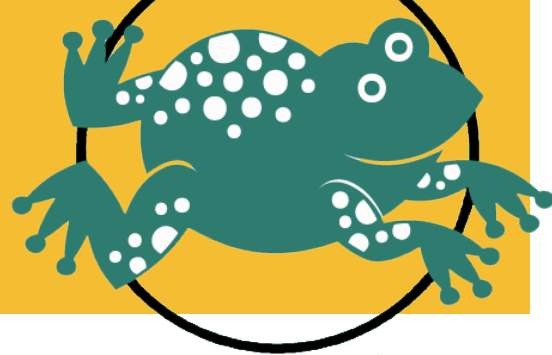


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

Welcome to April! I hope Spring Break will be both restful and enjoyable for you. It was wonderful to see so many families at conferences this week. Thank you for taking the opportunity to learn about your child's progress and how we can partner together to support their growth. It was also terrific to see so many people at our Spring Book Fair. Thank you to the many parent volunteers and our PTA for supporting this exciting event. Another terrific success was PTA's Skate night. I love that this event brought hundreds of students and families together for an activity that brought everyone such joy.

Kindergarten Registration is now open. If you have an incoming Kindergartener, we encourage you to register as soon as possible so we can plan for next year. We will hold a Kindergartener parent information night at Penny Creek in May. Look for future communications for the specific date and time. Enrollment may be submitted online at <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/38644>.

When we return from Spring Break, we enter the home stretch for the year. All students continue to work hard as they complete their grade level curriculum. Third through fifth graders will also receive test preparation instruction to support them for the upcoming state testing, Smarter Balanced Assessment. You can find the SBA schedule dates posted on the [Penny Creek website](#).

Thank you for your continued partnership in your student's learning. We want these last three months to be impactful in your child's academic as well as social emotional growth. As always, please let me know if I can answer any questions for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marti Shefvland".

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Principal

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Stephanie Kirkpatrick
Assistant Principal

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[2021-22 School Calendar](#)

[Parents Overview Page](#)

[Student Handbook](#)

April 1

ES Parent Conferences
Early Release Dismissal at 1:00 p.m.

April 4 – April 8

NO School – Spring Break

April 15

Learning Improvement Friday
Student Dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

April 22

Learning Improvement Friday
Student Dismissed at 2:15 p.m.

April 29

Learning Improvement Friday
Student Dismissed at 2:15 p.m.



Kindergarten registration is open

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2022? Registration is open. You can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online](#)! A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.

Dual-language Spanish Immersion Program

The dual-language Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary School is an option for fall 2022. 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. More information is available at www.everettsd.org/DualLanguageSpanish.



Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent or tardy from school, please email the attendance office at pceattendance@everettsd.org to let us know the reason for the absence or tardy. There is also a direct link on our webpage at: <https://www.everettsd.org/pennycreek>

- Absences must be reported (by email or note) within 30 days after a student returns back to school, not including Holidays or weekends, in order to have the absence excused. Emails or notes turned in past the 30-day timeframe will be accepted; however, the absence is not excused and will be coded as such.
- Automated attendance calls will be sent out daily at 10 a.m. If your student will be absent or tardy you must notify the office before 9:15 a.m. If it is reported after this time you may receive the automated call.
- Please view the [Everett School District Attendance Procedure 3122P](#) for more information (including definitions of absences).
- 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 from the provider. Email the note to the attendance office so those absences can be coded as a medical note excused absence.





2022-23 calendar available

Our 2022-23 student calendar is available in English and Spanish. Visit the district's website under announcements on the homepage to view details.



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.

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.

Message from our Librarian – Mrs. Woodrum

Library volunteers needed! If you have time to donate to the Penny Creek Library, please reach out to me through email at kwoodrum@everettsd.org Let me know what day(s) and times that you are available and what type of tasks interest you most.

Some of the tasks include:

- Checking in books (AM task between 9:00 and 9:45)
- Reshelving books (any time, any day)
- Helping with student checkout
 - greatest need is with the kindergarten groups, Monday (2:00-3:30) OR T-TH (2:00-2:45)
- Book Doctor - repairing damaged books
- Copy room tasks
- Preparing new books for circulation - barcoding, AR levels, school stamp, cover protection, etc.
- General library upkeep - refreshing shelf signs, seasonal decor, etc.
- Be a guest reader - all grades enjoy a good story! 😊

If you are unavailable during the school day but want to support the library, I have occasional projects that can be done at home. One thing that ALL families can do to support our school library is find a consistent place at home for keeping library books and remind students when it is library day. Thanks for your support.



Let's Connect

The April Let's Connect will focus on Family and Community Engagement and will be led by each school. More information on your school's date and how to register will be coming soon.



Easy access with district app



There is an app for that! Download and log into the district app with your LMS password to access your student's info quickly and easily, including grades, assignments and more. Set your delivery preferences for notifications from your selected schools and district. Quickly access contact information and connect with the press of a button. Customize the app to view the schools and feeds that you care about most, all in your native language. Your home for district and school communications. Simply the fastest way to be informed. Learn more at www.everettsd.org/MobileApp.

Thank you, volunteers!



April 18-22 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.

We are grateful for the support our school community volunteers have given to support student success. Your help matters. Thank you so much.



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• Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination:

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

• Kevin Allen
• 425-385-4100
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• **Section 504 Coordinator:**

• Dave Peters
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Below is the Spanish Version of District Newsletter Articles Content:

Abiertas las inscripciones para el jardín de infantes

¿Tiene un hijo o hija que tendrá 5 años cumplidos para antes del 31 de agosto de 2022? Ya están abiertas las inscripciones. Puede llenar los formularios de inscripción para el kínder [en línea!](#) Contamos con el recurso de un [video paso a paso para los padres de familia.](#)

Programa de inmersión al español con lenguaje dual

El programa de inmersión al español con lenguaje dual (en inglés como “dual-language Spanish immersion program”) de la escuela primaria de Emerson es una opción disponible para el otoño 2022. Las familias con niños y niñas que van a ingresar al kínder tienen la opción de elegir seguir el programa con lenguaje dual. Este programa le da a los alumnos de primaria una oportunidad de poder completar el plan de estudios de Everett Public Schools de una manera excitante y no tradicional de poder estar inmersos en el idioma español y su cultura desde el kínder hasta el 12vo grado. Los alumnos en el programa tendrán dominio del idioma inglés y del español aprendiendo el mismo plan de estudios que sus compañeros que no están en este programa.

Se le da prioridad a los estudiantes que viven dentro de la zona de asistencia escolar de la escuela primaria Emerson. Si un número elevado de estudiantes aplica, se realizará un sorteo para seleccionar a los estudiantes. Si la clase no se llena con alumnos de la zona de asistencia escolar de Emerson, se hará un sorteo adicional para alumnos fuera de la zona de asistencia escolar. Contamos con más información en www.everettsd.org/DualLanguageSpanish.



Acceso fácil con la app del distrito



¡Tenemos una app para eso! Descargue la aplicación e ingrese a la app del distrito con su contraseña de LMS para acceder a información rápida y fácilmente, incluyendo calificaciones, tareas y más. Establezca sus preferencias de recibo de notificaciones de sus escuelas selectas y del distrito. Acceda rápidamente a la información de contacto y conéctese con solo presionar un botón. Personalice su app para ver las escuelas y la información que más le importa, todo en su propio idioma. Es el centro para sus comunicaciones del distrito y su escuela. Simplemente la manera más rápida de estar informado. Aprenda más en www.everettsd.org/MobileApp.

Calendario 2022-23 disponible

Nuestro calendario estudiantil 2022-23 está disponible en inglés y en español. Visite el sitio web del distrito bajo la sección de “announcements” de la página principal para ver detalles.





Let's Connect (Conectémonos)

La sesión de Let's Connect de abril se enfocará en la participación de las familias y de la comunidad. Será dirigida por cada escuela. Próximamente más información sobre la fecha y cómo registrarse.



¡Gracias voluntarios!



El 18-22 de abril es la semana de apreciación de los voluntarios de las escuelas públicas. Esta semana provee una oportunidad anual para que las escuelas y las familias honren y destaquen las poderosas contribuciones que los padres y encargados del cuidado proveen en la escuela y en los hogares para darle apoyo al éxito estudiantil. Estamos muy agradecidos por el soporte que los voluntarios de nuestra comunidad escolar han dado para apoyar al éxito de los estudiantes. Su ayuda importa. Muchas gracias.



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- sexo, raza, credo, religión, color, país de origen, edad, estado veterano o militar, orientación
- sexual, expresión de género o identidad, discapacidad, o el uso de perros guía entrenados o
- animales de servicio, y provee con acceso equitativo a los Boy Scouts y a otros grupos juveniles
- designados. Los siguientes empleados han sido designados para gestionar las preguntas y quejas
- de presuntos actos de discriminación.

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