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Greetings, Mill Creek Families,

We hope this email finds you well! Our classroom teachers are all working hard now to schedule parent teacher conferences for the week of March 28-April 1. Please look for an email from your child(ren)'s teacher(s) and be sure to select a conference time that works in your schedule. We appreciate your follow through and support.

New COVID Safety Protocols Effective March 12

As you are probably aware, a significant shift in our COVID safety protocols was recently announced in WA state. As a result, beginning March 12, face masks will no longer be required in Everett Public Schools or on buses. Masks are *optional*, *respect is mandatory*, so your students can continue to wear a mask if they wish. For Music class, masks are *recommended* but *not required*. Masks will continue to be offered during Music, for those students who choose to wear them. For complete information about the new safety protocols please refer to our district website and Dr. Saltzman's message here: <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/4909>

Please Complete the Family School Stakeholder Survey:

There are only 3 weeks left to take the Family School Stakeholder Survey! Each spring, EPS surveys students, families, and staff to gather perception data from various stakeholders about the specific strengths and challenges that impact the quality of our school. It is an anonymous, multiple-choice, online survey that is available in 6 different languages. Information about the survey is posted on our school website and the link can be accessed here:

<https://surveys.panoramaed.com/everett/family22/surveys?language=en>

If you have more than one student in Everett Public Schools, please complete a survey for **each** school that your student attends so each school can benefit from your feedback. Thank you for making this a priority.

Current World Events: Resources for Families

In light of current world events and the confusion, anxiety and uncertainty this may cause children, our district has provided some resources for talking points to guide family discussions. We continue to teach peaceful conflict resolution and hope that all our students learn to understand the importance of effective problem-solving skills.

For all ages:

- [How to Talk to Kids About Violence, Crime, and War](#): Common Sense Media gathers tips and conversation starters to help you talk to kids of different ages about the toughest topics.
- [Talking to Your Kids About War](#): VeryWell Family explores ways families can speak with young people about war, including tips on sharing information and restricting media coverage.

For elementary/middle school students:

- [Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of elementary school children](#): This article from the American Psychological Association can help adults guide their young children beyond fear and to resilience.
- [Resilience in a time of war: Tips for parents and teachers of middle school children](#): The American Psychological Association breaks out tips and strategies for parents and teachers of middle school-aged children.

Wishing you a peace-filled week.

Warmly,

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