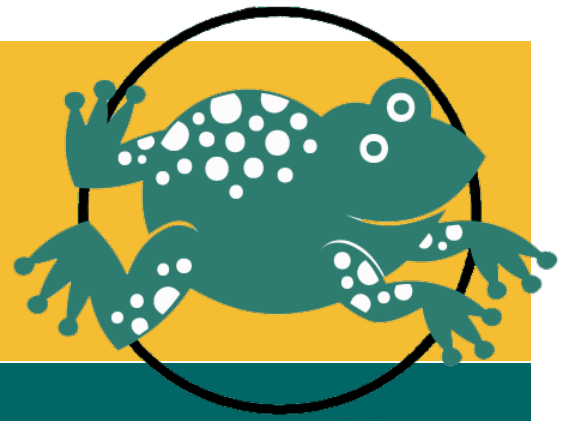


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



February 2020

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From the Principal

In the month of February, elementary students love to celebrate Valentine's Day. At Penny Creek, we use this holiday to focus on the importance of showing kindness to our classmates and students throughout the school. You may have seen our "Be the I in Kind" banner displayed outside the Office. Students enjoy taking their turn standing in place of the "I" just like Seahawks Blitz did when visiting last week.

In a school full of students from many different cultures and backgrounds, showing kindness is an important value. Most of the time, we enjoy all of classmates. However, sometimes we do not understand some of our differences. At these moments, we want students to do two things: First, assume positive things about ideas or behaviors we do not understand. Second, show kindness. This will help build bridges of understanding and make our school community a more positive place to learn and grow.

Kind Regards,

Marti Shefveland



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Principal

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February 3

PTA Meeting
Library 7 – 8:30 p.m.

February 6

Progress Reports Sent Home

February 7

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

February 13

Natural Leaders Meeting
Library 6 – 7 p.m.

February 14

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

February 17 & 18

No School Mid-winter Break

February 21

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

February 28

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release



Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent from school, please email the attendance office at pceattendance@everettsd.org to let us know the reason for the absence. 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 turn in to the attendance office. Those absences can then be coded as a medical excuse.

Parking Lot Safety at Penny Creek

Please note that we have three entrances/exits to Penny Creek that are all available to access the building for morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

- The main parking area by the front office.
- The secondary parking area in front of the gym.
- Lastly, the west parking area by the main playground.
 - This is also our bus parking location. If you choose to park here, your vehicle must be moved by 9:10 in the morning and 3:40 in the afternoon.

The drop off and pick up area located in front of the office is designated for school bus/van only.

A great way to alleviate parking space congestion is to utilize the Kiss and Go drop off/pick up lanes. Please remember in the morning the Kiss and Go lanes closes at **9:10 a.m.** and in the afternoon, Kiss and Go lanes opens at **3:35 p.m.**

The first bell rings at 9:10 a.m. and classes begin promptly at 9:15 a.m.

- If you are arriving to school after 9:10 a.m., please park your vehicle and safely walk your student to the courtyard drop off location.
- If you are arriving after 9:15 a.m. please bring your student to the office for check-in and to obtain a pass to the classroom.

Please remember to always use a marked crosswalk when possible and walk your student all the way to their final drop off destinations.

Another way to alleviate parking space congestion is to check if your student is eligible for bus transportation. The district transportation office can be reached at 425-385-4144.

Thank you for helping us keep your student/s safe as there are many vehicles coming and going on the campus. Please exercise caution and only use the marked crosswalks.

Birthday Celebrations

We understand that your student's birthday is cause for celebration. Please help to keep disruptions to a minimum by considering the following:

- Arrangements should be made with the teacher beforehand as they will decide the time and place for distribution. Teachers are also aware of any allergies in their class.
- Treats should be store bought.
- Balloons are not allowed at school.



New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device [policy 3246](#) and [procedure 3246P](#) which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency.

Elementary students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student's backpack, locker, other district provided storage). If a student has a cell phone out during class, lunch, or recess it will be brought to the office. A parent will be notified to pick it up.

There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student's IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

Changes to a student's daily going home plan

Occasionally, we need to change the plan of how our child is going home at the end of the school day. Maybe Dad is picking up instead of riding the bus or Grandma will be at Kiss and Go instead of the parent pick up location in the Courtyard. 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 2:50 pm on Mon-Thurs and 1:35 pm on Friday.** Please include the name of your student, their teacher, and the change of plan. Our office will then send out a messenger to deliver this information. We ask that you please send this email before these times. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate message delivery.

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.

Penny Creek save the date events

February 3, 2020 – PTA General Meeting 7 – 8 p.m. in the library

February 11, 2020 – AM and PM PRIDE Assemblies (by [teacher invitation](#) only)

February 13, 2020 – Krispy Kreme Fundraiser Pick up 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in room E5

February 13, 2020 – Natural Leaders Meeting 6 – 7 p.m. in the library

February 19, 2020 – Vision Screening

February 27, 2020 - PTA Popcorn Day during recess



Save the date continued

March 4, 2020 – Class Picture Day (volunteers needed)

March 12, 2020 – Festival of Cultures 6 – 8 p.m. in the cafeteria & gym

March 26, 2020 - PTA Popcorn Day during recess

March 30 – April 3, 2020 – Conference Week (students dismissed at 1 p.m.)

April 6 – 10, 2020 – Spring Break No School

Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.

Everett School Board Welcomes Two New Members

This November voters elected two new members to the Everett School District Board. April Berg will fill position 2, the seat vacated by the retirement of longtime school board director Carol Andrews. Berg lives in Mill Creek and is a planning commissioner for the city. She has six children, two university graduates, two in university, one at Henry M. Jackson High School and one at Heatherwood Middle School.



Andrew J. Nicholls will fill position 1, the seat held by Jamyang Dorjee Nhangkar who was appointed to the board in September 2018. Nicholls is a research social worker with the VA Puget Sound Medical Center and has two children who will soon be entering school in the district's north end.

Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. 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.





Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on www.common sense media.org.

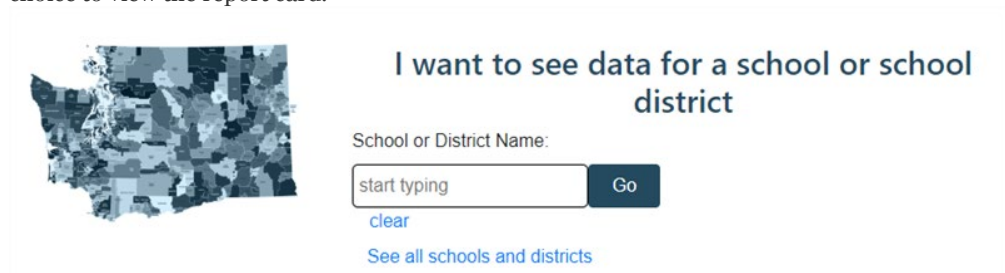
Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 2, 2020, at all district elementary schools.

Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. This year OSPI is using a new application to do this and will require a little more effort to find the data available for Everett Public Schools. You can [access the 2017-18 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Click on your choice to view the report card.



The screenshot shows a search interface on the OSPI website. On the left is a map of Washington state. To the right, the heading reads "I want to see data for a school or school district". Below this is a text input field labeled "School or District Name:" containing the placeholder text "start typing". To the right of the input field is a dark blue "Go" button. Below the input field is a "clear" link. At the bottom of the search area is a link that says "See all schools and districts".

Optionally you can click on See all schools and districts and navigate the to the district or school you want to select.



Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).



Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans! Be sure to give them a try this month in our homemade hummus, black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and are an excellent source of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>



I've been thinking about you...

2020 capital projects bond - community open house meetings

Everett Public Schools is placing a \$317.4 million bond on the April 2020 ballot. This measure will provide crucial funding to build permanent classroom space to accommodate growth, improve safety and security and make necessary school improvements.

Upcoming Community Open House meetings are scheduled, and we encourage everyone to attend one:

<p>THURSDAY, </p> <p>FEB 6</p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p>CASCADE HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>801 E Casino Road Everett WA 98203</p>	<p>THURSDAY, </p> <p>FEB 13</p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p>EVERETT HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>2416 Colby Avenue Everett WA 98201</p>	<p>TUESDAY, </p> <p>FEB 25</p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p>JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>1508 136th St. SE Mill Creek WA 98012</p>
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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250



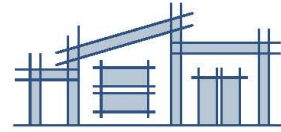
What the 2020 capital projects bond will fund at our school?

Penny Creek Elementary



Here's what the **April 28th** Capital Bond will fund at our school.

- Replace playground equipment
- Replace locksets and keying system
- Upgrade technology infrastructure electrical systems
- Upgrade HVAC controls system
- Upgrade student information system



BUILDING THE FUTURE

Capital Bond 2020

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



\$33.7M	Add 36 new elementary classrooms at 8 schools
\$165M	Replace Madison, Jackson, Lowell elementary schools
\$46.4M	Modernize and upgrade buildings for STEM career pathways and new science standards
\$33.3M	Modernize and upgrade schools cafeterias, kitchens and auditoriums
\$17.9M	Upgrade HVAC, roofing and flooring systems
\$5.7M	Improve safety and security
\$6.2M	Replace aging playground equipment, synthetic turf and track at Memorial Stadium and other playfields
\$8.9M	Upgrade technology infrastructure



Learn more at: www.everettsd.org/bond2020

The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability. Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are: **Affirmative Action Officer** – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104 • **Title IX Officer** – Mary O'Brien, mo'brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106 • **504 Coordinator** – Becky Ballbach, rballba@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063 • **ADA Coordinator** – Dr. Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250