Dear Heatherwood Families,

WELCOME BACK! The start of a new school year is always very exciting and filled with anticipation. This year is no exception! Starting our school year off remotely is unconventional and met with mixed emotions form all of us for various reasons. We will navigate through this year together as partners and ensure support and success for all. I plan on putting together a weekly bulletin to families with Frequently Asked Questions. Our Heatherwood staff have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare for our remote learning and teaching environment. We are pivoting and being as agile as possible to seek firm footing in this fluid scenario. Your student’s success is at the forefront of our discussions and program implementations. We will work together to make sure your student’s needs are met. We also know that families need support too. The Everett Public School’s website is a great resource and the Heatherwood website will be updated frequently so that your questions can be answered.

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The first three days of school will be presented as a ‘Conference Week’. We would like to give every household an opportunity to get to know your new teachers and better understand the classroom schedule and overall expectations. Please see the modified bell schedule below for September 9, 10, 11.

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The individual teachers will be sending out zoom invites to each family as an option to join them for their scheduled zoom conference. If you are not able to meet your teacher during their scheduled zoom conference, you can always email or call your teacher and set up an individual appointment over the phone or zoom.
We look forward to a positive and productive school year ahead. Thank you for your partnership.

Sincerely,

Laura Wellington
One Proud Principal

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From the Assistant Principal

Hello HAWKS!!! I am your new Assistant Principal and I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Heatherwood Community! I recently relocated from southern California, Newport Beach specifically and have been in the education field for 20 years. My teaching background was as a special education teacher and I have taught all levels including middle school and high school. Again, I look forward to being a part of the community. Please reach out in the event there is anything that I can do for you.

Thank you and take care,
Belinda Mountjoy
Assistant Principal

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Orientation

If you were unable to attend our August 26 & 27 kick off days, you will have another opportunity September 8 from 2 – 6 pm.

Here’s what will be available September 8:

- Welcome packet/community resources information
- Yearbooks – for those who previously purchased one from the 2019-2020 school year
- Last opportunity to pick up any personal items that may have been left last year
- Chromebooks for students who still need one
- ELA/Math curriculum materials (if you have not already received them)

Elective materials will be ready for pick up in the next couple of weeks.

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Student Preparation

The first day of school is September 9, 2020 at 8:00 am. Before school starts, please be sure your student (and family) is set up for success by reviewing the questions below.

1.) Do you have a Chromebook?
2.) Does your student know how to log into their Chromebook?
3.) Does your student have their math workbooks?
4.) Does your student have their English Workbook?
5.) Does your student know how to access Canvas online?
6.) Does your student have a hotspot or a strong internet connection at home?
7.) Does your student or you know how to access community resources for food, shelter and clothing, if needed?
8.) Do you know how to contact your student’s teachers?

First Week Schedule

The schedule for Weds. 9/9-Fri. 9/11 will be a 2.5-hour early release schedule each day, and is as follows:

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Counselor’s Corner

Hello Heatherwood! The Counseling Team is so excited to start the new year with you.

Our Team

Autumn Slater 6th 
aslater@everettsd.org

John Lerner 7th 
jlerner@everettsd.org

Myraflor Arpin 8th 
marpin@everettsd.org

This year, we will be supporting you with your child’s academics, social and emotional life, as well as college and career planning. For more info on what school counselors do, please click here. As school counselors, we abide by the national standards set by the American School Counselors Association, as well as the Washington School Counselors Association.

NOTE

We appreciate collaborating with students and families regarding student schedules. At this time, we are receiving a high volume of calls and emails. Thank you for your patience as we return your message as soon as we can.

Please also note that student schedules are subject to change prior to the 1st day of school. Please check your student’s schedule for changes the evening of Tuesday, September 8th. Our schedule change policy can be viewed here.

We look forward to this school year and providing you more information about our plans in the coming weeks.

Go Heatherwood Hawks!

ASB Happenings

Coronavirus cannot dampen ASB’s school spirit! Mr. McCoy and Ms. Ramirez are advising ASB this year and are excited to help ASB build our school community virtually! Make sure to follow the Hawks Instagram page at Hawks_ASB as well as the Facebook page, Heatherwood Hawks ASB for updates as the year progresses.
Attendance

In the Remote Learning setting, student attendance is recorded by:

- Daily logins to Canvas Classroom
- Daily interactions with his/her teachers (including messages, emails, phone calls, Zoom lessons, etc.); or
- Evidence of participation or completion in a learning task or assignment.

We are taking attendance daily based on these criteria.

While schools have a set schedule for learning zones, teachers are developing both live (in real time with a teacher or support staff) and recorded lessons (learning activities that may be offline, etc.). This allows students who may be unable to attend live sessions to still receive instruction during the learning zones.

If your Student will be absent from remote learning, please email the attendance line at HEAattendance@everettsd.org, or call 425-385-6305, with your Student's name, ID number, and date of absence.

Canvas

Teachers will all be using Canvas as a common landing page and platform this year. Canvas will be accessible by both students and parents. Click here to access Canvas for parents and students.

Student Canvas Access

Students can use the following link for directions on how to navigate Canvas. Navigating Canvas

Accessing Student Email

All students have an Everett School District email account. We encourage them to use these for communication with teachers and staff, as this streamlines the process. Updates and announcements will also be sent to student email addresses via the Canvas system. On the student ChromeBook, click “apps.everettsd.org bookmarks” and then “Office 365.” This opens the student’s Microsoft Office menu. Click on “Outlook” and students will be able to use email to communicate with staff.
Weekly Schedule

The weekly schedule, beginning Monday, September 14th.

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*LIF* – Learning Improvement Friday, students dismissed 75 min early
Tech Support

Parents Guardian and Students,

Did you know if you need any help with your device, Everett School district has information on the district website to support you? For easy access to technology support, click here. You can find the link for the technology support fillable form. Once submitted, a member of our technology support team will contact you and talk you through fixing your issue or set up appointments for devices that need repair and replacement chargers. We are here to support you.

Thank you!
Adventure Together

Our theme to kick off the school year is Adventure Together. We chose “Adventure” because this school year is kicking off remotely, but not like it was in the spring. This year will look and feel much different and will be a new, exciting and challenging adventure for students, teachers and families. And, “Together” because we are all in this together. Although this start to school will feel different to everyone, we encourage taking on this challenge with courage, knowing we will all learn and grow as we navigate new and unexpected situations. We are here for every student, every family, every teacher, every staff member. We are a team! Let’s Adventure Together!

Parent University

Starting September 2, Everett Public Schools will have a Parent University available 24/7 online and mobile, for you to access important resources to help support your student’s remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student’s schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21

Learning model status

Everett Public Schools will begin the 2020-21 school year with 100% remote learning using our staged approach to reopening. As the numbers of positive COVID-19 cases and deaths continue to rise across our state and in our region, it has become clear at this time that our more robust remote learning model will be the safest way to form the foundation for student learning this fall.

Staged reentry to schools will be determined by the impacts of a changing COVID-19 pandemic, available resources, direction from Snohomish Health District, OSPI and our Governor. Having the flexibility and agility to move to different models will enable Everett Public Schools to provide the best education possible in whatever scenario presents itself.

The current status is 100% remote learning. Visit the learning model status webpage to get to know the five stages.

Attendance procedures
We look forward to teaching your child every day. Regular attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is engaged in learning to benefit from an excellent education. If your child will miss remote learning, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days. Teachers will use digital Gradebook attendance to log student attendance daily. K-5 students will have attendance taken daily at the beginning of the day during their morning meeting. Grades 6-12 will have attendance taken in every class period.

2020-21 Immunization Changes

The way schools collect immunization records and comply with immunization rules has changed for the 2020-21 school year. As of August 1, 2020, a change in state immunization rules has affected three areas of immunization compliance:

- The definition of “conditional status” has been clarified. **Students must turn in their immunization paperwork on or before the first day of in-person learning.**
- All new immunization records from students need to be **medically verified**.
- The Tdap vaccine requirement for 6th through 12th graders has been changed to a 7th through 12th grade requirement.

A medically verified record includes one or more of the following and can be submitted by email to **EPS.BuildingRN.MailList@everettsd.org**:

- A Certificate of Immunization Status (CIS) printed from the Immunization Information System
- A physical copy of the CIS with a healthcare provider signature
- A physical copy of the CIS accompanying medical immunization records from a healthcare provider verified and signed by school staff
- A CIS printed from your MyIR account.

Access your family’s immunization information

To access your family’s immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for **MyIR** to view, download and print your student's immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child's Certificate of Immunization Status for school, childcare and camp programs.

Ways to stay in touch

On the communications department webpage, you can sign up for **InTouch** announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram**.
Mobile app

Families can download the district mobile app to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

Social & emotional health

The outbreak of 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 social & emotional health webpage for more information.

ECEAP preschool is now enrolling 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 includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded in partnership with Snohomish County Human Services and Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families.

ECEAP will be providing remote preschool services this fall including virtual circle times and small groups, video libraries of fun, engaging activities, and learning materials for...
home-based activities. Additionally, ECEAP will support parents as their child’s first and most important teacher through regular parent-teacher check-ins, family support coaching, resources, and online family support groups and informational classes.

The ECEAP preschool program is located at Cedar Wood (new for 2020-21), Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. ECEAP will be providing remote preschool services this fall including virtual circle times and small groups, video libraries of fun, engaging activities, and learning materials for home-based activities. Additionally, ECEAP will support parents as their child’s first and most important teacher through regular parent-teacher check-ins, family support coaching, resources, and online family support groups and informational classes. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628, email eceap@everettsd.org or visit our website.

**Kids in Transition program**

Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal **McKinney-Vento Homeless Act**. Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students’ academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure students experiencing homelessness have access to free school meals, school supplies, and uniforms. KIT can help students access extended day or summer school classes and provide access to tutoring when needed. The KIT Program can also cover fees required to take part in activities such as school-sponsored sports, clubs, and required class fees. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is in the best interest of the student.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the KIT website or contact the KIT Program at 425-385-4032.

**Backpacks for students in need**

Do you know a family who might be in need this year? **Stuff the Bus for Kids** ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,900 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 31, the week before school.

**Student opportunities and activities eflyers**

We use **Peachjar** to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the **Quicklinks** section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren’t already receiving them.
Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Report it! You can talk directly with your school’s office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods. Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s general counsel office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student’s records.

Register to vote!

It’s easy! You can register online at http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.