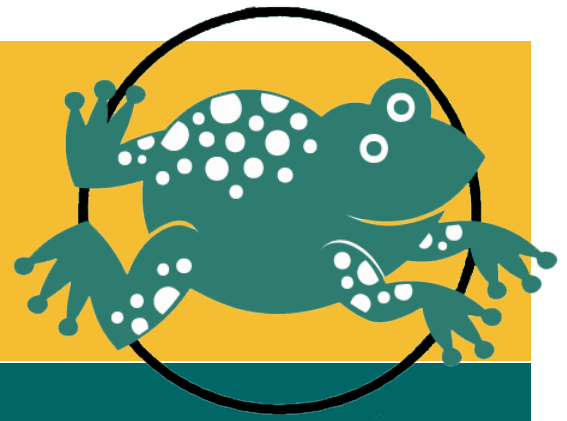


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

I hope your holidays were restful and enjoyable. Though unable to celebrate family traditions in typical ways, it was wonderful to connect with family members and dear friends to express my gratitude for them. One of the things I always tell them is how fortunate I am to be the principal of Penny Creek Elementary School. Our students, teachers, and families prioritize learning as well as citizenship, which makes Penny Creek such a thriving community.

We are approaching the mid-year point of our school year. January 29 is the end of the first semester. At that time, teachers will prepare progress reports to inform you of your child's progress thus far this year. If you have any questions regarding your child's progress, please contact your child's teacher.

Between now and then, we continue our weekly PRIDE lunches Tuesdays-Thursday to recognize students demonstrating Penny Creek PRIDE. We also continue to recognize classes where 65% or more of students complete 30 or more minutes of iReady instruction in Reading and Math.

We value the iReady adaptive instructional program greatly, because it targets instruction to meet each student's individual learning needs at their just-right level. Beginning Friday January 15, we will send an email informing you of the general progress your child made with iReady instruction. The goal is to keep you informed so you can recognize and encourage your child's participation with iReady instruction.

Other events this month are as follows:

- Monday, January 11 – Wednesday, January 13, Student Materials Pick Up, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 - Please see below for grade level specific time/location or click [HERE](#)
- Friday, January 15, Martin Luther King Jr. Assemblies
- Monday, January 18, Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (No school)

As always, thank you for all you do to support your child's learning. Let me know if I can answer any questions.

Best,

Marti Shefeland

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Principal

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January 8, 15, 22, 29
Learning Improvement Friday.

January 11, 12, 13
Student Materials Pick Up. Click [HERE](#) for more information

January 13, 20, 27
Library Book Pick Up @ 4 p.m.
Click [HERE](#) to reserve books

January 18
NO School – MLK Jr. Holiday

January 21, 25, 28
See details below for this month's "Let's Connect" Opportunities

Due to the renewed focus on safety and the increase in remote work, Penny Creek Building Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Building closed for lunch from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.



January Student Materials Pick Up for Grade Levels 1 – 5

The January materials pick up process will be like the December materials pick up. Families are invited to come to Penny Creek during your [designated day](#) to pick up student materials anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Materials will be placed at either the Kindergarten Playground Area OR by the Office's Iron Black Gates. Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times. When picking up your student's materials, please check the bag's label for your student's name AND teacher's name.

Please click [HERE](#) for the materials pick up map with specific grade level date and location information.

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.

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.

Delayed start or closed schools

If weather and road conditions call for closing school buildings, all learning will be cancelled, including remote learning. Remote learning must be cancelled because students who may be learning in the building may not have their devices at home, and teachers who have been working in the building may not have the equipment or resources to teach from home.

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 5:00 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.** [Click for more information and resources on school closures or delays.](#)

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 www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

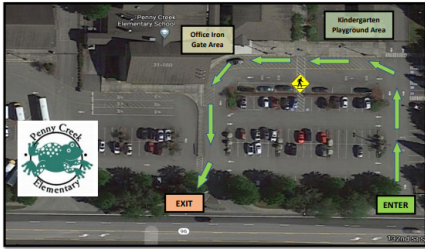
Penny Creek Elementary JANUARY
Student Materials Pick Up for Grades 1 – 5
 ***(Please note: Kindergarten pick up dates are arranged by KK teachers)**

Grade/Teacher	Date	Time	Location
First Grade & Gleason	Mon, Jan 11	8:30am - 4pm	Kindy Playground
Second Grade	Mon, Jan 11	8:30am - 4pm	Office Iron Gates
Third Grade & Ryan	Tues, Jan 12	8:30am - 4pm	Kindy Playground
Fourth Grade	Tues, Jan 12	8:30am - 4pm	Office Iron Gates
Fifth Grade & Laws/Peters	Wed, Jan 13	8:30am - 4pm	Kindy Playground

Families are invited to come to Penny Creek during your **designated day** to pick up student materials anytime between **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** Materials will be placed at either the Kindergarten Playground Area OR by the Office's Iron Black Gates. Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times.

Please view the map to follow the traffic flow for this month's pick up. To enter, use the furthest east entrance. Drive through the loop directly to your designated pick up location OR park your vehicle and use the marked crosswalk to access your pick up location.

Families will need to get out of their car to pick up student's materials from the teacher's wagon/table. Teachers/Staff will **NOT** be present to deliver to families the materials.






Safety tip line


Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? **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

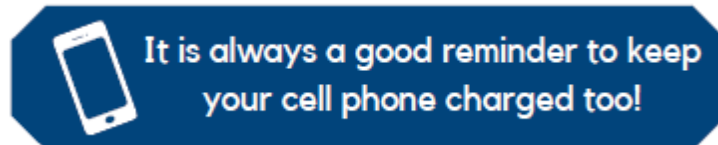
 <https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>

FOR EMERGENCIES,
PLEASE CALL
911!

What to do if power goes out during remote learning

If you lose power or internet at home, please do the following, if possible:

- Contact your teacher or school to report the outage
- Continue to work on previously assigned learning activities
- Participate in on-demand activities if possible



It is difficult when things happen that are out of our control, and we thank you in advance for your patience and flexibility.

Upcoming “Let’s Connect” opportunities

There are three “Let’s Connect” opportunities in January, with more information on how to register coming soon.

- January 21, Budgeting Process and Finances
- January 25 and 28, Strategic Plan



Social & emotional health

The outbreak of COVID-19 may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person's characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.



Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared. Please visit the district's [social & emotional health webpage](#) for more information.



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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:**

• Mary O'Brien
• 425-385-4106
• MO'brien@everettsd.org
• PO Box 2098
• Everett, WA 98213

Section 504 Coordinator:

Dave Peters
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ADA Coordinator:

Randi Seaberg
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Below is the Spanish Version of District Content Newsletter Articles:

Enero es el mes de apreciación de la Junta Escolar

El mes de enero marca el periodo anual de Reconocimiento de la Junta Escolar- este es un tiempo para honrar el trabajo de los miembros de la junta escolar y celebrar la educación pública. Puede enterarse más acerca de [los miembros de la junta escolar en línea](#). También puede [ver las juntas pasadas de la junta escolar](#) en el canal de YouTube del distrito.

Inicio tardío de clases o cierres escolares

Si el clima o las condiciones de los caminos están para cerrar los planteles escolares, todo el aprendizaje será cancelado, incluyendo el aprendizaje remoto. El aprendizaje remoto debe ser cancelado debido a que puede haber estudiantes aprendiendo presencialmente en los planteles que no tienen dispositivos en sus hogares, y los maestros que han estado trabajando desde los planteles puede que no cuenten con el equipo o con los recursos para impartir su enseñanza desde casa.

Si debemos cancelar la escuela o retrasar el inicio de las clases, utilizaremos nuestro sistema de comunicación para padres para comunicarnos en la mañana, típicamente alrededor de las 5:00 a.m. con un breve mensaje indicando la razón del cierre o retraso de clases. También utilizaremos medios locales y publicaremos el mensaje en nuestro sitio web. **Si no hay ningún anuncio de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, significa que las escuelas estarán funcionando en su horario regular de clases.** [Haga clic para más información y recursos sobre los cierres o retrasos escolares.](#)

En los casos de condiciones inclementes del clima u otro tipo de emergencias, por favor haga lo siguiente:

- Verifique si ha recibido mensajes del distrito en su email o teléfono
- Este al pendiente de escuchar anuncios por los medios de comunicación
- Visite el sitio web del distrito en www.everettsd.org
- Vea las cuentas del distrito de [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) o de [Instagram](#)



Línea de informantes para reportes de seguridad


¿Usted o su estudiante están preocupados de que alguien esté siendo víctima de bullying o acoso? **¡Repórtelo!** Usted puede hablar directamente con su oficina escolar o puede llamar, mandar un texto o un email con su reporte.

Si existe una razón de preocuparse por la seguridad en las áreas designadas para caminar a la escuela, llame inmediatamente al 9-1-1 para recibir ayuda rápida y autorizada. Tenemos una fuerte relación con la seguridad pública

local quien comparte con nosotros el interés de tener escuelas y vecindarios seguros. La seguridad de los estudiantes es una prioridad para todos nosotros. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar hacer que nuestros vecindarios y escuelas sean lugares que promuevan el aprendizaje y crecimiento seguro de los estudiantes.

3 maneras sencillas

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Para
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Qué hacer cuando se corta la energía durante el aprendizaje a distancia

Si pierde energía o internet en casa, por favor haga lo siguiente si es posible:

- Contacte a su maestro o escuela para reporta el corte
- Continúe trabajando en actividades de aprendizaje previamente asignadas.
- Participe en actividades por solicitud (on demand) si es posible.

Es difícil cuando suceden eventos que están fuera de nuestro control. Por eso le agradecemos de antemano por su paciencia y flexibilidad.



¡Es siempre bueno recordar mantener cargados también los teléfonos celulares!

Próximas oportunidades de “Let’s Connect”

Habrá en enero tres oportunidades de “Let’s Connect”. Publicaremos más información sobre cómo registrarse pronto.

- 21 de enero, Proceso de Presupuestos y Finanzas
- 25 y 28 de enero, Planeación Estratégica



Salud Socioemocional

El brote de la pandemia del COVID-19 puede ser muy estresante para la gente y sus comunidades. El temor y la ansiedad sobre una enfermedad pueden ser abrumador y causar emociones fuertes en los adultos y los niños.



Todos reaccionamos diferente ante las situaciones de estrés. El impacto emocional de una emergencia en una persona puede depender de las características de la persona y sus experiencias, sus circunstancias sociales y económicas y su comunidad y disponibilidad de recursos locales. Las personas pueden llegar a tener más estrés si ven o escuchan repetidamente imágenes y reportes sobre la pandemia en los medios de comunicación.



Los niños reaccionan, en parte, en lo que ven de los adultos que los rodean. Cuando los padres o encargados de su cuidado están enfrentando el COVID-19 con calma y confianza, pueden proveer le mejor soporte para sus hijos. Los padres pueden ser las personas que traen más tranquilidad alrededor de ellos, especialmente en los niños, si están mejor preparados. Por favor visite [la página web de salud socioemocional](#) para más información.



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