

Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families! I hope your Thanksgiving break was enjoyable and relaxing. We are approaching our mid-winter break on December 16th. Please remember that Friday, December 15th is a 1:00 dismissal. We will be having spirit week December 11th- 15th to celebrate the students filling the office container to the top with Leo tickets. Here is the schedule for the week!

Monday 12/11	Tuesday 12/12	Wednesday 12/13	Thursday 12/14	Friday 12/15
<u>Candy Cone Day</u> Dress like a candy cone and wear RED & WHITE .	<u>Pajama Day</u> Wear your favorite pajamas to school!	<u>Winter White Out Wednesday</u> Wear WHITE (like snow) or dress like a snowman!	<u>Hat Day</u> Wear a hat to school today!	<u>Holiday Dress Day</u> Wear holiday clothes to celebrate your family's winter holiday!
				

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Principal

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Assistant Principal

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December 1

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

December 8

LIF day-2:15PM dismissal

December 15

Early release at 1:00PM

December 16-January 1

No School-Winter Break

We will continue to announce our Everett Public Schools Core Value Champions each month. Teachers nominate one student per class each month based on the Core Values. The students' names are randomly chosen each month on the 18th. One student becomes the Core Value Champion for the month. The students are recognized at school on the announcements and receive an achievement award which will be framed. The students will also receive shout outs with our social media platforms, in my newsletters, and at school board meetings.

Each month one student is recognized for that month's Core Value which are:

September – Respect; October – Learning; November – Equity; December – Collaboration; January – Passion; February – Integrity; March – Diversity; April – Learning; and May – Collaboration

Zachary Sharkevich received the Core Value award in September for respect. Zachary demonstrates respect by helping others, being kind and looking out for his siblings. Congratulations to Zachary.

Rozalka Gabor received the Core Value award in October for learning. Rozalka shows a love for learning and works hard to make sure she understands all content.

Gustavo Lima received the Core Value award for November which is Equity. Gustavo represents Equity because he graciously collaborates with any other students in the classroom. He willingly helps others and is open to receiving help as well. Gustavo goes out of his way to be sure his partners are included in activities and discussions and works to be sure everyone understands the concepts. He is kind and respectful to everyone he encounters and models exceptional behavior to other students.

Thank you for attending your child's parent/teacher conference last month. We had a great turnout, and the teachers were extremely happy with their meetings and the support they receive from their families. Parent/teacher conferences are important for supporting your child's learning and working together on improving their skills. Report cards will be sent home in February.

The TCE staff has been intentional in their review of student data during our ALIF meetings and planning for instruction to increase student learning. We are happy to share the amazing work that our students at TCE produce. Each year we present our data, instructional next steps, and areas of focus with the district leaders. Our focus this year includes the following goals:

1. Refine and develop a writing focus across grade levels.
2. Ensure interventions for students with disabilities at all grade levels are consistent with specific strategies implemented to support their participation in the general education setting.
3. Consistently monitor and adjust the interventions for our students with disabilities and our multilanguage learners using i-Ready, common core state standards, intentional intervention plans, and classroom assessments.

We appreciate all our parent volunteers and high school volunteers. Your support helps drive our school-wide expectations, support our teachers, staff, and provide consistent positivity in our school community.

I also want to thank all our amazing substitute teachers who support TCE throughout the school year. We could not survive without you. Thank you!

Lastly, I want to thank our PTSA, staff and parents at TCE who support our school-wide festivities which provide fun and excitement for our students throughout the school year. I wish everyone a happy holiday season filled with family, friends, and holiday cheer. Enjoy the holiday season and have a wonderful new year.

Please Note the Following:

- **Early Dismissal at 1:00 on December 15th**
- **Spirit week December 11-15**
- **School closed December 18 – January 1**

Best Regards,

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

From the Counselor's

PTSA is partnering with us to support families:

Holiday Giving at Tambark Creek Elementary



This Holiday season we would like to bless families in our school. Please join us by buying items from this Amazon gift list. Families have been given the opportunity to add a few wishes. We encouraged families to add household/family wishes to this list.

To get to the wish list:

1. Go to Amazon.com
2. Under Account & Lists – Find a List or Registry

3. Type "TCE"
4. Select "Gift List"
5. Find "TCE Holiday Giving"
6. Purchase Gifts from the list by **December 8th**. Amazon will deliver them to TCE for counselors to distribute.

Thank you,

Nicole Eells and Shari Thompson

neells@everettsd.org and sthompson@everettsd.org

Tambark Creek Elementary Counselors

From the Office

Please remember that if your child is going to be absent please email your teacher AND the attendance line at tceattendance@everettsd.org Please include your students first and last name and student id. If you need to reach the office staff for any reason you can email Mrs. Patty the office manager at ptetrault@everettsd.org or Mrs. Angie the office assistant at ajames2@everettsd.org or call 425-302-9200.

From the Art Teacher's

During the month of December, we have some exciting Art projects planned. Kindergarten and 1st graders will choose an everyday object around them like an apple or football and will create a personified house using a variety of materials. In 2nd and 3rd grade, we will work to finish up our City Lights in oil pastel and will begin a new project where students use their imagination to create a brand new invention. In 4th and 5th grade, students will examine the shapes found in the work of artists Ashley Mary and Henri Matisse and will then paint shapes and marks on fabric. We will learn about embroidery and will practice stitching with yarn on our fabric.

In addition to these fun projects, there are a couple of **optional** art competitions going on. The first is the Prodigies of Peace Art contest (see attachment). All art created will be sent directly to Beth Lucas and not brought to school or the art room. The second contest is our annual Everett Public Schools art show which happens in February. Mrs. Carlson and I will provide more details to students following Winter Break, but we just wanted to briefly mention it in case students want to create over the break.

Prodigies for Peace Essay & Art Contest

The Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee is proud to announce the 23 annual Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest for the Snohomish County Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Celebration in January 2024.

The Prodigies for Peace Writing Contest helps students draw connections between the people and the events that shaped the civil rights movement and the social issues that influence their lives today. Participation in this contest helps our local community remember and celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.!

There are five separate contest categories:

- Grades 3-5
- Grades 6-8
- Grades 9-12
- Grades K-12 Art Contest

Essay and Art entries are to be scanned and emailed to bethannlucas@hotmail.com by December 15, 2023 or mailed to Beth Lucas, SCB NAACP, 2315 W Mukilteo Blvd, Everett WA 98203-1515, post marked no later than December 20, 2023.

Awards for Students:

1st, 2nd & 3rd place essay winners for each grade writing category will be recognized at the Black Heritage Committee's MLK Community Celebration on Sunday, January 14, 2024.

1st, 2nd & 3rd place art winners for grade group will be recognized at the Black Heritage Committee's MLK Community Celebration on Sunday, January 14, 2024.

All winning art entries will be displayed at the event celebration.

Award Winners will be posted in The Everett Herald and Snohomish Tribune.

Questions? Please call Beth Lucas at 425-876-2530 or e-mail: bethannlucas@hotmail.com

As always, please reach out if you have any questions!

Cristina Sawtell (CSawtell@everettsd.org)

Taneal Carlson (TCarlson@everettsd.org)

From the PTSA:

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday weekend with family and friends! Thank you to everyone who attended our November membership meeting over Zoom. We went over fundraiser results, updated and approved our budget, and heard updates from our principal. Connect with us on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) for the latest PTSA news!

Enrichment Classes

As we wrap up our Fall enrichment session, we'd like your help planning for our Winter session which will start in mid- January! Please take this short [survey](#) to provide us with your feedback and preferences on before and after school enrichment at TCE.

Reflections Art Program

Big thanks to all the students who participated in our Reflections Art Program. Winners will be announced in our next PTSA newsletter and will be moving on to Council level voting!

Yearbook Cover Contest

The Yearbook Cover Contest ends this Thursday, November 30th. Please send your entries to yearbook@tambarkcreekptsa.org or drop off a physical drawing in the office.

Remember to pre-order your yearbook at yearbook.tambarkcreekptsa.org.

Pajama Movie Night

You're invited to dress in your comfiest PJs, bring a blanket and pillow, and join us for a movie in the school cafeteria on Friday, December 8th at 5:30 PM.

We need a few volunteers to help set-up, make popcorn, sell concessions, and clean up. Sign up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805054AABAE2DA0FE3-45110924-movie#/>

Winter Plant Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who ordered plants! Your orders will be ready for pickup this Friday, December 1st in the afternoon. You will receive an email with pickup details.

Warmest wishes,

Kindel Surek & Kiren Chand

Co-Presidents, Tambark Creek PTSA 7.3.12

Attendance reminder:

When reporting an absence please email tceattendance@everettsd.org AND your teacher. Please include your students first and last name and student number. We have several kids with the same first and last names. We also several students where the parent doesn't have the same last name as a student. Giving us all of this information will help ensure we excuse your students absence.

For example this is how an email to the attendance line should look:

Student: Leo the Mountain Lion

Student ID: 123456

Reason for absence: Sick with a fever.

Please get a medical note at your childs doctor or dentist appointment excusing the absence.

Reminder: If your family is planning to take a trip that is longer than five days, please email tceattendance@everettsd.org as soon as possible to get a pre-arranged absence form. All extededned absences need to be pre-approved by the principal before you travel.

Payments

Parents did you know you can pay for your student's lunch and fines online? Please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/payments>

The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holidays as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up and lost learning time can put your child behind in school.

This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.



Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as to connect with their peers and teachers. As long as your child is healthy, please encourage showing up to class when school is in session.

If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website. If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.

Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- [Washington State Library](#) – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling.
- Everett Public Schools [Kids In Transition \(KIT\) program](#) – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education.
- Snohomish Health District for [Snohomish County community dental resources](#) for children and adults.
- [United Way of Snohomish County](#) – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services.



Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you brussels sprouts grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month seasoned and roasted!

Did you know that brussels sprouts are packed with more vitamin C than an orange? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).



Sprouts of Joy!

Play and Learn

Play and Learn is a free program for children from birth through age five and their parents or caregivers to have fun playing together, creating art, listening to stories and singing songs! Sessions are held five days a week from 10:30 a.m. to noon at four locations.

[Click to learn more and see calendar.](#)



There is still time to enroll your preschooler!



There is space available in our Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP)! This incredible program is for 3- and 4-year-old children from families with limited income and are enrolled in our schools.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Hawthorne, Jackson, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply now! For an application or more information, please visit the www.everettsd.org/ECEAP or call 425-385-4628.

Transitional Kindergarten Program

Did you know Transitional Kindergarten is designed to give your child a strong start on their educational journey? EPS offers Transitional Kindergarten for children who are not currently in an early learning program and age eligible to enter kindergarten in EPS in fall 2024.

Enrollment for Transitional Kindergarten begins with the submission of an Interest Form, which is available on our [website](#). This will be followed by a screening, which is a fun and interactive assessment used to determine your child’s developmental strengths and needs. During this time, your child will engage one on one with the screening proctor for a variety of games and activities. Screening will be held in late November and early December.

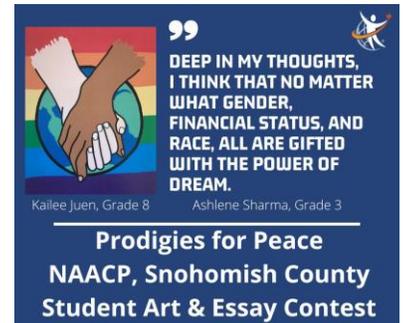


For more information, visit: www.everettsd.org/TransitionalKindergarten. Deadline to submit Interest Form is December 12.

Prodigies for Peace Essay and Art Contest

Please see the Snohomish County Black Heritage Committee sponsored [23rd Annual 2024 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Prodigies for Peace Essay and Art Contest](#). The deadline this year is December 15, 2023.

Awards will be presented at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration the weekend of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.



Accepting Highly Capable referrals until Dec. 15

The Highly Capable (HC) Program in Everett Public Schools is designed to meet learning needs and challenge students who have advanced thinking and academic abilities. Highly Capable classes are open to students in second, third, fourth and fifth grades. HC students learn and study in self-contained classrooms with a fast-paced curriculum that encourages and inspires them to develop higher-level thinking skills. HC classrooms are held in seven schools in the district, based on qualified enrollment. For more information on the Highly Capable program, please visit the district website to view an informational power point and timeline: www.everettsd.org/highlycapable and [Parent/Guardian Information PowerPoint](#)

If you think your student would benefit from a challenging option like the Highly Capable Program and you would like to refer them for testing, you must complete the [Parent Referral for Testing Form](#).

The deadline to submit the referral form is Friday, December 15, 2023. If you choose to refer your student for testing, the results will be shared with you in May. If you have questions about this process, please call the Highly Capable Office at 425-385-4033.

Information regarding school closures and late starts



New resources have been added to [Parent University](#), including a video highlight information regarding school closures and late starts. [Watch the video here.](#)



If you have additional topics you would like to suggest for Parent University, please email communications@everettsd.org.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:00 a.m. (or sometimes the night before if it can already be determined) with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media, social media and post the message on our website.

If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule. More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

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 district [transportation department's webpage](#) under the "Snow Routes" icon in the center of the page.

Board of Distinction

Everett Public Schools board of directors earned high honors with the designation as a *Board of Distinction 2023*. Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges that includes former and current educational service district superintendents, State Board of Education board members, former school directors and other education leaders in Washington state. Scoring is based on how well applicants show alignment with the Washington School Board Standards, support their statements with data and demonstrate a link between outcomes and decisions made by the board.



Calendar reminder

This is a friendly reminder that **Winter Break is December 18 to January 1**, with classes resuming on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

New features on the mobile app!

Registering for middle and high school sports AND school athletic schedules can now be found on the EPS App! Grab your smartphone and go to the iTunes App Store® or Google Play®, search Everett Public Schools, then select our app for free download. Game ON!

Learn more at www.everettsd.org/MobileApp



Guaranteed Admissions Program



Everett Public Schools (EPS) is in its second year partnering with the Washington Guaranteed Admissions Program (WAGAP), which guarantees admission to Central Washington University, Eastern Washington University, The Evergreen State College, Saint Martin's University, University of Washington Tacoma, Washington State University and Western Washington University, and its first year partnering with the Automatic Admissions Partnership, which guarantees admission to Pacific Lutheran University to help students meet their college and career goals.

To be eligible for guaranteed admissions to the eight participating institutions, students must have or be on track to earn by graduation a 3.0 GPA (3.3 for Pacific Lutheran University) and complete the college academic distribution requirement coursework.

The primary objective of this collaboration is to reach students who may have never contemplated pursuing a college education or didn't consider themselves college ready. The partnership is committed to nurturing the college and career aspirations of Washington's students. If a student dreams of earning a bachelor's degree, there is a place for them at one of the state's public baccalaureate institutions or two of the state's private universities.

In EPS, 560 seniors were identified this fall as guaranteed admission eligible (446 for Pacific Lutheran University) and received acceptance notifications. After receiving the letter, students then complete an admission application and additional requirements by the

institution. The guaranteed admission program does not provide financial aid or cover the cost of college, so students will need to complete the FAFSA or WASFA and contact the financial aid office of the colleges for financial aid and scholarship information.

Meet your Regional Superintendent

Each Regional Superintendent recently recorded an introduction video for [Parent University](#). Click the link below each image to watch.

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Region 1



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Region 2



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Region 3



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- Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

• Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer and ADA Coordinator:

- Chad Golden
- 425-385-4100
- CGolden@everettsd.org
- PO Box 2098
- Everett, WA 98213

• Section 504 Coordinator:

- Dave Peters
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- PO Box 2098
- Everett, WA 98213