Monroe Eagle News

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From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families.

I write this note to you from my dining room table, wishing I were hearing the buzz of student discourse in classrooms and joyful laughter from recess. It's hard to capture in words all of the feelings and emotions we have during these challenging times. What I do know is that the Monroe staff miss our students and families so very much. Please know we are here for you as you navigate virtual learning and all that entails for your family. All teachers and specialists have websites filled with information and links to important resources, including to online Google Classrooms.

If online learning is not a viable option for you, Everett Public Schools is creating paper packets with lessons and activities that will be available near food pick up sites this week. The schedule can be found on the district website or click here. For more information, please reach out to any staff member with questions you may have—we will get back to you quickly either through email or by phone (phone numbers may appear as blocked or unknown since staff is working remotely from home). If you have more pressing needs, please reach out to me directly at hpaddock@everettsd.org, and I will get back to you right away. We are here to help!

There were many unknowns when we closed last month—the postponement of our school-wide concert, rescheduling Lifelong Learner celebrations, missed field trips, and canceled school visits. I know missing these events was disappointing to many; we plan to do our best to reschedule these upon our return. As soon as dates are selected, we will notify you so you can put them on your calendar.

Finally, I will post a weekly Flipgrid video saying hi to our students and presenting them with a goal for the week. This message can be accessed through each teacher's webpage and/or online classroom. While we can't be with you physically during this time, we are together in our hearts.

Please take care and be well.

Heather Paddock, principal

Virtual Spirit Day April 3 ~ Twin Day

Connect with a friend while social distancing by dressing like twins!

Together, you can plan what you'll wear and then
exchange pictures or FaceTime with one another.



Heather Paddock Principal

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April 3Virtual Spirit Day – Twin Day

April 6 - 10 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL

April 27
Resume in-person classes – all grades

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1
Spirit Day – Crazy Hair Day

May 8
PTA Movie Night
6:30 pm – Cafeteria

Hello, Eagles!

We want you to know that we miss seeing you arrive for school each day and pass through the office. We hope you are finding creative ways to continue learning and be active. We look forward to seeing you again.



Stay safe and healthy! ~Miss Bianca & Miss Lindsey

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Monroe Messages

2020-21 Kindergarten Registration

Even though schools are currently closed, we are still accepting and reviewing registrations for next school year through our new online process! Supporting documentation can be scanned, uploaded and attached to your student's registration. For more information, please visit the District website and click on *Registration Information* under the *Parents* tab or click here.

Community Resources

During this difficult time, community resources can be even more vital than usual. If you or someone you know could use additional assistance, please review the links on Ms. Debi Doyle's website or click here. You also can find the links by visiting our school site at www.everettsd.org/monroe and then clicking on the *Counseling* tab.

Question of the Day

Ms. Sullivan has started a Question of the Day through her website using Padlet, an online bulletin board to share thoughts and ideas. If you would like to respond or read responses, please find her link through her website or click on the link here. If you would like your name attached to the response, you will need to create a free Padlet account or sign in through Google.

Student Engagement Materials

Our teachers are continually updating their websites and Google Classrooms in order to engage with our students. We know our eagles are working hard to keep up on their education, and parents are an important part of that equation. The District has compiled many links and activities to help with learning at home. Click here to get a variety of ideas for your student.

English Learner Support

The English Learner Department has some links available on their website that can be a support to English Learners and their families. Click here to access the English Learner page on the district website. The English Learner Department will be working to add some additional links and information to this page in the coming weeks. One of the links worth noting, International Children's Digital Library, provides free access to audio books in 59 different languages.



Finally, all district webpages can be translated using the Google Translate tool at the top of the screen.





Home Access Center

If you haven't already done so, remember to sign up for Home Access Center (HAC). HAC allows you to update your contact information, check bus route information for your student, and view attendance and grades. Also, we will use HAC to notify families of teacher assignments in August. Click here for more information or refer to the Learning Management Services webpage.

@EPS_Monroe

Check us out on Twitter <u>@EPS_Monroe!</u> You will see regular posts regarding what is happening at Monroe Elementary and throughout the district.

Monroe Elementary Website

Please remember to visit our website at www.everettsd.org/monroe for additional important information and upcoming events.

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School closure resources

Watch for all Coronavirus updates at www.everettsd.org/COVID-19.

Kindergarten registration happening now

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten in 3 ways:

- 1. Online! Scroll down and register online in the language of your choice.
- 2. Download and print the paper forms.*
- 3. Pick up a pre-printed registration packet from the reception desk at the Community Resource Center, located at 3900 Broadway in Everett, during business hours.* (The CRC will be closed March 19, 20 and 23).

*For options 2 and 3, please complete the paper registration materials and gather the required documents listed here. Once school reopens, please take the completed forms and required documents to your neighborhood elementary school to complete your student's enrollment.

If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at <u>EarlyLearning@everettsd.org</u>. Thank you!

Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Search for "Everett Public Schools."

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.

Thank you, volunteers!

April 20-24 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day. Thank you!

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ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2020-21

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.



The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne,

Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the district ECEAP website.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer Mary O'Brien, MO'brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator Becky Ballbach, RBallbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
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