From the Principal

Dear Heatherwood Families,

In the 2019-2020 school year, we embarked on a journey of new norms together. However, who could have predicted that we would experience one of the biggest educational new norms of all times in early spring?

Inevitably, the start of a new school year brings a sense of excitement, renewal and fresh opportunities to learn and grow. This year was no exception. We had new faces on campus that included two new administrators, new teachers, new staff and new students. In addition to the new faces, Heatherwood ushered in many new changes to the daily routine and schedule. For instance, the split grade level lunches allowed for a new opportunity to make new friends and get fresh air outside. Additionally, this year was the first year that Heatherwood students did not use hallway lockers to store all their textbooks. Textbooks? This was the year we all received new 1:1 devices. Student Chromebooks were a cool new learning tool for teachers and students to integrate into the classroom routine. With no locker stops between each period, students now had a new schedule with only 4-minute passing periods.

With flexibility and patience in our back pocket, we were all able to adjust to our new norms and move forward with success. All those new norms seem so long ago. We sorely miss those new norms from the Fall and Winter. Then came the start of spring and we were all introduced to the biggest new norm that education has ever observed...School closure. We were all left stunned and scrambling to find a new normal in this shifting learning landscape. However, with safety and wellness at the forefront of our conversations, we all stepped up to the new norm of virtual learning and made it work to the best of our abilities.

As we finish the year from our home classrooms, I want you to all know how proud I am of each and every one of you. Students and families, I am impressed with the fortitude and focus you continue to display in times of change and new norms. This year has been an epic year for new norms and I know we are all stronger because of it. We have become our best selves together and we will finish strong.

Now...Let's take our united strength and use it to stand for peace and equity today and beyond. May we support one another in a time of national unrest and soar to new heights as a Heatherwood School Community...A community that respects and celebrates each individual in our hawk family.

“The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change.” Maya Angelou

Be Respectful, Be Responsible and Be a Part of the Solution.

Sincerely,

Laura Wellington
One Proud Principal
From the Assistant Principal

Email Etiquette

Students, we noticed you are using your email MORE. You are reaching out to your teachers, asking questions, and sharing information. Yes, yes, yes! Keep communicating with your teachers, they enjoy hearing from you. As you progress through middle school, high school, workforce, college, or career, you will write hundreds, if not thousands of emails in your lifetime. Here are seven email tips even the most experienced forget (but not, you, because you will know them):

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| 1. Include a clear subject line (what is your email about) | Questions about homework  
Help with my essay |
| 2. Use a polite greeting. | Hello, Mr. Jones  
Good morning, Ms. Williams |
| 3. Use a formal closing | Sincerely, Rachel Duran  
Regards, Bob Chung |
| 4. Keep it short and to the point. Be clear why you are writing. | I am writing to inform you I have turned in my essay. |
| 5. Use complete sentences. Avoid texting language, abbreviations and emojis such, as y, n, LOL, Ttyl, or btw. | Instead of y use yes.  
Instead of ttyly say I will email you on Monday. |
| 6. Use proper punctuation and capitalization. | Start a sentence with a capital letter. Use end punctuation. |
| 7. Keep in mind what you write in an email can be shared or posted for others to see. | Emails can be forwarded, BC (blind copied), or screenshot and shared on social media. |

Keep practicing Hawks! We are here to support you!

Jalene Finley  
Assistant Principal

Counselor’s Corner

Hi Heatherwood families,

We have about 3 weeks left of this extraordinary school year. We want to keep students engaged in their learning while balancing their mental health (and yours!). Caroline Knorr from popular parent resource, Common Sense Media, writes regular blog posts on how to encourage kids during the time of COVID-19. See the link below to a blog post in which she answers 3 questions:

What can I do to prep my kid for the final push?  
What are some surefire techniques I can do immediately to motivate my kid?
What if I just can’t motivate my kid?

**Keeping Kids Motivated for Online Learning**

*Helpful tips and techniques to encourage and motivate your kids during virtual lessons.* By Caroline Knorr of Common Sense Media

[https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/keeping-kids-motivated-for-online-learning](https://www.commonsensemedia.org/blog/keeping-kids-motivated-for-online-learning)

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**Moving?**

Our registrar and counselors are already hard at work preparing schedules for the coming school year, 2020-2021. Please let us know if your children will not be returning to Heatherwood this fall by contacting our registrar, Christine Crise at [CCrise@everettsd.org](mailto:CCrise@everettsd.org). Thank you.

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**ASB Happenings**

School spirit is still alive at Heatherwood! ASB is promoting 7 Spirit Themed Weeks. Two weeks remain!

- **June 1** – Crazy quarantine hair (Hair do’s and don’ts! Do you need a haircut/color really bad or maybe you cracked and cut it yourself! Maybe you just want to do it up all crazy this week. We want to see.)
- **June 8** – Favorite Memories (Share, in picture form, your favorite Heatherwood memory from the 2020-2021 school year)

Each week students will receive an email with a flyer promoting the week’s theme and examples of photos they can submit. Photos should be submitted via this link on Padlet: [https://padlet.com/04171/HeatherwoodHawksSpirit](https://padlet.com/04171/HeatherwoodHawksSpirit)

All photos will be approved before becoming available for view. Please make sure all photos are school appropriate. Additionally, if you opted for your students’ photos to not be used on our website, please let your student know not to upload a photo.

Each week photos will be uploaded into a montage and available for view on our website and through social media. We look forward to seeing all our “Spirited Hawks”.

ASB officer elections for the 2020-2021 school year are postponed until we return to school in the Fall.
Tech Support

Parents Guardian and Students,

Did you know if you need any help with your device, the Everett School district has put information to support you on their website? Under the parent tab, Family Tech Support drop-down you will find FAQ for troubleshooting and a link to access some learning engagement activities. There is also a link to fill out a quick form where one of our technology staff will contact you and talk you through fixing your issue, set up appointments for devices that need repair and replacement chargers. We are here to support you.

Thank you!
COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage

Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage [www.everettsd.org/COVID-19](http://www.everettsd.org/COVID-19). Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQ’s and more related to school building closure.

What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well, and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won’t be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential item pick-up

We understand your student may still have personal items at their school which are essential to continue their learning from home, such as calculators, books or medications. Schools will be conducting personal item pick-up days in late-May for families to collect your student’s essential items, which will be pre-bagged and labeled by staff. You will receive more specific information on pick-up times from your school next week, but the dates are: elementary schools, May 26 and 27; middle and high schools, May 28 and 29.

There will be a second parent pick-up event at our schools on select dates between June 12-19 for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, musical instruments, etc. More information about the June pick-up events will be shared with parents in the coming weeks.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure.

Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure.

June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.

Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.
Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)

If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it’s time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at www.everettsd.org. Register now to access information about your school’s kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children’s book “Kindergarten, Here I Come!” Registration also reserves your child’s spot in Everett Ready, our transition-into-kindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district’s transportation webpage or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child’s school. We’ll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall. More information can be found on the district’s immunizations webpage.

Summer school

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school’s website for details about this summer’s reading program.

School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year’s school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school’s website under Our School around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start on June 22nd at select locations and times. Find more details on the Food and Nutrition Department website.
The 2020 capital projects bond

Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged $317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020.

Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020