From the Principal

Gateway Family:

First and foremost, I hope this message finds you healthy in this unusual time. I miss seeing your kids in the classrooms and hallways each day. However, we know that a school is more than a building: Gateway Middle School is our community. As such, we are doing our best to keep up the culture the best that we can. Look for the weekly Principal’s Challenge as a way to help keep our students connected to our community.

We appreciate the gratitude from so many parents/guardians and students. And we want to return that gratitude to our families who are working hard to engage our students in learning activities. I know firsthand what it is like to balance multiple students and all of their different teachers’ work while trying to get work done from home, and manage the family relationships in a time of stress and unknowns. We have heard from many of you that a schedule would be helpful. Principals throughout EPS are coordinating and we will be releasing daily learning schedules for students after spring break at each of the school levels. This will be a guide for those looking for more structure, and will help teachers not overlap meetings and activities.

Know that as our teachers and staff have worked hard to quickly learn new technologies, it is of course a work in progress. One common tool that we are using for staff is Zoom online meetings. While some staff may utilize this for students, it does not replace in-person instruction. Staff use different means to communicate, like Google Classroom and Canvas. Parents have access to these resource – just let the teacher know and they can add you. Each teacher’s website should direct you to the resources they are choosing to use at this time.

I appreciate each member of this community. Everyone has really stepped up in the name of community. It makes me proud to be part of the Gateway Family!

Matt Bennett, Principal
mbennett@everettsd.org
From the Assistant Principal

Gateway Family,

Thank you for your continued support of our relationship and connection building efforts at Gateway. All of us are working hard to continue to connect with each student and family. As Mr. Bennett said, there will be more information forthcoming regarding daily learning schedules. Throughout this process, our teachers will continue to focus on the relationships they have built and cultivated with your student. You might see emails with a GUARD post-card attached or even might receive some snail-mail from a teacher. Some teachers will call home while others will be emailing. Please know that we are doing our best to connect with your students. These connections will look different student to student as we are trying to honor each student individually. We are doing our best to not only support students academically but also to support them emotionally – that’s why these check-ins are so important.

In these times of stress we are hoping you have an opportunity to engage in some self-care and daily connection exercises. If you need support, let us know. We are here for you. We have a wonderful community who is looking for ways to help support – reach out for anything that you need. I love being part of this community and appreciate each and every one of you!

With Gratitude,
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School closure resources

Watch for all Coronavirus updates at www.everettsd.org/COVID-19.

Kindergarten registration happening now

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten in 3 ways:

1. Online! Scroll down and register online in the language of your choice.
2. Download and print the paper forms.*
3. Pick up a pre-printed registration packet from the reception desk at the Community Resource Center, located at 3900 Broadway in Everett, during business hours.* (The CRC will be closed March 19, 20 and 23).

*For options 2 and 3, please complete the paper registration materials and gather the required documents listed here. Once school reopens, please take the completed forms and required documents to your neighborhood elementary school to complete your student’s enrollment.

If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!

Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student’s info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Search for “Everett Public Schools.”

Once you’ve downloaded the app, log in to “student info” with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.

Thank you, volunteers!

April 20-24 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student’s day. Thank you!

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2020-21

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the district ECEAP website.
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 guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer** – Mary O’Brien, MO’brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, RBallbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- **ADA Coordinator** – Randi Seaberg, RSeaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213