Monroe Eagle News

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From the Principal

Greetings, Monroe families.

June has arrived, and it has been quite the journey to get here. I know missing out on assemblies, field trips, and end of year events has been disappointing. However, we have faced the challenge together and have shown how resilient we are. While we are ending the school year very different than expected, I am so proud of the work our students, families, and staff have done to stay connected and continue learning in new ways. It has been an enormous undertaking, and we have all helped each other through these times.

We still have three weeks left of school, and we will continue with our distance learning and student assessments. Our i-Ready math and reading diagnostics begin on **June 1** with the window closing on June 15. The diagnostics will give teachers important information about your student's learning by identifying what your student knows and doesn't know yet. Our goal is to have each student complete the test without rushing, and those who finish it will receive a special surprise from me in the mail! Also, if your student has borrowed a Chromebook from us, the District is extending the check-out period to August 3 so learning can continue over the summer. There are many resources available under the <u>Students</u> tab on our website. And, Everett Public Schools is continuing the summer reading program. Look for a brochure to be included with your child's progress report, which will be mailed after the last day of school.

As we approach the end of the school year, please continue to check our website for information regarding another day to pick up your student's belongings if you were not able to make it last week. We will be coordinating a day to pick up items, return library books and Chromebooks, and pick up a yearbook if you already purchased one. We are also planning a celebration of our fifth-grade students and will pass along that information as soon as details are finalized. While the celebration will not look the same as it has in the past, we look forward to having the opportunity to recognize their time spent at Monroe and see them off to middle school.

Thank you to all of you for your support as we navigated an unusual school year. We have missed seeing everyone in person each day, but I am grateful for the time we were able to spend together for most of the year. From the day you all came for our Meet the Teacher afternoon, to our PTA Fun Run, to our Heather Paddock Principal

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June 5 Virtual Spirit Day – Eras Day

June 11 5th Grade Celebration Details coming soon

June 19 Last Day of School

UPCOMING DATES

August 3 Summer-use Chromebook Returns

August 17-21 Everett Ready Program for Incoming Kindergarten Students

Now - August 31

Sign up for Home Access Center (HAC) to view teacher assignments in September

Sweetheart Social and all of the events in-between, we have grown closer to each other, and we will be stronger when we return in the fall.

I wish you all a safe and fun summer!

Heather Paddock, principal



Monroe Messages

Staff Goodbyes

We will miss several staff members as they retire, transfer to other schools, or move out of our District. We wish them luck and hope they find happiness in their new endeavors.

Ms. Bergstrom (Preschool Paraeducator), Mrs. Blaylock (Preschool Paraeducator), Mrs. Dunne (Preschool Paraeducator), Ms. Gates (Resource Room), Mr. Lagen (5th Grade Teacher), Ms. Pasumarthi (Preschool Paraeducator), Mrs. Rauen (2nd Grade Teacher), Mrs. Rupe (Cafeteria Manager), Ms. Sullivan (Reading Coach), Mrs. Wilkinson (Music Teacher), and Mrs. Wolf (Preschool Teacher).

2020-21 Kindergarten Registration

While the school building is closed, we are still accepting and reviewing registrations for next school year through the 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. Questions can be sent via email to our Office Manager, Bianca Lewis, at BLewis2@everettsd.org.

Summer Office Closure

Our school office will be closed beginning Wednesday, June 24. Questions can be left on our voice mail at (425) 385-7300, or you may email our Office Manager, Bianca Lewis, at <u>BLewis2@everettsd.org</u>. We will respond to your messages when we return in August. Thank you!

Home Access Center

If you haven't already done so, please 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 <u>www.everettsd.org/monroe</u> for additional important information and upcoming events.

And to Our 5th Graders...

You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!

~Dr. Seuss



SHOW WHAT YOU KNOW...



Monroe Eagles are READY to SOAR!

- All students in grades K-5 • Who:
- iReady 3rd Diagnostic What:
- When: The window is June 1st June 15th
- Where: On Chromebooks or personal computers that meet the tech requirements

What is this for, and how do I get started?

- Why: The i-Ready diagnostic gives teachers important information about your student's learning by identifying what your student knows and doesn't yet know. This diagnostic will reset your student's personal learning path so that they can continue learning over the summer.
- How: Here is the link to instructions to help parents understand the diagnostic: https://youtu.be/Gb2as1Mxrgw - and don't forget that students can and should use scratch paper when doing the math test. Rushing the test will cause the data to be invalid. Take your time to show what you know!
- Monroe's Goal: Our goal is to get all students to complete the test. (If your child completes the iReady diagnostic for reading and math, without rushing, they will receive a special surprise in the mail from the Principal!)



COVID-19 Coronavirus Webpage



Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage at <u>www.everettsd.org/COVID-19</u>. Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQs and more related to school building closure.

What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won't be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential Item Pick-up

Schools conducted personal item pick-up days in late May for families to collect students' essential items. If you were unable to make it to your student's school at that time, there will be a second parent pick-up event at our schools on select dates between June 12-19 for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc. More information about the June pick-up events will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure.

Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure.

June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.

Stuff the Bus is Coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its

11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year, the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big, yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way August 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.





Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)



If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it's time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at www.everettsd.org. Register now to access information about your school's kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children's book "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" Registration also reserves your child's spot in *Everett Ready*, our transition-intokindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district's transportation webpage or call the transportation office at (425) 385-4144.

Vaccinations for Next Year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall. More information can be found on the district's immunizations webpage.

Summer School

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program.



School Supply Lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

Summer Meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start on June 22 at select locations and times. Find more details on the Food and Nutrition Department website.



The 2020 Capital Projects Bond



Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged \$317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020.

Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020



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