From the Principal

Gateway Family:

We have turned the corner in the school year where we start to plan for next year. As we move into March, we are working at transitioning our 8th graders to high school, and our incoming 5th graders to middle school. All students will be registering for classes for the next school year. This year’s 6th and 7th grade students will get their registration packets in their science classes. 7th grade students will have the opportunity in their 8th grade year to take classes for high school credit: Coordinated Science, Spanish 1, and Computer Applications. We encourage students to consider these choices – working with their counselor and current teachers will help you make the best choice for your student. While earning high school credit is a bonus, we also want to ensure that students are not overloaded academically which can lead academic fatigue and burnout.

Talking with adolescents can be difficult. At times, our kids are conflicted with swirling hormones and the related emotions that come with them. This can often lead to withdrawal or avoidance (often into the screen) especially when they are tired. Part of teaching adolescents coping strategies is the balance between taking a break when tired or emotional, and talking out what they are feeling.

- Check your student’s mood – if they are especially hungry, tired, or upset, it might be best to wait until they are ready to talk.
- Help guide your child to find their own conclusions. It can be easy to share your thoughts, answers, or conclusion, but helping student learn to emotionally regulate is just listening and letting them know you are there for them.
When asking students how they are doing, try varying your conversation starter:

- Which class do you think would be the most fun to teach?
- Who could you be nicer too?
- Are you reading anything enjoyable right now?
- What music have you been listening to lately?
- Do you wish you could change anything about your friendship group?
- What is one thing you wish you’d done differently today?
- What made you laugh today?

(Source: Christie Burnett)

Opening up dialogue can help this time of year as student may become anxious both with the work they have this year, as well as the uncertainty of next year looming. Know that the admin and counseling teams, and your student’s teachers are all here to help. If you notice a change in your student’s behavior or have a concern, we are happy to partner with you to work through it as a team.

Matt Bennett, Principal
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From the Assistant Principal

In Mr. Bennett’s message, he mentioned that as we move into March we are now beginning to plan for next year. Our Positive Behavior Intervention and Support team is also making these shifts. In February, we met with our PBIS coach to complete our action plan for the rest of the year. All of our work is directly tied to our action plan which is based on our year assessment of fidelity of implementation. We are so excited to roll-out additional interventions and supports for all students! As we move into next year, we are planning interventions for tier 2 and tier 3 behaviors. We are revisiting our understanding of restorative practices and working on how to better implement these practices with all students. Next time you are having a challenging conversation with your child, consider using the restorative questions:

- What happened?
- What were you thinking at the time?
- What have you thought about since?
- Who has been affected by what you have done? In what way?
- What do you think you need to do to make things right?
With our continued focus on responsibility, we are consistently trying to catch our Guardians being responsible and providing positive recognition! We have some fun, new prizes rolling out in March for our GUARD ticket drawings. As always, if you have anything you would like to donate, we would be more than happy to add it to our prize cabinet. Some recent fun prizes include stuffed animals, huge rubber duckies, Rubik's cubes, stickers, and Gateway gear.

If you are interested in learning more about our PBIS work or would like to be part of this, please contact me so we can discuss how you can get involved!

With Gratitude,
Kalle Spear, Assistant Principal
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Follow us on Twitter! @GatewayMS_EPS

Our amazing mathematics teachers are spending the day with @EPSMath today learning new protocols, and get to practice live in front of students. The feedback from students and from each other is driving professional learning. We always want to improve in the #GatewayFamily

6th graders got a first-hand experience hearing about about and seeing India. A parent came to present and engaged our students as they begin the Ancient India unit in social studies. #EPS_EquityMatters #GatewayFamily
**8th Grade Corner**

**Freshman Course Registration**

Students will receive their High School Course Catalog on March 6, and will work on their 4-year academic plan in preparation for visits from JHS and CHS counselors and administrators at GMS on March 10.

**Transition Meetings**

Please note the updated date! Transition meetings for 8th graders and parents/guardians will be Thursday, March 19th, 2020. The purpose is to help students choose which classes to register for in 9th grade. Each 8th grader will be assigned a 15 minute time slot. The meeting will include the student, a GMS counselor or teacher, and a CHS or JHS counselor or teacher. Parent/guardian attendance is not required but is encouraged. Meeting times will be communicated out when available.

**End-of-Year Activities**

Mark your calendars!

- **8th Grade Away Day** – Tuesday, June 16th – During the school day. This is a fun getaway during the day for 8th grade students to celebrate the end of middle school together.
- **8th Grade Bridging Ceremony** – Wednesday, June 17th – 6:00pm @Jackson HS. This is a formal ceremony where students will be recognized for their hard work and receive their certificates of promotion. The event is open to invite family and friends.
- **8th Grade Celebration Dance** – Wednesday, June 17th – Following the Bridging Ceremony, until 9:30pm. The dance is also at Jackson HS for students who choose to buy a ticket.

**High School Events**

Jackson High School's 8th Grade Family Night

Cascade High School's Freshman Open House

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**Connected By The CRIMSON**

2020-21 Registration Open House

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

**Incoming Freshmen - Class of 2024 and Families**

5:30 pm - Gym for Campus Tour

6:00 pm - Gym for Principal and Counselor messages, Activities, Athletics and Clubs/Student Activities Fair and Refreshments

6:15-8:00 pm - Gym & Library for Freshmen/Curriculum Fair & Clubs/Student Activities Fair and Refreshments

**Current 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Students and Families**

6:00 pm to 8:00 pm - Cafeteria for Curriculum Fair and Refreshments

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Library for Clubs/Activities Fair

*Come find out about curriculum offerings for next year’s courses!*
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Go to www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2020? Registration begins March 2, at all 18 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to our school search page here, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144.

Classified Employee Week

March 2 - 6, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

22nd annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- Elementary school Art Show: February 25 – March 20, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 6-24, reception on April 15
- Middle school Art Show: May 4-28, reception on May 27
High school summer internships

Summer 2020 will be year two of Everett Career Link, a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools which offers high school students internship opportunities. Last summer, 50 students completed the Everett Career Link 90-hour summer internship and received high school credit. These students were hosted by employers representing 29 worksite locations. An overview of last summer’s program can be found below and you should expect more information about the summer 2020 program to be available soon.

Questions about the program can be directed to each high school’s Career Specialist or Career Connected Learning Internship (CCLI) Facilitator at each school. The CCLI Facilitator at JHS is Daniel Mills (dmills@everettsd.org), at CHS is Bree Youngberg (byoungberg@everettsd.org) and at EHS is Tammy Price (tprice@everettsd.org).
Calendar update

On January 28, 2020 the school board approved the 2019-20 school calendar update. We've had three snow days, so the last day of school has changed. As of today, the last day of school is June 18 (keeping in mind this date is subject to change).

Go to www.everettsd.org for updated At-a-glance and student art calendars, English and Spanish versions.

Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you broccoli grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month by choosing our broccoli salad or roasted broccoli menu option.

Did you know that broccoli is an excellent source of so many vitamins and minerals like Vitamin A, K and folate? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at https://www.everettsd.org

Brocc and Roll!

Remember to register to vote

By registering to vote, either in person or online, you are able to exercise a basic democratic right.

1. In person -- You may register to vote or change your registration at Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, 1st Floor, Admin Bldg West.
2. Online -- If you have a valid Washington state driver's license, you may register with the Secretary of State quickly and easily online. You may also download a voter registration form in several languages from that site.

To learn details about elections, visit the Snohomish County Elections website.

Daylight savings time begins March 8

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 8, 2020 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening.

Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time and Daylight Savings Time.
Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically.

Just go to the front page of our school website and click on the Peachjar Eflyer button to check it out. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.

No action is required on your part. You should have already received a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. Don’t worry if you’ve forgotten your password, you can reset it at any time.

This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.

Update emergency contacts

Please call your school if your phone number or emergency contact information changes at any time during the school year. This is the contact information used by the Everett Public Schools automated phone system in emergencies and to share important school information with families.
Gateway Middle School

Here’s what the April 28th Capital Bond will fund at our school.

- Replace locksets and keying system
- Upgrade technology infrastructure electrical systems
- Upgrade student information system
- HVAC controls upgrade
- Upgrade after hours intrusion detection security system

Learn more at www.everettsd.org/bond2020

Everett Public Schools does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O’Brien, MO’erien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Balbach, rbalbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250