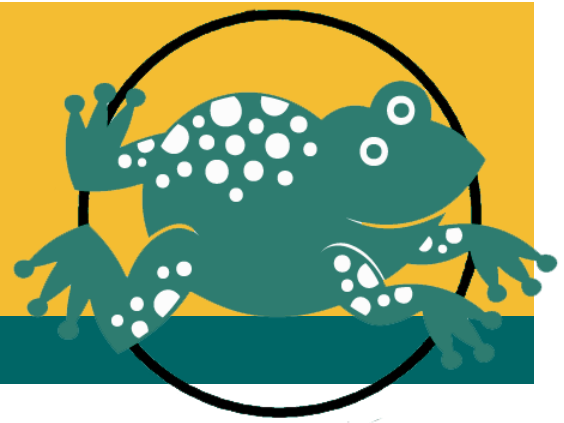


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Everett Public Schools are committed to continuous improvement and as part of our school improvement process, every school in our district develops and implements a School Improvement Plan that is tailored to its specific needs each year. Our schools analyze a variety of informational sources – including student performance trends, state comparisons and staff/parent perception surveys – to identify improvement goals that are specific, data-driven and measurable. To help each of our schools understand its strengths and challenges in areas known to impact educational effectiveness, we would appreciate your input on how our schools are doing.

Today, you will receive a paper copy of the survey and soon, you will receive an email with a link for an online, multiple-choice survey. We ask that you please complete and submit the survey online or that you submit the paper version to Penny Creek by March 28. If you have more than one child in the Everett School District, you may complete a survey for each school your children attend. Please complete each survey so that all of your children's schools will benefit from your feedback.

The survey questions were developed by the Center for Educational Effectiveness, a Bellevue, Washington-based educational research firm, in collaboration with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington State. Please watch for the paper survey or the link to this Educational Effectiveness Survey and take a few minutes to send us your input. We truly appreciate your time and participation. Your feedback is very important to our ongoing school improvement efforts as we endeavor to make our schools the very best for the students who attend them.

Sincerely,
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March 2

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

March 5

Kindergarten Registration begins

March 8

PTA Skate Night
6:30 p.m. Everett Skate Deck

March 9

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

March 16

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

Noodle Palooza Fundraiser
6:00 p.m. PCE Cafeteria

March 19

PTA General Meeting
7:00 p.m. PCE Library

March 23-30

Parent Teacher Conferences
1:00 p.m. Release

March 26-30

PTA Book Fair
9:00 a.m. -4:00 p.m. PCE Library



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Go to www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins March 5, at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *School and Route Finder* under the *Parents* tab, or call transportation at 425-385-4144.

20th annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- High school Art Show: April 10-26, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 3-18, reception on May 14
- Elementary school Art Show: May 23-June 7, viewing only

Classified Employee Week

March 12-16, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.





Bond and Levy update

The Feb. 13 election results show a **55.3** percent vote for the district's [Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy](#), and a **55.4** percent vote for the [Capital Bond](#).

To pass, the Replacement Levy requires 50 percent plus one, and we surpassed that percentage by about 5.3 points as of Feb. 16. It is heartening to see a majority of voters are aware of how important Replacement Levies are to quality education for our communities' children.

For school Capital Bonds to pass, they must secure a SUPER majority, or 60 percent plus one, of voter approval. The results show the Bond down about 4.6 percent. There are some votes yet to be counted. Depending upon how many voters submitted ballots late last week, and how they voted, the Capital Bond approval percentage could go up. You can be certain we will be closely watching the ballot counts later this week, and what impact those counts have on the bond approval rate. By the time you are reading this, the results will be certified.

Whatever the results, I extend a big, heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of volunteers and staff who made telephone calls, waved signs, pressed doorbells, put up signs, signed and mailed postcards, maintained web pages, designed mailers, made community presentations, made staff presentations, made PTA presentations, answered emails, returned phone calls, raised funds, donated funds, wrote letters to the editor, wore buttons, and spent countless hours involved in the election process. I especially thank the Citizens Committee co-chairs, Caroline Mason, Angela Steck, Michelle Nims, and EEA president Jared Kink for the remarkable leadership, planning, organizing, and persistence that makes such a huge difference in a community-wide effort like levy and bond elections.

Thank you as well to thousands of voters who cast ballots supporting the Levy and the Bond. Your majority support of schools and students is truly heartening to all of us who work daily with our nation's future.

Our community's support of schools has produced very positive results over the decades. We have one of the state's highest graduation rates, and we are making progress to close the education gap among diverse groups. This board and district have a documented track record of fiscal accountability and are committed to that accountability, transparency, and stewardship of these public funds. Members of the board, who contributed huge amounts of time to make the ballot measure decisions, and the entire district are grateful for our community's past and present support of schools and of students. We are committed to our responsibility of ensuring the highest quality education for each student.

Dr. Gary Cohn
Superintendent