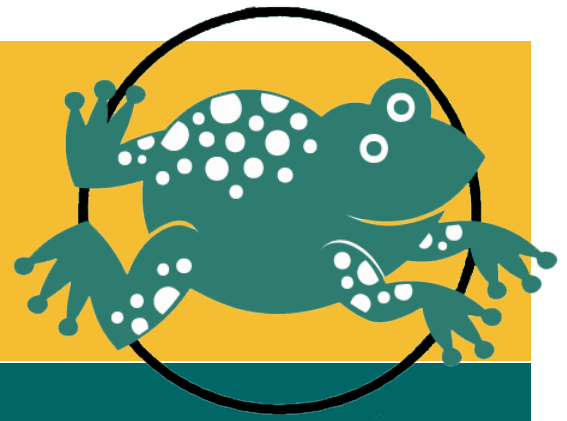


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



April 2021

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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

March was an exciting month at Penny Creek. We brought back second through fifth grades and now have close to 145 students present in school on hybrid days. Students in the hybrid setting are adapting beautifully to social distancing and safety routines, while students in the remote setting continue to participate well. In fact, during the month of March, the entire student body earned more Penny Creek PRIDE Tickets than any other month this year. We are so proud of our Penny Creek Frogs!

With spring upon us, it can be normal to feel antsy and distracted by sunnier weather and outdoor activities. This month especially, we ask you to partner with us in supporting strong class attendance and participation with both Zoom and asynchronous lessons. Your support of a consistent participation in all aspects of schooling, whether on site or in the remote setting, makes a positive difference in students' academic growth.

The month of April is also when we conduct state EL testing. We ask for flexibility during the month ahead for students who participate in LAP and EL groups. Meeting times may differ as LAP and EL teachers will be completing required state testing.

This is also an important time for Kindergarten Enrollment. If you have an incoming Kindergarten student, submit an online enrollment application at: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/38645>.

In closing, I want to assure you that the staff at Penny Creek continues to make the best of the learning opportunities we have with students this year. Though fewer hours have been available for live instruction, teachers are focusing on priority standards, those standards that are most essential for success in the year ahead. If you have questions about any aspect of your child's learning, be sure to contact the teacher. You can also reach out to Mrs. Roberts, our school counselor, Mrs. Kirkpatrick, our Assistant Principal, or myself. We are here to support your child any way we can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marti J. Shefveland".

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[Technology Support](#)

[Parent University](#)

[Student Tools Webpage](#)

[Penny Creek Hybrid Info](#)

April 1-2

Reduced Student Day Dismissal @ 1pm

April 5 - 9

Spring Break Week – No School

April 14, 21, 28

Library Book Pick Up @ 4 p.m.
Click [HERE](#) to reserve books

April 14, 21, 28

Learning Improvement Wednesday

April 14

Materials Pick Up for Grade 1 – 5
Students in Remote Learning Model
Click [HERE](#) for more details

Save the Date: May 3

Let's Connect @ 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.



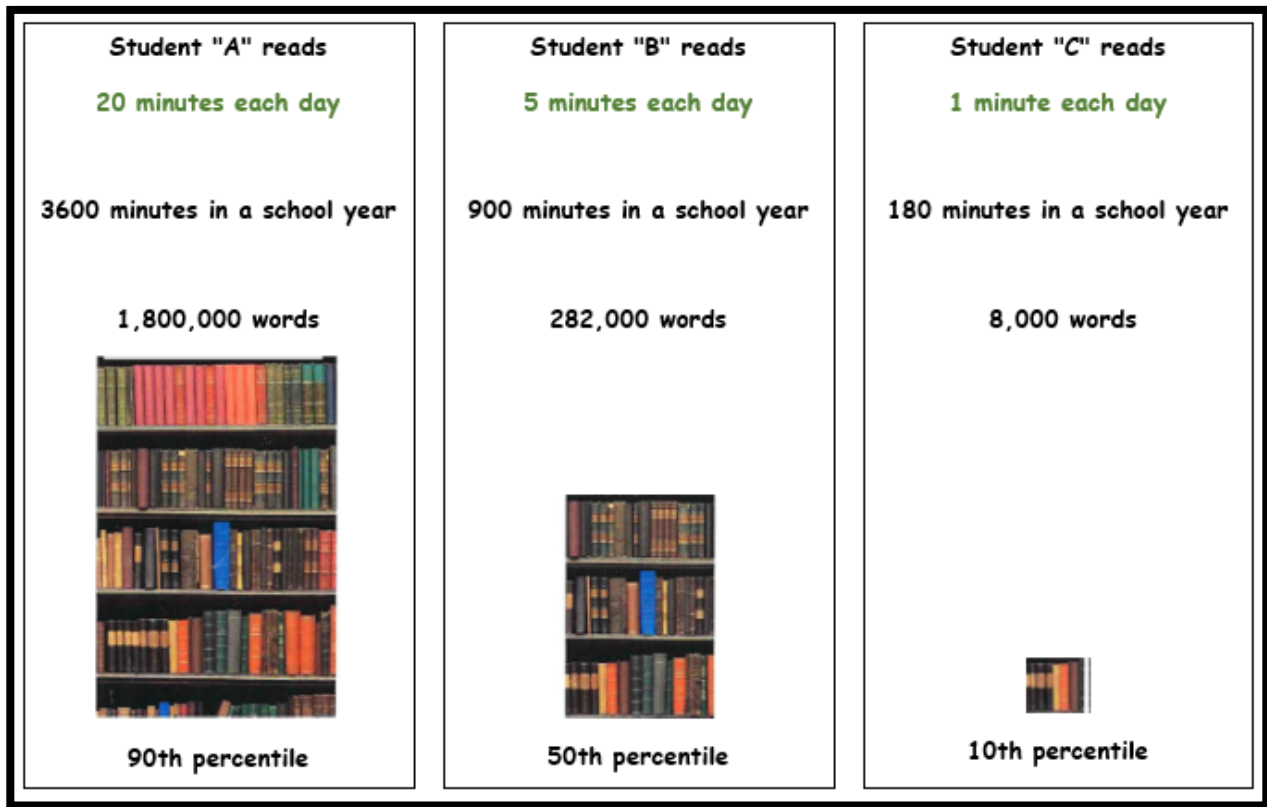
April Student Materials Pick Up for Grade Levels 1 – 5

The April materials pick up will be for all the fully remote learning students in Grades 1-5.

Families are invited to Penny Creek on **WEDNESDAY, April 14 anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

To enter Penny Creek, use the furthest west entrance. Please follow the flow of the map [HERE](#) to arrive at the east side gym door. Please remain in your vehicle. A staff member will deliver your student’s materials to you. To support the flow of traffic, have your student’s first and last name with teacher name on a paper ready to show the staff member or posted on your passenger side window. At all times, social distancing guidelines must be followed. If you are unable to pick up your student’s supplies, please email the teacher to make alternate arrangements for the items.

The Impact of Reading 20 Minutes a Day



By the end of the 6th grade year, Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read for only 12 school days.

- Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
- Which student would you expect to be more successful in school... and in life?

(Nagy & Herman, 1987)



Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent from school, please email the teacher **and** the attendance office at pceattendance@everettsd.org to let us know the reason for the absence. Notifications to the office need to arrive within 30 days of the absence. After that time, the absences will be considered unexcused for no contact. There is also a direct link on our webpage at: <https://www.everettsd.org/pennycreek>.

Did you have a medical appointment for your child, or they were sick, and you brought them to the doctor? If so, make sure to ask for a medical note that you can email to the attendance office. Those absences can then be coded as a medical excuse.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Many of our students arrive and depart from Penny Creek on assigned school buses. For those families that transport students to and from school by cars, we have designated specific arrival and departure options. Student safety is our number one priority at Penny Creek and we ask that you read through the option that applies to your grade level and follow the arrival and dismissal directions listed.

For the safety of your students please note the following:

- Morning arrival time begins at **9:00 a. m.** Please remain in your vehicle and have your student depart the car from the passenger curb side door.
 - [KK/1st Grade drop off/pick up location is at the front of the school building.](#)
 - [2nd to 5th Grade drop off/pick up location is by the under covered playground area.](#)
- Arrival after 9:15 a.m.: Please park your vehicle and walk your student into the office where you can sign them in. Students arriving after 9:15 a.m. will be tardy.

Changes to a student's daily going home plan

Occasionally, you may need to change the plan of how your child is going home at the end of the school day. If this is the case for your family, **we ask that a guardian sends an email to the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org and the classroom teacher by 2:45 pm.** Please include the name of your student, their teacher, and the change of plan. Our office will then deliver this information to your student. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate dismissal information.

Checking out a Penny Creek student during the school day

Sometimes it is necessary for a parent/guardian to pick up a student before Penny Creek's dismissal time. To help us prepare, please send a note or email the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org in advance, letting us know the specific date, time and who will be picking up your child. Students who are dismissed during the school day must be signed out from the school office by their parent/guardian (or adult designee) before leaving the school grounds. If an adult designee is coming to check out your child, a note or email to the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org must be submitted by the guardian to confirm. Students will be called from the classroom for dismissal once the parent/guardian (or adult designee) arrives at the office. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.



Everett Public Schools is hiring paraeducators

We are hiring Paraeducators! Great benefits, competitive wages, professional development with summers and school breaks off! Interested?

Please apply online at: <https://www.applitrack.com/everettsd/onlineapp/>

Schools are located in Everett, Mill Creek and Bothell, Washington.



Kindergarten registration happening now

During school building closure, you can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online](#)! A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.



New for fall, 2021 is the dual-language Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary School. Families with children entering kindergarten will have the option to choose the dual language strand. This program gives elementary students an opportunity to complete the Everett Public Schools curriculum in a nontraditional and exciting way by immersing them in Spanish language and culture from kindergarten through twelfth grade. Students in the program will become proficient in both Spanish and English while learning the same curriculum content as their peers outside the program.

Priority will be given to students within the Emerson Elementary School attendance area. If a high number of students apply, a lottery will be conducted to select students. If the class is not filled from those in the Emerson attendance area, an additional lottery from beyond the school attendance area will be conducted.

If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!

Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to access your student's info quickly and easily. See top stories, Parent University, Canvas, books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

The free mobile app is available in the iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Search for "Everett Public Schools."

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Read content in one of many languages available in the settings.

School Quality Survey update

Last month, we sent information about our School Quality Survey. The timeline for the survey was postponed and we apologize for any confusion. We will be conducting our annual survey later this spring. Please stay tuned and we will send updated timeline information as soon as possible.





Let's Connect - May

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on Monday, May 3 from 5 – 6 p.m. about how remote learning is going and to get feedback on how we can do better. We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a Zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school's regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to check your email, RSVP required to receive the link for the meeting. Let's Connect!



Thank you, volunteers!

April 19-23 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week, which provides a yearly opportunity for schools and families to honor and highlight the powerful contributions parents and caregivers provide at school and home to support student success. Although this school year has not allowed for in-person volunteering, we are grateful for the support our school community volunteers have given in other ways to support student success. We look forward to the days we can welcome volunteers back in our schools to read with students, support playground supervision, chaperone field trips and provide support to teachers in the classroom and more! Your help matters. Thank you so much.



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• **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:**

• Mary O'Brien
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Below is the Spanish Version of District Content Newsletter Articles:

Escuelas Públicas de Everett contrata Paraeducadores

¡Estamos contratando Paraeducadores! ¡Grandes prestaciones, salarios competitivos, desarrollo profesional con descansos el verano y días asuetos escolares! ¿Está interesado o interesada?

Por favor aplique en línea en: <https://www.applitrack.com/everetsd/onlineapp/>

Las escuelas están localizadas en Everett, Mill Creek y Bothell, Washington.



Inscripciones ya abiertas para el Kínder

Durante el cierre de los planteles escolares, usted puede llenar sus formularios de inscripción [en línea!](#) Contamos con [un video paso a paso para los padres](#) como un recurso de ayuda.



Nuevo para el otoño del 2021 tenemos en programa de inmersión dual en Español en la Escuela Primaria Emerson. Las familias con niños ingresando al Kínder tendrán la opción de escoger la ruta educativa con lenguaje dual. Este programa le da a los alumnos de primaria la oportunidad de completar el plan de estudios de las escuelas públicas de Everett de una manera no tradicional, emocionante en inmersiva al idioma español y a su cultura desde el Kínder hasta el 12^{vo} grado. Los alumnos en este programa aprenden a dominar el español y el

inglés al mismo tiempo que aprenden el mismo contenido del plan de estudios que sus compañeros que cursan afuera de este programa.

Se le está dando prioridad a los alumnos que viven en la zona escolar de asistencia de la Escuela Primaria Emerson. Si llegamos a tener un gran número de alumnos aplicando, se realizará una lotería para seleccionar a los alumnos. Si la clase no se llena con alumnos de la zona escolar de Emerson, se hará una lotería adicional más allá de esta zona.

Si tiene preguntas, por favor envíe un email al departamento de Desarrollo Temprano del Aprendizaje a EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. ¡Gracias!

Fácil acceso usando la aplicación del Distrito

Descargue e ingrese usando la aplicación del distrito para acceder a la información de su estudiante rápida y fácilmente. Vea las historias más destacadas, la Universidad para Padres, Canvas, libros que han sacado de la biblioteca, y consulte directorios del personal escolar, sitios web escolares, calendarios y más.

La app móvil es gratis y está disponible en iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Busque “Everett Public Schools.”

Una vez que la descargue, ingrese a “student info” usando su contraseña de LMS para ver la información estudiantil de cada uno de sus hijos. El contenido está disponible en varios idiomas a través de los ajustes (settings).



Actualización de la encuesta escolar

El mes pasado, le enviamos información sobre la Encuesta de Calidad Escolar. El tiempo para hacer la encuesta se ha pospuesto, por lo que le pedimos una disculpa por la confusión. Realizaremos nuestra encuesta anual a finales de esta primavera. Manténgase al pendiente de recibir la información actualizada de las fechas que mandaremos lo más pronto posible.



Conectémonos - Mayo

Está invitado a conectarse con los líderes del distrito y participar en una conversación el lunes 3 de mayo de 5-6pm acerca del progreso en el aprendizaje remoto y para recibir sus comentarios y opiniones de cómo hacer las cosas mejor. Queremos oír de ustedes y esperamos que pueda asistir a esta junta por Zoom para que comparta sus opiniones. Por favor esté al pendiente en su email de recibir la invitación para conectarse con su superintendente escolar regional y otros líderes del distrito. Revise su email y confirme su asistencia (RSVP) para poder recibir la liga a esta junta. ¡Conectémonos!



¡Gracias voluntarios!

La semana del 19-23 de abril es la semana de apreciación a los voluntarios de las escuelas públicas que ofrece una oportunidad anual para que las escuelas y las familias honren y destaquen las poderosas contribuciones que los padres y encargados del cuidado proveen a las escuelas y a sus hogares para brindar apoyo al éxito de los estudiantes. Aunque en este año escolar no se tiene permitido el voluntariado en persona, estamos muy agradecidos por el apoyo que nuestros voluntarios de la comunidad escolar han dado en distintas maneras para apoyar el éxito de los estudiantes. Esperamos con emoción llegar a los días en que podamos recibir de vuelta a los voluntarios en las escuelas para que lean con los estudiantes, soporten la supervisión en las áreas de juegos, sirvan de chaperones en las excursiones y den apoyo a los maestros en los salones de clases, ¡y mucho más! Su ayuda vale. Muchas gracias.



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