

Silver Firs Jaguar News

SILVER FIRS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March 2023

Welcome to March Silver Firs Families!

March greetings to you as we are beginning to see the start of spring. These weeks of instruction are important for us as the consistency of uninterrupted weeks leading up to spring break provide a time of solid instruction and sustained learning for students.

Also coming in March are our Parent-Teacher Conferences! All families will be invited for a spring conference, and you will be receiving information to finalize your conference from your child's teacher by mid-March. Communication between home and school is key in a student's success, so we hope for 100% parent participation in our spring conferences, whether you prefer an in-person or a Zoom conference. During parent/teacher conference week from March 27 –31, we will have reduced student learning days with a 1:00 p.m. dismissal time. Friday, March 24, will also be a 1:00 p.m. early dismissal day for teachers to prepare for conferences

Additionally, the third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be assessed using the Smarter Balanced Assessment in ELA and Math beginning in April and into May. The finalized schedule will be sent to these families very soon. Look for more information soon.

Annual Family Survey: We need and value your thoughts, insights, and feedback as a school and as a district. Our avenue for gathering as much feedback as possible is our annual surveys. Your time is certainly valuable but so are your thoughts pertaining to what we do well and how we can improve. For access to our family survey, please click the link: <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/everett/family23>

*A friendly reminder regarding birthday treats. Out of the concern for students with food allergies and to strengthen our alignment with the district's food and nutrition policies, **food items may not be brought to school to celebrate birthdays (i.e., cupcakes, cakes, cookies, etc.).** If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday with their class, please consider non-food options such as donating a book to the classroom library or a small item for each child (pencil, pen, erasers, stickers, etc.) We know this may come as a disappointment to some, but we appreciate your understanding and cooperation.*

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PARKING LOT REMINDERS

- Please do not drop off your student before 9:00 AM. There is no supervision coverage until that time.
- Walking in front of cars in the Kiss and Go Lane places you and your child in harm's way. Please use the crosswalk instead.



Silver Firs Elementary invites you to join us for...



STEAM
FAMILY NIGHT
SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY ENGINEERING ARTS MATH

March 9, 2023 4:30-6 pm
Gym, Cafeteria, & Library

So much fun, you'll be blown away!

Make &
Take sound
toys

Build a
hoover
craft

Build mini
catapults

Build & fly
hoop
gliders

Explore real
bird skulls &
structures

Build circuits &
generate
electricity with
Snohomish PUD

Create
tessellation
art

6-sided
snowflakes

Compare
heart rates

And
more!

SFE robotics
showing their
codes & builds



Mill Creek YMCA Sports Gear Exchange

Do you have soccer gear your child has outgrown? At STEAM night, Silver Firs will be collecting new and gently used soccer gear for kids in our community in support of the Mill Creek YMCA.

There will be a bin to drop off:

- New or gently used cleats
- New soccer socks
- New shin guards





Check It Out...

SILVER FIRS LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

March 2023

Spring is in the Air

Kindergarten - We were all about love in February. Students listened to the books *Love Monster* and *Love, Z.* They learned how to illustrate the character Love Monster and thought about how they show love. We also started looking at character traits. We read aloud *Sylvester and the Magic Pebble* and *Stick and Stone*. Students chose characters from these books to describe what traits the characters have. As you read aloud with your child, ask your child to tell you some character traits of the characters in those books.

1st Grade - We took a closer look into characters to discuss what character traits they show and how to understand the story better by looking at the different characters' points of view.

2nd Grade - Students continued to practice using our online catalog system, Destiny, to search for books of interest and then use the call numbers to find those books on the shelves. They are becoming independent managers in the library!! We also started looking at non-fiction books, in particular, non-fiction text features and how those enhance the information they read.

3rd Grade - We wrapped up the Who Would Win? research projects. This project had the students researching specific information, trying out different resources for finding the information, using a graphic organizer, and then using the information gathered to write their opinion. At the end of the month, students explored books from the Otter Book Award Nominees. They were introduced to the books *Monster and Boy* and *Starla Jean*.

4th Grade - Students spent the month reviewing book genres and learning about the different genres in both fiction and non-fiction texts. They self reflected on what types of genres they enjoy reading to help them find books of interest. These students also had some lessons on digital citizenship where they learned what it means to be ethical online. These lessons are important to teach in the library because students use online resources in the library. We want students to learn how to be good digital citizens at home, in the classroom, and when they are in the library!

5th Grade - We have been working hard to learn about the engineering process. Students have had a few opportunities to apply parts of this process to solve problems. Feel free to ask your child questions about the engineering process, they should have plenty to share. 😊



Author Visit:

On May 3rd, students in grades; 3, 4 and 5 will have the opportunity to listen to the writing journey of author Trudi Trueit. Trudi has written many books including the Explorer Academy series. During library we have been reading a few pages a session. We won't be able to finish the whole book before she visits but students have enjoyed listening to the exciting story. We have two sets of the these books in the library for checkout but we have also encouraged students to check them out from the public library.



Book Fines

Families can address the fines in one of three ways:

1. Return the library material or a new copy of the same book.
2. Pay the fine- you can do this on the district website or pay in the office at Silver Firs Elementary.
3. Request a waiver- Please stop by the office at Silver Firs or call and we can help you.

Please let us know if you have any questions!

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SILVER FIRS ELEMENTARY PTA MARCH NEWS

Yearbooks

The highly anticipated 22-23 yearbook will be available for purchase starting this month! Keep your eyes peeled for a flyer coming home with more information.



Run, Walk, & Roll

Everett Special Education PTSA presents their 3rd annual community hybrid-5K. All are welcome!

Sunday, March 19th
10:00am - 2:00pm
Everett Memorial Stadium



Click [HERE](#) for more info and to register today!

THE DATES!

Th 3.9 STEAM Night
Th 3.16 PTA Meeting
Su 3.19 Run, Walk, & Roll
F 3.24 Early Release
M 3.27 Conferences ER
T 3.28 Conferences ER
W 3.29 Conferences ER
Th 3.30 Conferences ER
F 3.31 Conferences ER



Attendance enters you
into a free raffle!



pta Meeting

Thursday, March 16th
7:00pm - 8:00pm
SFE Library



It is NOT too late to come check out a PTA meeting and see what it's all about. Your voice matters and we want to see you there!



HAVE A QUESTION?

ask the jaguar 

questions@silverfirspta.org

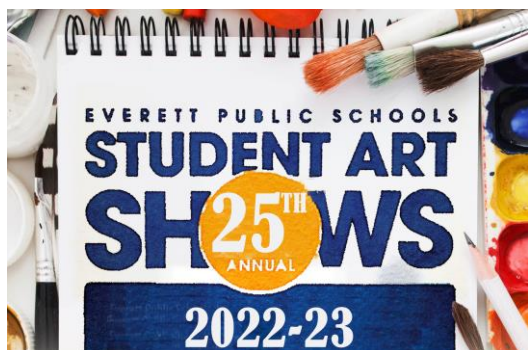


Calendar of Events

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
March 2023			1	2	3 Learning Improvement Friday 2:15 dismissal
	6 Kindergarten Enrollment Begins	7	8	9 STEAM NIGHT! 4:30-6:00	10 Learning Improvement Friday 2:15 dismissal
	13	14 Kindergarten Registration Help Night 4:00-6:00	15	16 PTA Meeting	17 Learning Improvement Friday 2:15 dismissal
	20	21	22	23	24 Early Release 1:00 dismissal
	27 Early Release 1:00 dismissal Parent teacher Conferences	28 Early Release 1:00 dismissal Parent teacher Conferences	29 Early Release 1:00 dismissal Parent teacher Conferences	30 Early Release 1:00 dismissal Parent teacher Conferences	31 Early Release 1:00 dismissal Parent teacher Conferences



Annual Student Art Shows



Everett Public Schools, in partnership with the Everett Public Schools Foundation, is celebrating 25 years of student art shows.

The elementary art show will be on display at the Community Resource Center (CRC) (3900 Broadway) from February 22 to March 15, 2023. There will be an elementary art show open house on March 2, 2023, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for families to view the art show in the evening. The elementary art show can be [viewed virtually on the district's website](#).

High school art will be displayed for public viewing from March 22 to May 4. All participating students, their family members and friends are invited to the High School Art Show Reception on May 4, 2023, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.

Middle school art will be displayed for public viewing from May 8 to June 8. All participating student artists and their family members and friends are invited to attend the Middle School Art Show reception on June 8, 2023, 6 – 7:30 p.m. at the CRC. Awards will be announced at this reception.

Annual School Stakeholder Survey



To guide the Everett Public Schools' continuous improvement process, each year schools survey students, families and staff. This information helps us to understand our specific strengths and challenges that impact school quality.

The School Stakeholder Annual Survey is only one of many pieces of data analyzed by school leaders and staff and results are carefully and thoughtfully reviewed. In addition to survey data, student achievement, attendance, discipline, and program data is evaluated to create School Improvement Plan goals. Your opinion is important to us!

Students in grades 3-12 will be taking this survey in class. Families will also be invited through social media, on the school homepages under the announcements and through normal channels of communications from principals to parents to take the survey which runs February 22 to March 31.

Update emergency contacts

Please call your school if your phone number or emergency contact information changes at any time during the school year. This is the contact information used by the Everett Public Schools automated phone system in emergencies and to share important school information with families.





Safety procedures

Our highest priority is to provide a safe and secure learning environment for our students. We would like you to know what we do in case of emergency so you not only know what to expect, but also so you can feel confident we practice and plan on how to keep your child safe.

If we are alerted of an immediate threat at or around our school, we would implement a lock down. This is a precautionary measure while the nature of the threat is evaluated. In a lockdown, staff is trained to lock classroom doors, shut off the lights, close the blinds and instruct students to sit away from the sightline of the doors or windows. The perimeter doors remain locked, including the front office and no one will be allowed in or out. In addition, the phones will not be answered, so please don't call the office at this time.

Law enforcement will validate if the threat is legitimate. If there is no threat to our students and staff, we would lift the lockdown and families would receive a communication from the school informing them of the lockdown and that it was not a legitimate threat. That communication may not come until later in the day.

If law enforcement validates the threat is real, the school will remain in lockdown as long as necessary. In this case, families will receive communication either from the school or the district office with information about the lockdown and what is known at the time. In lengthy lockdowns, families will receive ongoing communication with updates as available, including when the lockdown is lifted. Again, these communications would either come from the school or the district office depending on the situation.

I hope this helps you understand the lockdown plan and how we will communicate with you. You can find more information about our safety responses and plans on the [Safety and Emergency Preparation](#) website.



Education Support Professionals Week

March 13-17 help us recognize the important work education support staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, food and nutrition services professionals, bus drivers and many other education support staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.



Daylight saving time begins March 12



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 12 at 2 a.m. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.” There will be more light in the evening. Also called Spring Ahead, Summertime and Daylight-Saving Time.



Kindergarten registration begins this month

Will your child be 5 years old by August 31? On March 6, you can complete your child's online enrollment for kindergarten. An easy and quick process as detailed in the [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) available in multiple languages on our website www.everettsd.org/kindergartenenrollment. You can also enroll in-person at your neighborhood school.



Enrolling early in March will ensure invitations to your school's kindergarten events and participation in Everett Ready, a transition-into-kindergarten program offered for one week in August to all enrolled kindergarteners. We are looking forward to welcoming you and your student to kindergarten!

Parent University – suggest a topic

Parent University is an on-demand resource created to help parents and guardians become full partners in their child's education. Parent and family engagement in education positively impacts the academic and social success of children. Content includes a selection of pre-recorded videos and how-to documents that can be viewed at any time.

If you have additional topics you would like to suggest, please email communications@everettsd.org. We value your partnership as we continually improve this resource for families.

Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically. Just go to the home page of our school website and click on the Peachjar Eflyer button to check it out. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.



No action is required on your part. You should have already received a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided so you can manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. Don't worry if you've forgotten your password, you can reset it at any time. If you cannot locate your welcome email, you can [go to Peachjar and sign up!](#)

This system is used exclusively for the distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.



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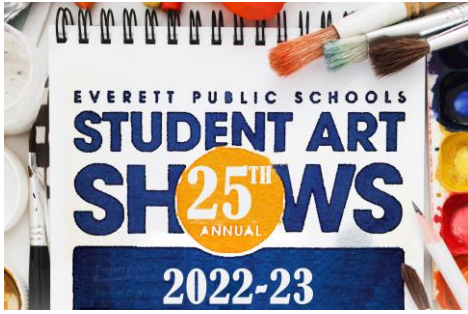
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Muestras de arte de los alumnos anuales



Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, en sociedad con la Fundación de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, celebran el 25 aniversario de las muestras de arte de los alumnos.

La muestra de arte de la primaria se exhibirá en el Centro de Recursos Comunitarios (CRC) (3900 Broadway) del 22 de febrero al 15 de marzo de 2023. El 2 de marzo de 2023, de 6 p.m. a 7:30 p.m., tendrá lugar una jornada de puertas abiertas de la muestra de arte de la primaria para que las familias vean la muestra de arte en la tarde. Puede ver la muestra de arte de la primaria de forma virtual en [el sitio web del distrito](#).

El arte de la escuela secundaria se exhibirá al público del 22 de marzo al 4 de mayo. Todos los alumnos participantes, los miembros de sus familias y amigos están invitados a la Recepción de la Muestra de Arte de la Escuela Secundaria el 4 de mayo de 2023, de 6 p.m. a 7:30 p.m., en el CRC. Los premios se anunciarán en dicha recepción.

El arte de la escuela media se exhibirá al público del 8 de mayo al 8 de junio. Todos los alumnos artistas participantes y los miembros de sus familias y amigos están invitados a la recepción de la Muestra de Arte de la Escuela Media el 8 de junio de 2023, de 6 p.m. a 7:30 p.m., en el CRC. Los premios se anunciarán en dicha recepción.

Encuesta Anual de las Partes Interesadas de las Escuelas



Todos los años, las escuelas realizan una encuesta de alumnos, familias y personal para que sirva de guía al proceso de mejora continua de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett. Esta información nos ayuda a comprender nuestras fortalezas y desafíos específicos que afectan la calidad escolar.

La Encuesta Anual de las Partes Interesadas de las Escuelas es solo un componente de los datos que analizan los líderes escolares y el personal, y los resultados son evaluados detenidamente y en detalle. Además de los datos de la encuesta, también evaluamos los logros, la asistencia y la disciplina de los

alumnos y los datos de los programas para crear los objetivos del Plan de Mejora Escolar. ¡Su opinión es importante para nosotros!

Los alumnos de tercero a duodécimo grado responderán esta encuesta en sus clases. También invitaremos a las familias a través de los medios sociales, en las páginas de inicio de las escuelas debajo de los anuncios, y a través de los canales de comunicaciones normales de los directores a los padres para que respondan la encuesta que estará abierta del 22 de febrero al 31 de marzo.

Actualice sus contactos de emergencia

Le pedimos que llame a su escuela si cambia su número de teléfono o información de contacto de emergencia en cualquier momento durante el año escolar. Se trata de la información de contacto que utiliza el sistema de teléfonos automático de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett para emergencias y para compartir información escolar importante con las familias.





Procedimientos de seguridad

Nuestra máxima prioridad es brindar un entorno de aprendizaje seguro a nuestros alumnos. Nos gustaría que esté informado sobre lo que hacemos en caso de emergencia para que usted sepa lo que puede esperar y pueda estar seguro de que practicamos y planificamos cómo proteger la seguridad de su hijo.

Si recibimos una alerta de una amenaza inmediata en nuestra escuela o sus alrededores, implementaremos un cierre de emergencia. Se trata de una medida de precaución mientras se evalúa la naturaleza de la amenaza. Durante un cierre de emergencia, el personal fue capacitado para cerrar con llave las puertas de los salones de clases, apagar las luces, cerrar las persianas e indicar a los alumnos que se sienten alejados de la línea de visión de puertas o ventanas. Las puertas perimetrales, las que incluyen la oficina principal, permanecen cerradas con llave y no se permite la entrada ni la salida de nadie. Adicionalmente, no se atenderán los teléfonos de manera que le pedimos que no llame a la oficina en esas circunstancias.

Las fuerzas de seguridad validarán si la amenaza es legítima. Si no existe una amenaza para nuestros alumnos y personal, cancelaremos el cierre de seguridad y las familias recibirán una comunicación de la escuela informándoles sobre el mismo y el hecho de que no se trataba de una amenaza legítima. Es posible que la comunicación se envíe más tarde el mismo día.

Si las fuerzas de seguridad validan que la amenaza es real, la escuela permanecerá en cierre de seguridad todo el tiempo necesario. En ese caso, las familias recibirán una comunicación de la escuela o de la oficina del distrito con información sobre el cierre de seguridad y lo que se sabe hasta ese momento. En el caso de cierres de seguridad prolongados, las familias recibirán comunicaciones constantes con actualizaciones según se encuentren disponibles, lo que incluye el momento en el que queda sin efecto el cierre de seguridad. Una vez más, dichas comunicaciones serán enviadas por la escuela o la oficina del distrito dependiendo de la situación.

Espero que lo anterior lo ayude a comprender el plan de cierre de seguridad y la manera en la que nos comunicaremos con usted. Puede acceder a mayor información sobre nuestras respuestas y planes de seguridad en el sitio web de [Preparación de Seguridad y Emergencia](#).

Semana de los profesionales de apoyo educativo

Del 13 al 17 de marzo, acompáñenos para brindar reconocimiento al trabajo importante que realizan todos los días los profesionales de apoyo educativo para las escuelas y alumnos. Lo alentamos a dedicar un momento y dar las gracias al personal de la oficina, guardias de cruce peatonal, auxiliares educativos, personal de mantenimiento, profesionales de servicios de comidas y nutrición, conductores de autobuses y muchos otros miembros del personal de apoyo educativo que contribuyen al funcionamiento de las escuelas y del distrito.



El horario de verano comienza el 12 de marzo



El horario de verano comienza el domingo 12 de marzo a las 2 a.m. Debe adelantar una hora sus relojes el sábado a la noche (es decir, perderá una hora). Dispondremos de más luz por las tardes. También se denomina “adelantar en la primavera” y hora de verano.

La inscripción en jardín de infantes comienza este mes

¿Su hijo tendrá 5 años de edad al 31 de agosto? El 6 de marzo puede completar en línea la inscripción de su hijo en jardín de infantes. Un proceso sencillo y rápido que se explica en detalle en el [video de explicación paso a paso para los padres](#) disponible en diversos idiomas en nuestro sitio web: www.everettsd.org/kindergartenrollment.

También puede inscribirse en persona en la escuela de su vecindario.



Inscribirse con anticipación en marzo le garantizará que recibirá invitaciones para los eventos de jardín de infantes de su escuela y que participará en Everett Ready, un programa de transición al jardín de infantes que se ofrece durante una semana en agosto a todos los alumnos de jardín de infantes inscritos. ¡Quedamos a la espera de la oportunidad de darle la bienvenida a usted y a su alumno al jardín de infantes!

Universidad para Padres: sugiera un tema

La Universidad para Padres es un recurso a pedido que fue creado para ayudar a padres, madres y tutores a convertirse en socios plenos de la educación de sus hijos. La participación de padres, madres y familias tiene un impacto positivo en el éxito académico y social de los niños. El contenido incluye una selección de videos grabados previamente y documentos explicativos a los que se puede acceder en cualquier momento.

Si tiene temas adicionales que le gustaría sugerir, escriba a communications@everettsd.org. Valoramos su cooperación a medida que mejoramos continuamente este recurso para las familias.

¡No se lo pierda!

Nuestra escuela utiliza Peachjar para enviar folletos a los hogares de forma electrónica. No tiene más que visitar el sitio web de nuestra escuela y hacer clic en el botón de “Peachjar Eflyer” (folleto electrónico de Peachjar) para probarlo. No tiene necesidad de iniciar sesión para recibir o acceder a los folletos electrónicos de la escuela.



No tiene necesidad de hacer nada. Ya tendría que haber recibido un mensaje de correo electrónico de bienvenida de Peachjar que incluye un nombre de usuario y contraseña. Se proporcionan para que pueda gestionar su cuenta y preferencias de folletos electrónicos. No se preocupe si olvidó su contraseña, puede restablecerla en cualquier momento. Si no puede encontrar su correo electrónico de bienvenida, puede [visitar Peachjar e inscribirse](#).



Este sistema se utiliza exclusivamente para la distribución de folletos aprobados por la escuela. No se compartirá su dirección de correo electrónico para ningún otro fin.



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- expresión de género o identidad, discapacidad, o el uso de perros guía entrenados o animales de
- servicio, y provee con acceso equitativo a los Boy Scouts y a otros grupos juveniles designados. Los
- siguientes empleados han sido designados para gestionar las preguntas y quejas de presuntos actos de
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