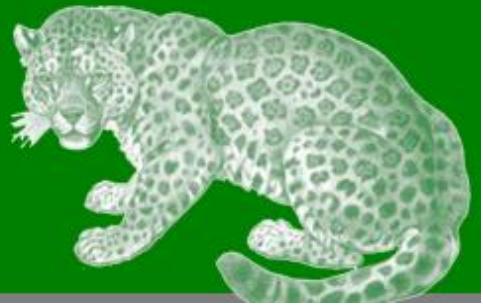


Silver Firs Jaguar News

SILVER FIRS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



November 2023

Dear Silver Firs Community,

When people are asked the purpose of schools, the most expected answer would be “education.” This, of course, seems obvious, but like most things, there is more to it than meets the eye. Before education can happen with fidelity, there must first be a connection between a student and the community of the school - the staff, their peers, and the other families of the school. This goes back to [Maslow’s hierarchy of needs](#). If a student is not in a place where they are feeling safe and connected, there is far less of an opportunity for them to learn.

To that end, staff at Silver Firs (as well as within the entire Everett School District) spent all of the October 13th Learning Improvement Day digging into these issues. We learned about ways to incorporate ideals of diversity, equity, and inclusion into our school practices and looked at hard data derived from the Panorama Surveys, school demographic trends, and behavior interventions to see where we need to fill in gaps. Crucially, we also heard from families at Silver Firs about how they and their children feel at school. Every student has the right to feel that they belong at Silver Firs. This LID Day was an important step in our making good on that promise.

There are already many systems in place at Silver Firs aimed at this goal. Our school Equity Team has recently restarted meetings with the aim of making sure that all voices are respected at the school. Many classrooms are incorporating the [RULER](#) emotional learning tools we were introduced to last year. This can be seen in the class charters on display in many rooms. These agreements, which the entire class creates together, ensure that everyone gets a say in how they feel at school. We are lucky that our school counselor, Kim Nunnally-Hirata, has created a guide for teachers to combine these RULER tools with the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning curriculum our district uses.

Aleta Smoot

Principal

Brent Radcliff

Assistant Principal

Silver Firs Elementary School

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Attendance:

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Another important step in connecting all parts of our community is coming in just a few weeks. Conference week is just around the corner! During conferences you will have the chance to hear from classroom teachers about your child's strengths, challenges, and opportunities for growth. What will add significant value to these conversations is your own observations and knowledge of your children. As well as we are able to get to know the students at this school, we only get the privilege of spending one-third of the day with them. You have so much to teach us about the needs of your children and your insights on some of their motivations. Things like how a child acts when they are heading to school and later, heading home are valuable data points for understanding the whole student. Things that make your child excited and others that cause frustration at school are equally important for us to hear. A two-way conversation will always do more good (and be more enjoyable) than one-way communication.

Thank you for your help in building our school community, and all the students who are important parts of it, into the best they can be. As we in the Pacific Northwest know, we are currently heading into the darkest and greyest part of the year. The work we do towards building a radically impactful and strong community can add so much light to balance out what mother nature will be withholding from us for a while.

Sincerely,
Jacob Finkle
Music Teacher and Principal Intern





NOVEMBER 13-17, 2023

Your stuff misses YOU too.



PLEASE CHECK OUR OVERFLOWING
LOST AND FOUND WHEN HERE
FOR FALL CONFERENCES!



Natural Leaders



Cooking night
sounds like fun!
Let's get together
and learn!!



©Who can join Natural Leaders?

ANYONE!!

©What do we do?

Our biggest event that we host is a multi-cultural night. We simply connect families, schools, and communities through multi-cultural events such as cooking class, teatime, just chatting about cultural differences, etc...

©Do you want to introduce your culture?

© Do you want to meet a family from a certain country?

© Do you want to learn a new culture?

PLEASE JOIN US AND LET US KNOW!!



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Calendar of Events

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 Early Release 1:00 PM
6	7 	8	9	10 Veterans Day NO SCHOOL
13	14		16	17
EARLY RELEASE FOR PARENT / TEACHER CONFERENCES DISMISSAL AT 1:00 NO PRESCHOOL				
20 PTA General Meeting	21	22 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK	23 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK THANKSGIVING DAY	24 NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE DAY
27	28	29	30 Picture Retakes 	

November 2023



Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

November is Native American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.



Daylight Saving Time Ends



November 5, 2023, Daylight Savings Time Ends and we “fall back” one hour.

Remember to vote Nov. 7

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 7. Postage is not required for ballots.



November Holidays – schools closed

This is a friendly reminder there is no school on November 10 for Veterans Day and for Thanksgiving break, which is November 22 - 24.

School performance report

Each school's performance report is available online on our school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). At the bottom under data and research, click on “School Report Card” and select Everett from the list of districts.

Harvest of the Month

This month, the Food and Nutrition department brings you squash grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our roasted squash or pumpkin custard!

Did you know there are two groups of squash, winter and summer? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on the district [website](#).

May the gourd be with you!





Is my child too sick for school?

Is my child too sick to go to school? It is no fun being sick, but we also care about protecting students and their families from contagious diseases, so we ask you keep your student home when they are sick.

Keeping ill students at home and encouraging frequent hand washing protects us all. While we regret any inconvenience this may cause, following these guidelines will result in fewer absences and less illnesses overall.

Please visit the [district's website](#) to learn more. If you still have questions about whether your student is healthy enough to come to school, contact the school nurse or your child's health care provider.

Receive information the way you prefer

This is a friendly reminder that parents and guardians can select their preferred method of communication so they will not get the same message in multiple formats unless they choose to. Below are some steps to take:

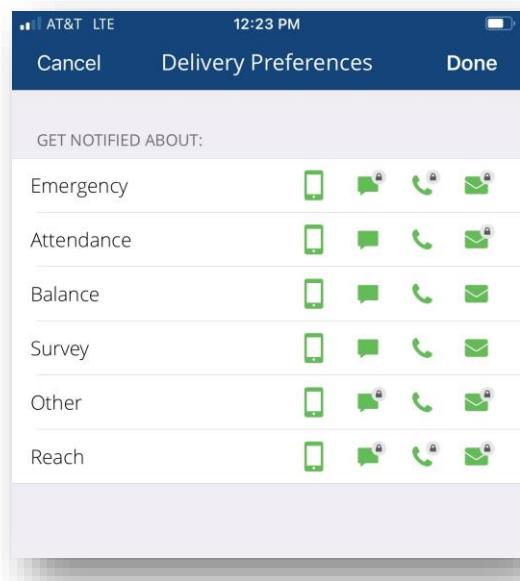
- Download the district's mobile app. One of the many features is to select your delivery preferences. Once you have signed into your account, click on your profile tile and then "Edit Delivery Preferences" at the top.
 - Click on the icon for app, text, phone or email to turn off that mode. Green indicates the mode is turned on. Some modes are locked, as indicated with the lock in the upper corner of the icon.
- Keep your contact information current by updating the "Annual Student Update Form 2023-2024" in Home Access Center or by letting your school office know anytime there is a change.
- Please visit the communications department webpage for a list of timely and relevant information to strengthen connections among families, staff and community.



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Play and Learn



Play and Learn is a free program for children from birth thru age five and their parents or caregivers to have fun playing together, creating art, listening to stories and singing songs! Sessions are held five days a week from 10:30 a.m. to noon at four locations.

[Click to learn more and see calendar.](#)

There is still time to enroll your preschooler!

There is space available in our Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP)! This incredible program is for 3- and 4-year-old children from families with limited income and are enrolled in our schools. Learn more at www.everettsd.org/ECEAP.



Is your family prepared?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood in preparation for bad weather.

Important FAFSA/WASFA changes



Big changes are coming to financial aid applications this year! The 2024-25 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) will not be available until December 2023. The WASFA (Washington Application for State Financial Aid) will also be delayed until the FAFSA opens.

Applications usually open October 1 of a student's senior year, so this is a major shift in the college planning process. The good news is that this delay is due to positive changes. The FAFSA form will be shorter and less complex, more students will be eligible for federal Pell Grants, and the average Pell award will be larger. Stay tuned for more information and find [resources](#) from the Washington Student Achievement Council.

Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.



- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the “buddy lists.” Get to know the cyberfriends just as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the [district website](#).

Veterans Day free concert

The United States Army Field Band is performing a free concert at the Everett Civic Auditorium on November 11 at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The maximum number of free tickets per transaction is four.

Please visit [GoFan](#) to get your tickets today or scan the QR code.



Modest Free Market



Modest Family Solutions is an organization that is working to create a more just and equitable food system. They provide produce to families and communities in need across western Washington sourcing product from local growers, with an emphasis on supporting and building a BIPOC food value chain.

Emerson Elementary School
8720 7th Ave SE
Everett, WA 98208

Produce available the 1st and 3rd Saturday of every month from 9 to 11 a.m. Cultural, home-grown, fresh foods. Stay in your car and pick up in the drive thru loop or come to the walk-up area.

Have a safety concern related to schools? Report it!

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.

3 easy ways

Text or call 855-637-2095	1350@alert1.us https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com
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FOR
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PLEASE CALL
911!



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.

News around the district

Like knowing what's happening in the district? Follow us on social media! Visit our [social media directory](#) for a list of schools, club or teacher accounts.

Want eflyers of student and family opportunities? Go to [Peachjar](#) and register a free account to receive eflyers emailed directly to you! And don't forget to check out the [district's news releases](#).



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- 425-385-4100
- CGolden@everettsd.org
- PO Box 2098
- Everett, WA 98213
- **Section 504 Coordinator:**
- Dave Peters
- 425-385-4063
- DPeters@everettsd.org
- PO Box 2098
- Everett, WA 98213

Finaliza el horario de verano



5 de noviembre de 2023, finaliza el horario de verano y “retrocedemos” una hora.



Recuerde votar el 7 de noviembre

Recuerde entregar su boleta en un buzón de votación cercano a usted o enviarla por correo antes del 7 de noviembre. No se requiere envío postal para las boletas.



Vacaciones de noviembre – escuelas cerradas

Este es un recordatorio amistoso de que no habrá clases el 10 de noviembre por el Día de los Veteranos y durante las vacaciones de Acción de Gracias, que son del 22 al 24 de noviembre.

Informe de rendimiento escolar

El informe de desempeño de cada escuela está disponible en línea en el sitio web de nuestra escuela. Más información está disponible en el sitio web de la [Oficina del Superintendente de Instrucción Pública](#). En la parte inferior, debajo de datos e investigación, haga clic en "Boleta de calificaciones escolares" y seleccione Everett de la lista de distritos.

Cosecha del mes

¡Este mes, el departamento de Alimentación y Nutrición le ofrece calabazas cultivadas en el PNW! ¡Asegúrate de probarlos este mes en nuestra calabaza asada o natillas de calabaza!

¿Sabías que hay dos grupos de calabazas, las de invierno y las de verano? Obtenga más información consultando el folleto de la Cosecha del Mes en el sitio [web del distrito](#).



¡Que la calabaza te acompañe!

¿Está mi hijo demasiado enfermo para ir a la escuela?

¿Está mi hijo demasiado enfermo para ir a la escuela? No es divertido estar enfermo, pero también nos preocupamos por proteger a los estudiantes y sus familias de enfermedades contagiosas, por lo que le pedimos que mantenga a su estudiante en casa cuando esté enfermo.

Mantener a los estudiantes enfermos en casa y fomentar el lavado frecuente de manos nos protege a todos. Si bien lamentamos cualquier inconveniente que esto pueda causar, seguir estas pautas resultará en menos ausencias y menos enfermedades en general.



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Visite el sitio [web del distrito](#) para obtener más información. Si todavía tiene preguntas sobre si su estudiante está lo suficientemente sano como para venir a la escuela, comuníquese con la enfermera de la escuela o el proveedor de atención médica de su hijo.



Recibe información como prefieras

Este es un recordatorio amistoso de que los padres y tutores pueden seleccionar su método de comunicación preferido para no recibir el mismo mensaje en múltiples formatos a menos que así lo deseen. A continuación se detallan algunos pasos a seguir:

- Descargue la aplicación móvil del distrito. Una de las muchas funciones es seleccionar sus preferencias de entrega. Una vez que haya iniciado sesión en su cuenta, haga clic en el mosaico de su perfil y luego en "Editar preferencias de entrega" en la parte superior.
 - Haga clic en el ícono de la aplicación, mensaje de texto, teléfono o correo electrónico para desactivar ese modo. El verde indica que el modo está activado. Algunos modos están bloqueados, como se indica con el candado en la esquina superior del ícono.
- Mantenga su información de contacto actualizada actualizando el "Formulario de actualización anual para estudiantes 2023-2024" en Home Access Center o informando a la oficina de su escuela cada vez que haya un cambio.
- Visite la página web del departamento de comunicaciones para obtener una lista de información oportuna y relevante para fortalecer las conexiones entre las familias, el personal y la comunidad.

Juega y aprende

Play and Learn es un programa gratuito para que los niños desde el nacimiento hasta los cinco años y sus padres o cuidadores se diviertan jugando juntos, creando arte, escuchando cuentos y cantando canciones. Las sesiones se llevan a cabo cinco días a la semana de 10:30 a. m. al mediodía en cuatro ubicaciones.

[Haga clic para obtener más información y ver el calendario.](#)

¡Aún hay tiempo para inscribir a su niño en edad preescolar!

iAún hay espacio disponible en nuestro Programa de Asistencia y Educación para la Primera Infancia (ECEAP)! Este increíble programa es para niños de 3 y 4 años de familias con ingresos limitados y que están matriculados en nuestras escuelas. Obtenga más información en www.everettsd.org/ECEAP.



¿Está tu familia preparada?

[El Manejo de Emergencias del Condado de Snohomish](#) tiene recursos útiles en línea para ayudarlo a crear y practicar planes de respuesta a emergencias con su familia y su vecindario en preparación para el mal tiempo.





Cambios importantes en FAFSA/WASFA

Este año se avecinan grandes cambios en las solicitudes de ayuda financiera! La FAFSA (Solicitud gratuita de ayuda federal para estudiantes) 2024-25 no estará disponible hasta diciembre de 2023. La WASFA (Solicitud de ayuda financiera estatal de Washington) también se retrasará hasta que se abra la FAFSA.



Las solicitudes generalmente se abren el 1 de octubre del último año del estudiante, por lo que este es un cambio importante en el proceso de planificación universitaria. La buena noticia es que este retraso se debe a cambios positivos. El formulario FAFSA será más corto y menos complejo, más estudiantes serán elegibles para las Becas Pell federales y la beca Pell promedio será mayor. Estén atentos para obtener más información y encontrar [recursos](#) del Washington Student Achievement Council.

Consejos de seguridad en línea

- Mantenga la computadora en un área transitada de su casa.
- Utilice una aplicación para controlar la actividad en línea de su hijo en su dispositivo.
- Hablar sobre ciberbullying; Pregunte si alguien que conocen ha sido víctima. Pregúntele si han sido víctimas.
- Configure cuentas de correo electrónico y redes sociales con sus hijos. Conozca sus nombres de usuario y contraseñas y explique los motivos para no incluir ninguna información personal en los perfiles.

Sepa quién está en las “listas de amigos”. Conozca a los ciberamigos tal como conoce a los que visitan su casa. Los padres y tutores pueden encontrar útiles los siguientes recursos para iniciar una conversación sobre los peligros de participar en ciberacoso y cómo mantenerse seguros en línea:

- [Dejemos de intimidar ahora](#)
- [Guía de la Sra. Parry para corregir la etiqueta en línea](#)
- [Medios de comunicación con sentido común](#)

Descubra lo que los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett aprenden sobre ciudadanía digital en el sitio [web del distrito](#).

Concierto gratuito del Día de los Veteranos

La Banda de Campo del Ejército de los Estados Unidos ofrecerá un concierto gratuito en el Auditorio Cívico de Everett el 11 de noviembre a las 7 p.m. Las puertas se abrirán a las 18.30 horas. El número máximo de entradas gratuitas por transacción es cuatro.

Visite [GoFan](#) para obtener sus boletos hoy o escanea el código qr .





Modesto mercado libre



Modest Family Solutions es una organización que trabaja para crear un onstru alimentario más justo y equitativo. Proporcionan productos a familias y comunidades necesitadas en todo el oeste de Washington obteniendo productos de productores locales, con énfasis en apoyar y onstruer una cadena de valor de alimentos BIPOC.

Escuela Primaria Emerson
8720 7th Ave SE
Everett, WA 98208

Productos disponibles el 1er y 3er sábado de cada mes de 9 a 11 a.m. Alimentos frescos, culturales y de cosecha propia. Quédese en su automóvil y recoja el vehículo en el circuito de acceso directo o acérquese al área de acceso sin cita previa.

¿Tiene alguna preocupación de seguridad relacionada con las escuelas? ¡Reportalo!

Puede llamar, enviar un mensaje de texto o enviar un correo electrónico con su inquietud.

Si hay motivos de preocupación sobre la seguridad en un camino designado hacia la escuela, llame al 9-1-1 de inmediato para obtener ayuda rápida y autorizada. Tenemos asociaciones sólidas con las autoridades locales que comparten nuestro interés en escuelas y vecindarios seguros.

3 easy ways

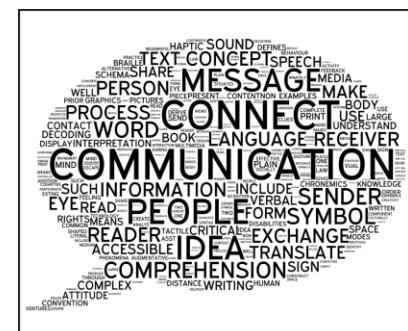
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La seguridad de los estudiantes es una prioridad para todos nosotros. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a que nuestros vecindarios y escuelas sean lugares propicios para que los estudiantes aprendan y crezcan de manera segura.

Noticias alrededor del distrito.

¿Te gusta saber qué está pasando en el distrito? ¡Síguenos en las redes sociales! Visite nuestro [directorio de redes sociales](#) para obtener una lista de escuelas, clubes o cuentas de maestros.





¿Quiere folletos electrónicos sobre oportunidades para estudiantes y familias? ¡Vaya a [Peachjar](#) y registre una cuenta gratuita para recibir eflyers enviados directamente por correo electrónico! Y no olvide consultar [los comunicados de prensa del distrito](#).



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