse the absence and may require a conference prior to excusing an absence. *Have you heard that state assessments are changing? Because Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA) are such an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the [Quicklinks](#) section on the district homepage.*

CAT = Computer Adaptive Test

In-Class = Instructional Activity (*Taught by Classroom Teacher*)

PT = Performance Task

	ELA			Math		Science
Grade 3	April 14 CAT 1 CAT 2	April 15 In-Class PT 1	April 16 PT 2	April 20 CAT 1 CAT 2	April 21 In-Class PT	N/A
Grade 4	April 28 CAT 1 CAT 2	April 29 In-Class PT 1	April 30 PT 2	April 22 CAT 1 CAT 2	April 23 In-Class PT	N/A
Grade 5	May 5 CAT 1 CAT 2	May 6 In-Class PT 1	May 7 PT 2	May 11 CAT 1 CAT 2	May 12 In-Class PT	TBD Possibly May 13-15

PREPARE FOR WINTER WEATHER & SCHOOL CLOSURE

How to find emergency school schedule information (usually by 5:30 a.m.).

See Emergency Closure page under Parents tab on district website for full details and other resources.

At www.schoolreport.org, you can subscribe to receive notices at the same time those notices are sent to media outlets, or you can bookmark this site to check for a listing of regional school emergency schedule information.

- Media news reports (Media gets information from (www.schoolreport.org))
- District website: www.everettsd.org
- District information line at 425-385-4636
- Blackboard Connect* calls, emails and text messages made to school families beginning as early as 5:45 a.m.

Please be sure your contact information is up to date at your school.

Program impact chart outlines how various school programs and activities are impacted when school is cancelled or starts late.

SNOW ROUTES ARE ONLINE!

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the [snow route information](#) on the Web under the *Parents* tab.

Counselor's Corner

talk with your kids

In our ever changing world, words matter more than ever. When we focus on kindness with our words, we are sending out positive intentions that make others feel good and want to pass the kindness on, creating a climate of togetherness. The opposite is also true. When we say things that are mean and or threatening, it sends out negative intentions that make people feel uncomfortable and sometimes unsafe. It is never funny or clever to threaten, and in fact, we take threats very seriously here at school. All threats are investigated, consequences given, and if warranted, the police notified. Please talk to your students about the words they use and the effect they have on us all. Treats, even meant as jokes, are taken seriously and discouraged.

Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

Everett Public Schools maintains a safe, respectful and secure learning environment for all students that is free from harassment, intimidation and bullying. Our district's core values include our commitment to value differences among people and treat one another respectfully. Harassment, intimidation and bullying of students by other students, by staff members, by volunteers, by parents or by guardians is prohibited.

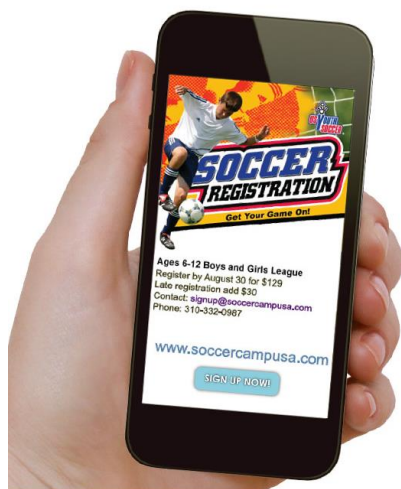
It shall be a violation of this policy and the district's student discipline policy for any student of the district to harass, intimidate or bully another student through electronic, written, verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct while in or on school property (or in reasonable proximity thereto), school transportation, or at school-sponsored activities off school property.

Behaviors/Expressions

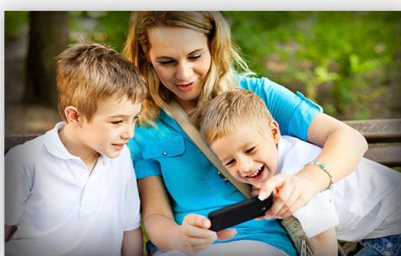
Harassment, intimidation and bullying can take many forms, including but not limited to, slurs, name calling, **jokes, innuendoes**, demeaning comments, drawings, cartoons, pranks, gestures, hazing, physical attacks, threats or other written, oral, or physical acts or electronically transmitted messages or images.

More information can be found in the Everett Public Schools Student Responsibilities & Rights Policies and Parental Notifications Prohibition of Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying 3204 & Procedure 3204P

New eflyer tool with Peachjar



School flyers **DIRECT** to parents



On Feb. 2, schools in our district will launch a new electronic flyer communication tool called "[Peachjar](#)." Peachjar will make it much easier for you to see school-approved eflyers – directly in your email inbox or with one click on the Peachjar button on each school's website.

Watch for a welcome email from Peachjar. It will include your username and password. Using that information, you can manage your eflyer account and set your delivery preferences. You do not need to log in to receive or review school eflyers.

To be sure you get that first Peachjar message, please add "school@peachjar.com" to your email contacts. Note: add "school@peachjar.com" just as written; do **not** change it to the name of your school @peachjar.com. When you receive your first eflyer, click "always display images" to see the flyers displayed in the body of your emails.

Neither Peachjar nor Thoughtexchange will use your email for any other purpose than those described above, and you can opt-out of either system at any time.



Family Vacations & Attendance Policy

Everett Public Schools' attendance policy (P3122) states that "...students are expected to attend all assigned classes each day on time. It is recognized that there are rare occasions that necessitate a late arrival, early departure or legitimate excused student absence...Determination as to whether an absence is a tardy, excused or unexcused absence is made by the school in accordance with law and policy. The role of the parent or guardian is to ensure that his/her children attend school and to verify that the student's absence was for an excusable reason." **In summary, the district policy does not indicate that a family vacation is a valid reason for an excused absence.**

Families are discouraged from scheduling trips while school is in session. We of course, understand there are exceptional circumstances that, on rare occasion, preclude families from being able to avoid pulling students out of class (a family event that you do not have control over, like a wedding, etc.) and we take this into consideration when reviewing absences to determine if it will be considered excused. If you must take your student out of class for 5 or more days, you are required to complete a "Request for Excused Absence" form (available in the school office). While you may contact your student's teachers to request assignments and/or materials, teachers are *not required* to provide assignments and/or materials and teachers will not be creating supplemental instructional activities to compensate for the time your student is away from classes. When a student misses a day of school, they are missing six hours of instruction, each school day, delivered by a teacher and other instructional staff. Upon his or her return to class, a student will inevitably be behind because they have missed instructional experiences that cannot be replicated outside of the classroom setting. Additionally, the length of the absence and the potential impact that it would have on the student's academic progress is reviewed.


REPORT ABSENCES: 24 hour Attendance Line 425-385-6905
NEW: Silver Lake Elementary Attendance Email SilverLakeAttendance@everettsd.org

When a student is absent from school, in order to be *considered* excused, we require a call or email from a parent or legal guardian **as soon as possible on the morning of the absence**, to verify the reason for the absence. The principal will determine if the absence will be excused. If we do not receive a phone call, you may provide a note from a parent within 24 hours of return to school. If a student is absent 3 or more days due to illness they are expected to return to school with a note from a doctor in order to be considered excused. According to state law, any student with 7 unexcused absences in a month or 10 unexcused absences in a year will receive a BECCA petition from the juvenile court.

We appreciate you understanding that your student's education is our highest priority, and we would like him or her to attend regularly, every day, in order to maximize his or her learning opportunities at Silver Lake Elementary.

Get Connected! Stay Informed! Feel Welcome!

PTA Website	http://silverlakepta.weebly.com
Email	sleptamustangs@gmail.com
Phone	(425) 385-6979
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President – Jill Miller	sleptapresident1@gmail.com
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Treasurer – Jake Sand	sleptatreasurer@gmail.com
Secretary – Raegan Fisher	sleptasecretary@gmail.com



Link Fred Meyer rewards card to Silver Lake PTA.
<https://www.fredmeyer.com/topic/community-rewards-4>

Search for Silver Lake Elementary PTA or our # 85175.

The percentage donated back to the school varies according to how much you spend, but with many families participating, the funds quickly add up. Enrollment must occur each school year - so please be sure to re-enroll.
Rewards Customers still get the Rewards Points, Fuel Points and Rebates. *This is a separate program and in addition to all of these other great benefits.*

Volunteer Opportunities!

Your Silver Lake PTA, along with all the programs & events your PTA supports, is run entirely by volunteers!

Please consider helping out in any way you can. Even if you only have time to help for one hour, during one event, your PTA needs all the help you can give.

Do you work during the day, but have an hour in the evening when you could volunteer from home?
Every minute helps, and every minute is appreciated.

Raegan Fisher: PTA Secretary & Volunteer Coordinator | sleptasecretary@gmail.com
All Volunteers and PTA Volunteers must have a cleared Everett School District background check on file.
Pick up an application in the school office or apply online at: <http://www.everettsd.org/domain/1452>
Background checks must be renewed every 3 years.

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, 425-385-4106
- Title IX Officer** – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- 504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator** – Kristine McDowell, kmcdowell@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250 Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201