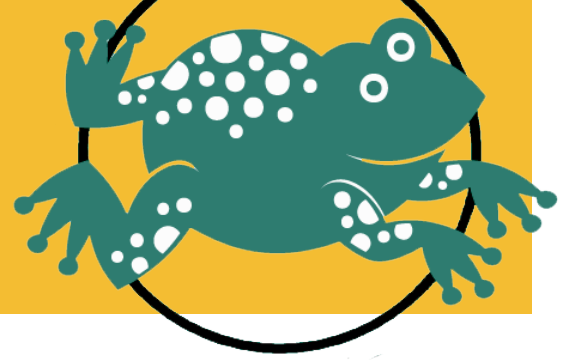


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



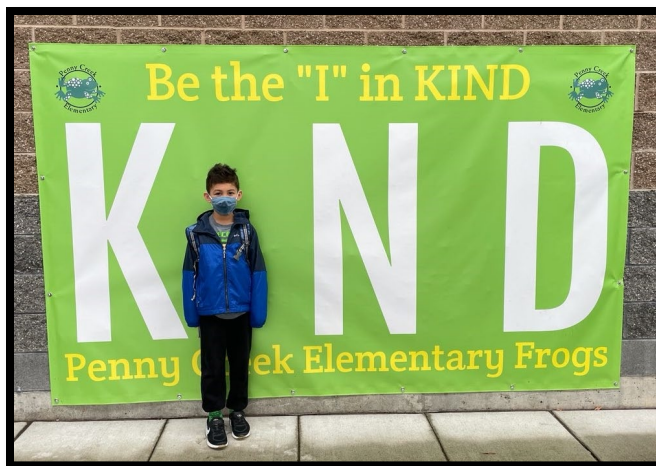
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From the Principal

In the month of February, elementary students love to celebrate Valentine's Day. This is another terrific opportunity to emphasize the importance of showing kindness to all members of our Penny Creek community.

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 Weston in the picture below.



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 our classmates. However, sometimes we don't understand our differences. At these moments, we want students to do two things: First, be curious about others. Consider that if we could understand what it is like to be in their shoes, we may see things more similarly to them. Second, choose to be kind. This will help build a caring, supportive community and make our school community a more positive place to learn and grow for all.

Kindly,

Marti Shefveland
Principal

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[**2021-22 School Calendar**](#)

[**Parents Overview Page**](#)

[**Student Handbook**](#)

February 4

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

February 11

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

February 18

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

February 21-22

No School – Mid-winter break
(President's Day)

February 23

Celebration of TWOS-day (02/22/2022)

February 25

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



Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2022? Registration begins on March 7, 2022. 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.


Job opportunities!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit www.everettsd.org/jobs for jobs posted and how to apply.

Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2020-21 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. Select your choice to view the report card.



I want to see data for a school or school district

School or District Name:

[clear](#)

[See all schools and districts](#)

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



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.

Spring World Language Assessment (WLA) – middle school



The world language assessment for 7th and 8th grade students is March 16. Your student can earn high school world language credits if they can fluently read, write, speak and listen in a language other than English!

Register to take the world language assessment by February 18. Visit our page for more information at <https://www.everettsd.org/wla>

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](#).



Remember to vote

Please remember to vote by February 8, 2022.





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.



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.

Volunteers in schools

The district will begin allowing school-based volunteers who are approved and meet the Washington State COVID-19 vaccination requirement beginning December 6. Please visit the [volunteer webpage](#) under the Parents tab for information on the application update and vaccination verification process.



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.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer: • Kevin Allen • 425-385-4100 • KAllen@everettsd.org • PO Box 2098 • Everett, WA 98213 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section 504 Coordinator: • Dave Peters • 425-385-4063 • DPeters@everettsd.org • PO Box 2098 • Everett, WA 98213 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADA Coordinator: • Randi Seaberg • 425-385-4104 • RSeaberg@everettsd.org • PO Box 2098 • Everett, WA 98213
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Below is the Spanish Version of District Newsletter Articles Content:

Inician en marzo las inscripciones al Kínder

¿Tiene un hijo o hija que tendrá 5 años cumplidos para antes del 31 de agosto de 2022? Este 7 de marzo de 2022 iniciamos con 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.

¡Oportunidades de empleo!

Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett están contratando para varios puestos. Por favor comparta estas oportunidades con sus amigos y familiares que puedan estar interesados en ser parte de nuestro equipo. Visite www.everettsd.org/jobs para los puestos publicados y para saber cómo aplicar.

¿Sabía usted que?

Cada año OSPI publica un informe (report card) que mide a cada distrito y a cada escuela en el distrito. Puede [acceder a los datos 2020-21](#) a través del sitio web de OSPI.

Para revisar los datos del distrito escolar o escuela, ingrese el nombre y aparecerá una caja desplegable con las opciones. Seleccione la de su elección y consulte el informe.

I want to see data for a school or school district

School or District Name:

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[See all schools and districts](#)

De manera opcional puede seleccionar ver todas las escuelas y distritos y navegar al distrito o escuela de su elección.

Consejos de seguridad para los padres



Le presentamos seis maneras en que sus estudiantes pueden proteger su identidad en línea:

1. Comparte con cuidado- no des una información personal a extraños o sitios desconocidos.
2. Ponte en modo privado (private)- Mantén tus ajustes de privacidad al máximo y limita los servicios de localización cuando sea posible.
3. Cierra tu sesión (log out)- especialmente después de usar computadoras públicas comunes.
4. Mezcla tus contraseñas- usa diferentes contraseñas para diferentes apps y sitios web.
5. Evite caer en trampas de dar clic- evita hacer quizzes y cuestionarios extraños.
6. Elige inteligentemente- selecciona un nombre de usuario apropiado.

Entérate más sobre la seguridad en línea, bienestar digital, celulares y aprendizaje con tecnología específica por edades con consejos y herramientas en www.commonsensemedia.org.



Evaluación de idiomas del mundo en primavera (WLA)- Escuela Secundaria (Middle School)



La evaluación del idiomas del mundo para alumnos del 7mo y 8vo grado es el 16 de marzo. ¡Su estudiante puede obtener créditos de preparatoria en idiomas del mundo si lee, escribe, habla y escucha fluidamente un idioma diferente al inglés!

Inscríbete para hacer esta evaluación antes del 18 de febrero. Visita nuestra página web para más información en <https://www.everettsd.org/wla>

¿Tiene a su estudiante en educación especial?

¿Sabía que contamos con el PTSA de educación especial en el distrito? El PTSA de educación especial sirve a los estudiantes, familias y educadores que participan en Educación Especial. Exhortamos a los alumnos, familias, educadores y miembros de la comunidad a trabajar en conjunto para proveer programas y actividades que reconozcan el potencial de cada estudiante y para mejorar las oportunidades que se reciben y/o se buscan en servicios especiales para los niños y niñas en nuestro distrito. Conéctese con SEPTSA en [su página de Facebook](#).



Recuerde votar

Por favor recuerde votar para el 8 de febrero de 2022.



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- Las escuelas públicas de Everett no discriminan en ninguno de sus programas o actividades por 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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