From the Principal

Heatherwood Community,

As teaching and learning are taking on a new norm, we are all balancing new roles and responsibilities from afar. Our students miss their friends and the weekly routine of school. Our staff and families are going through something similar. That is, a sense of connection, daily routines and predictabilities. While learning and engagement are important for our students, I encourage you to keep your family's physical, social and emotional health at the forefront.

We can do this together! It is all about pacing ourselves, finding balance in our new normal and taking one day at a time. We are approximately half-way through the school closure mandates. That is, we are ending our seventh week of learning and teaching from our households and are looking ahead to seven more weeks until the end of the school year. Let's support one another in our challenges and celebrate our successes. We've got this!

A few items to highlight:

- The new district learning schedule is to provide structure and ease to the learning day. Support the learning and engagement as best as possible but know that your student and family needs come first. Do what is best for your household on any given day.

- Last week of May: Students and families will have an opportunity to pick up items that have been left behind (i.e. Lifetime Fitness clothes/shoes, academic binders, artwork, instruments). More information to come.

- Mid-June: There will be an opportunity to pick up and return items (i.e. yearbook, 8th grade certificates and Chromebooks, textbooks). More information to come.

- If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to teachers, counselors and administration.

May we soar to even greater heights as we support one another. Stay healthy and safe. We miss our hawk families and will be together soon.

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Sincerely,
Laura

From the Assistant Principal

“Ready…Set…Zoom!”

As we transition into distance learning and the world of Zoom classes please remember the TOP FIVE to keep this experience safe and helpful.

1. Keep your Zoom ID private from people not in the class
2. Enter the Zoom class using your full name, or the naming protocol established by your teacher
3. Review your picture and make sure it is school appropriate
4. Use appropriate language, tone, and volume throughout the Zoom class
5. Follow the norms the teacher has established

Think of a Zoom class as a virtual classroom. Student safety and security in virtual settings is of the utmost importance to teachers. Zoom classes are invitations, not requirements. Zoom is one tool for engaging in learning with your student’s teacher. Distance learning is new for so many and we are committed to growing in this endeavor. Thank you for your patience and support.

Stay well,
Jalene Finley
Assistant Principal

Counselor’s Corner

Hi Heatherwood students,

Your school counselors want to know how you are doing! Please take the following survey. You’ll need to sign in but it’s anonymous if you want it to be. There is also an opportunity for you to check-in with your counselor via phone or zoom (or email) if you want.

Quarantine Check-in Survey: https://forms.gle/ihszi8vYoMYPLj6Y6
You can also find it on the Heatherwood Counseling Website

Visit this link for information on how to best support your students and yourself during quarantine.

We are still here for you even though school is closed.

Sincerely,

Mr. Lerner, Mr. Coleman and Ms. Arpin

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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. Thank you.

ASB Happenings

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

- April 27 – Foodie Week (pictures of students cooking or with their favorite food/snack)
- May 4 – Throwback Week (pictures dressed in throwback attire or with old objects, old pictures from school, Halloween, vacation, or a favorite memory)
- May 11 – Pet-tastic Week (pictures with your pets, or stuffed animal if you don’t have a pet)
- May 18 – Artistic Nature Week (show us your creative side, quarantine art, art you created or your favorite piece of art)
- May 26 – Whatcha Watchin Week (pictures of you and your favorite show/movie or what you have been binge watching in quarantine)
- 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

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!
School closure resources

3-D printers loaned to help support local health care systems

Everett Public Schools is grateful to be able to loan ten 3-D printers, through an agreement with Ignition Partners, to support manufacturing N95 masks, visors and other critical medical and safety equipment for our local health care systems. [Click for full article.]

Frequently Asked Questions

Did you know we have an [FAQ page] on our district website? We actively add content as we develop answers that apply to our students, staff and community. If you do not see your question answered, there is also an 'Ask a Question' form where you may submit your question. Hoping this is a helpful resource for all!

Emergency meal schedule update


Due to physical distancing standards, and for the safety of our staff, meals will no longer be delivered directly to homes.

How families can help:
- Please take advantage of curbside pickup and stay in your car
- Avoid socializing with other families
- Leave the school property immediately after receiving your meals
- If you do walk-up, stand six feet behind the family in front of you, only stand in line with people you live with
- Pick up your meals at a later time in the meal service
- Pick the meal option for your child
- Follow directions provided by Everett Public Schools staff

Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary changes to keep everyone safe.

Social & Emotional Health during school closure

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.
Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person’s characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared.

Please visit the district’s website for links and resources for social & emotional health.

Kindergarten registration

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten online. Please visit the registration page on the district’s website. If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Since 1984, National PTA has designated one week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 – 8, 2020.

National School Nurse Day

National School Nurse Day, May 6, 2020, is a time to celebrate the specialty practice of school nursing. In 1972, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) created National School Nurse Day to recognize school nurses and acknowledge their role in the educational setting. NASN applauds the contributions school nurses make every day to improve the health, safety, and academic success of all students.

The theme this year – School Nurses: Supporting Students in Times of Crisis – reinforces the changing times of 2020. This year, more than ever, all members of our school communities, school nurses included, have been required to take on unprecedented roles and adapt quickly to changes in their jobs. It is reflective of the significant roles school nurses have in the health care of their school communities to help make a healthier place for children and families to learn and grow during this crisis.