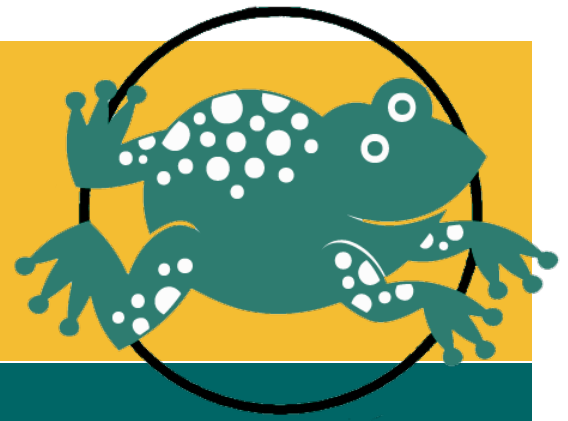


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

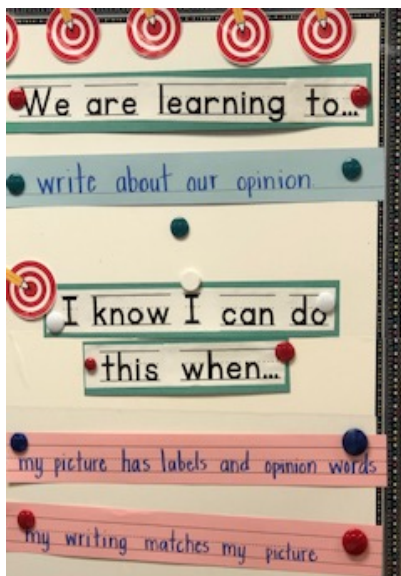
Dear Families,

Happy New Year and welcome to 2020. I hope you enjoyed the break and feel hopeful for the year ahead.

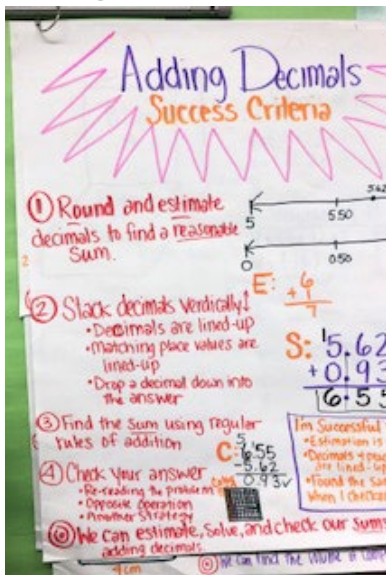
A phrase included in our weekly newsletter to staff is “providing hope to every child”. The idea behind this saying is that people feel hopeful when they have clarity about what they are expected to do. This connects directly to teaching and learning as research shows that when teachers communicate learning objectives and success criteria clearly, students can take ownership of their learning and are better able to achieve success.

Penny Creek teachers work to communicate learning targets in student friendly language each day. For complex and challenging lessons, they delineate the success criteria to students as well. This enables students to know precisely what is expected of them and to break learning into doable parts. Penny Creek teachers are making notable progress in this work. If you visit classrooms, look for posted examples of Learning Targets and Success Criteria. Following are a few examples:

Mrs. McCarty’s Kindergarten Class
Learning Target and Success Criteria



Ms. Marker’s Fifth Grade Class
Success Criteria for
Adding Decimals



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**January 10,
17, 24, & 31**

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

January 16

Natural Leaders Meeting
Library 6 – 7 p.m.

January 20

No School
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23

Second & Third Grade Concert
Eisenhower Middle School
10200 25th Ave SE Everett WA
Cafeteria 7 – 7:45 p.m.

January 27

No School
Teacher Work Day

January 30

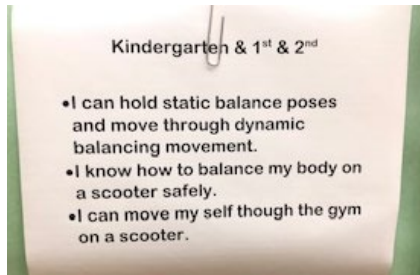
PTA Popcorn Day
During Lunch Recess

January 31

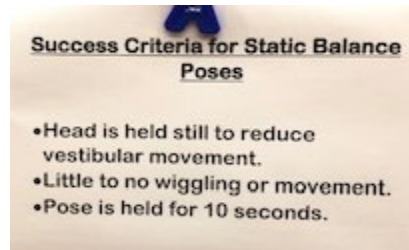
PTA Bingo for Books
Cafeteria 6 – 7:30 p.m.



Mrs. Wood's PE Learning Target



Success Criteria



As always, let me know if you have any questions.

Marti

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.

Cold and flu season is upon us. Never underestimate the power of an adequate sleep routine, and proper handwashing technique.

Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

If your student has had a fever of 100 degrees or above, or has vomited/diarrhea in the past 24 hours please keep them home and email or call the school.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?




Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.




Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).

Attendance Works
Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.



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 each option and select the method that will work best for you and your student(s). You can view the [arrival and dismissal procedures](#) on the [Penny Creek webpage](#).

For the safety of your students please note the following:

- **Morning arrival:** Morning supervision time begins at **8:50 a. m.** Please stay with your students until staff is present.
- **Kiss and Go:** Drop off lanes will open at **8:50 a.m.** Cars should enter through the west entrance and turn right into the Kiss and Go loop. Follow the lane around in front of the gym, and pull forward to the covered area when directed by staff. Kiss and go lanes will close every morning at **9:10 a.m.** Buses will be entering and exiting our parking lot at that time. If you arrive after 9:10 a.m. please park in the front lot and walk your student into school using the crosswalk.
- **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, 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

January 16, 2020 – Natural Leaders Meeting 6 p.m. in the library

January 20, 2020 – No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

January 23, 2020 – Second and Third Grade Concert 7 p.m. at Eisenhower Middle School 10200 25th Ave SE Everett in the cafeteria

January 30, 2020 – PTA Popcorn Day during recess

January 31, 2020 – PTA Bingo Night 6 p.m. in the cafeteria



Save the date continued

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 – Natural Leaders Meeting 6 – 7 p.m. in the library

February 19, 2020 – Vision Screening

February 27, 2020 – Class Picture Day (volunteers needed)

February 27, 2020 - PTA Popcorn Day during recess

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.

January is School Board Appreciation Month

The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. You can learn more about [board members online](#). You can also watch past school board meetings on the district's YouTube channel.

Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day shall be observed on January 16. On that day, social studies teachers coordinate a voter registration event in each history or social studies class attended by high school seniors. Students who will be eighteen years of age or older by the time of the next general election will be given the opportunity to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Delayed start or closed schools

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at <https://www.everettsd.org/>
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts



Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you potatoes grown in the PNW! Be sure to check out our menu for dishes containing this tasty Harvest of the month!

Did you know that potatoes are the most popular vegetable grown in the US and are an excellent source of Vitamin C, B6 and potassium? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at

<https://www.everettsd.org>



I have so many potato jokes. I just don't know where to starch.

Safety tip line


Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.


Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

 <http://1350.alert1.us>



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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