

# Tambark Creek News

TAMBARK CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Hello Tambark Creek Families!

It's February and that means we are getting closer to springtime. The first semester is coming to an end and report cards will be coming home soon. Please be sure to check your child's iReady winter diagnostic results. We are seeing lots of improvement from fall to winter. If you have specific questions regarding your child's iReady information, please contact their teacher.

February is Black History Month. Classrooms will engage in honoring the triumphs and struggles of African Americans through books, instructional activities, and artwork. They will identify historical events and recognize those who supported the Civil Rights Movement.

The 100th day of school is February 24th. Our students and staff celebrate this with many fun activities. Your child's teacher will be sending home information regarding specific information about this special day.

Valentine's day is also approaching. Please be sure to check with your child's teacher about what can be shared at school. Many of our students throughout the building have a variety of allergies. Food or treats that are approved by your teacher must be store bought. We do not allow home baked goods.

Please sign up to be a volunteer at school. We would love support during our lunches and recesses. Also, the counselors are scheduling our Mountain Lion Superheroes (Watch DOGS) to help support our school climate by having parents come into school for the whole day, half day or even for an hour to support students around the building. This is a great opportunity for you to get to know the school and your child's classroom. Please contact Ms. Eells ([neells@everettsd.org](mailto:neells@everettsd.org)), Ms. Thompson ([sthompson@everettsd.org](mailto:sthompson@everettsd.org)) for more information.

Mill Creek Elementary PTSA is hosting a Healthy Minds Learning Session on February 9 from 6:00-7:00 at Mill Creek Elementary School. Any TCE family may attend. **Register here:** <https://forms.gle/FDwnMqclPoQAQqwio> (See attached flyer on the last page of this newsletter.)

**Celia O'Connor-Weaver**  
Principal

**Claudio Jara**  
Assistant Principal

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**February 3**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**February 6**

No School-Teacher work day

**February 10**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**February 17**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

**February 20-21**

No School-Mid-winter break

**February 24**

LIF-2:15PM dismissal

Ms. Sparks our amazing PE teacher implemented two wonderful kickoff assemblies for the Kids Heart Challenge on January 30th. This is an amazing fundraiser that supports healthy hearts, provides knowledge about maintaining a healthy heart and supports the American Heart Association. In addition to that, TCE receives money to support our PE supplies based on how much we fundraise.

Our 5th graders will be attending camp in the spring for 3 days. In order for this to take place we need help raising money to pay for the camp, bussing and basic supplies. Please Join us with MOD Pizza on February 22 and April 3 to raise money for our 5th grade camp. You can bring the flyer or use this (MODGIVES20) code on those two dates and MOD Pizza will donate 20% of your bill to support TCE's 5th grade camp adventure. Please go to the following MOD Pizza restaurant  
16330 Bothell Everett Hwy. Ste 102 98012

**Important Dates:**

- February 6<sup>th</sup>: No School-Teacher workday
- February 17<sup>th</sup>: Report cards are sent home
- February 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>: No school mid-winter break
- February 24<sup>th</sup>: 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

As always, thank you for sharing your child (ren) with us.

Best Regards,

Mrs. O'Connor-Weaver

## From the Counselor's

This winter, we are teaching Bullying Prevention lessons in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades. The lessons are from the social-emotional curriculum Second Step. In these lessons, students will be learning how to recognize, report, and refuse bullying.

**What is Bullying?**

Bullying is when someone keeps being mean to someone else on purpose. The person it's happening to hasn't been able to make it stop. It is unfair and one-sided (Second Step Bullying Prevention Unit).

**How we can stop bullying:**

- Recognize it. Does the harmful behavior keep happening? Is it one-sided?
- Report it. Talk to a caring adult.
- Refuse it. Use an assertive voice and tell the other person to stop.

Learning and practicing these skills will further help our school be a safe and respectful place.

Sincerely,

Nicole Eells and Shari Thompson

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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 [tcattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:tcattendance@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 [tetrault@everettsd.org](mailto:tetrault@everettsd.org) or Mrs. Angie the office assistant at [ajames2@everettsd.org](mailto:ajames2@everettsd.org) or call 425-302-9200.

## Attendance reminder:

When reporting an absence please email [tceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto: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 like:**

Student: Leo the Mountain Lion

Student ID: 123456

Reason for absence: Sick with a fever.

**Reminder:** If your family is planning to take a trip that is longer than five days, please email [tceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:tceattendance@everettsd.org) as soon as possible to get a pre-arranged absence form. All extended 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>

## From the Art teachers

This month in Art, we have a lot of exciting projects planned. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade students will be exploring clay as they learn the techniques of creating a pinch pot. They will begin by using playdough and then they will apply what they learned by creating 3 nesting bowls using various colors and patterns. In 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students will explore Mexican folk art and will analyze how line, shape, and pattern can be used to create a collaged alebrije animal. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will create Rhythm art. They have worked with Mr. B during music class to create playlists of their favorite songs. Using their song as inspiration, artists will create a symbol representing their song and will repeat it throughout their artwork.

**The art room is looking for donations of new white adult socks and old magazines for upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade projects.**

Here is a picture of the sock project and the type of new socks the art teachers are looking to get as donations.



# From the PTSA

Dear Mountain Lion Families,

We wanted to thank you all for supporting our PTSA through your memberships! Thanks to you, we have surpassed our goal of 200 members and achieved 100% Staff membership! On February 23rd from 6:30 - 7:30 pm join us as we welcome the "Reptile Man". Pet an alligator, hold a python and create an interest in science and nature.

## PTSA Membership Meeting

Please join us for our next PTSA meeting on Monday, February 27th, at 7:30pm. Everybody is welcome! Here is the zoom link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2410155054>

## Yearbook

Pre-sales are happening now through March 1st. If you miss this deadline there will not be another opportunity to purchase a yearbook!

Yearbooks are \$27 each with the option to purchase a Parent Shout-Out for an additional \$2. Purchase here:

<http://yearbook.tambarkcreekptsa.org>.

## Volunteer

Are you looking for opportunities to volunteer? We have lots of opportunities! Our current needs are:

- PTSA Nominating Committee (to help find PTSA officers for next year)
- Mid-Year Financial Review Committee
- Spring Dance Committee
- Carnival Committee

Please email [vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:vicepresident@tambarkcreekptsa.org) If you would like to join any of these committees.

Lauren Pulfer

President, Tambark Creek PTSA

\*For more information on all things PTSA, check out our website [tambarkcreekptsa.org](http://tambarkcreekptsa.org), our Facebook page [facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA](https://facebook.com/TambarkCreekPTSA), or you can email us at anytime with questions, comments, concerns, or just to say hi! I can be reached at [president@tambarkcreekptsa.org](mailto:president@tambarkcreekptsa.org).

# Enrollment for kindergarten opens on March 6!

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/kindergartenrollment](http://www.everettsd.org/kindergartenrollment). 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.

A **Kindergarten Enrollment - Kick-Off Webinar** will be held on Thursday, February 23, 2023, from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. Join us to meet the Superintendent and learn about Kindergarten in EPS. Information with a link to the webinar will be available on our website [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org) and [www.everettsd.org/kindergarten](http://www.everettsd.org/kindergarten) by February 15.

EPS offers the following **Choice Programs** beginning in kindergarten— early enrollment is recommended as space is limited. Click on the links to receive additional information on the programs:

- [Lighthouse Cooperative](#) – Housed at Jefferson Elementary School  
This K-5 program features standard district curriculum with an overlay of parent involvement via weekly classroom volunteering and support for enrichment activities such as field trips and parent-led specialty lessons.
- [Dual Language Spanish Immersion Program](#) – Located at Emerson Elementary School  
Students are immersed in the Spanish language and culture with the majority of instruction being in Spanish. Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary school attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students.
- [Port Gardner Parent Partnership](#) – located on Sequoia High School Campus  
Parents/guardians are the primary educators of their children with support from classroom teachers in order to access curriculum materials and resources.

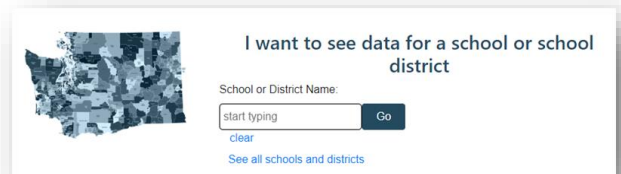
We are looking forward to welcoming you and your student to kindergarten!

## Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2021-22 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Select your choice to view the report card.

Optionally you can select 'See all schools and districts' and navigate to the district or school you want to select.



## Calendar reminder

February 20-21 is mid-winter break and there is no school on these days.



## High School and Middle School Summer Academy

Registration for Everett Public Schools High School and Middle School Summer Academy starts Monday, March 13.

High School Summer Academy includes district-facilitated credit recovery courses and credit advancement opportunities. In addition, career exploration, mentorship and internships are available through Everett Career Link.

Middle School Summer Academy focuses on exciting and engaging math and English Language Arts content for current 5th through 7th grade students. Academic lessons include math problem-solving and foundations as well as literature through close reading and novel studies, to help students build foundational skills needed for the next year.

High School and Middle School Summer Academy classes are located at Cascade High School and are scheduled for July 10 – 28, 2023. In-person summer programming is free to in-district students. Transportation and meals are provided.

In addition to in-person programming, online classes for high school students are hosted through OnlineHS.net. Online classes are scheduled for June 26 - August 3, 2023; tuition is \$350 per class for in-district students and \$450 per class for out-of-district students. Scholarships are available based on need. For more information or to register for classes, please visit <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/2422>.

## Crosswalk safety reminder

Drive smart. Keep kids safe. It is important to be extra cautious this time of year when it is darker in the mornings and late afternoons. Make sure everyone gets home safely by staying alert, slowing down and following all traffic laws and signals.

### Drivers:

- Eliminate distractions – put your phones down and keep your eyes on the road.
- Pedestrians can be unpredictable. Be alert at all times and don't assume they see you.
- Be extra cautious early in the morning, at night and in rainy weather.

### Students:

- Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and use intersections with crossing guards.
- Cross the street in a designated crosswalk. Be extra careful in rainy, foggy, or snowy weather.
- Always look left, then right, then left again before crossing a street and allow enough time to cross the street safely.
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing the street. Never assume a driver sees you.
- Don't be distracted by electronic devices that take your eyes and ears off the road.



## Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username



Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).



# National School Counseling Week

The week of February 6 to 10 is National School Counseling Week and highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career.

We love our counselors!



## Do you have a student receiving special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).



## Remember to vote

Please remember to vote by February 14, 2023.



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• Compliance Officer:

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National PTA

# Healthy Minds Learning Session

Join us at Mill Creek Elementary  
Thurs, Feb 9, 6-7:30pm

Free childcare and translation service



Register here:

<https://forms.gle/FDwnMqcLPoQAQqwi9>



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