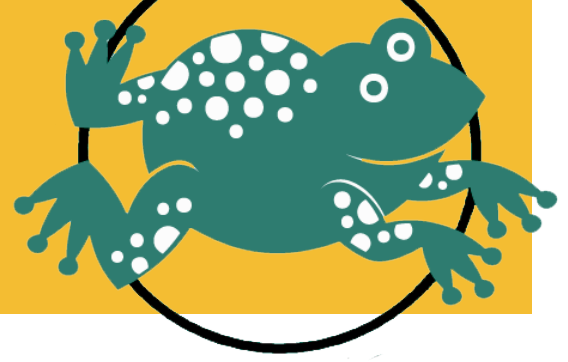


# Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Happy New Year. I hope each of you enjoyed your break and any holiday celebrations you observed. I also sincerely wish that 2022 brings you and your loved ones health, peace, comfort, and joy!

I always look forward to the start of the new year. Whether official resolutions or otherwise, the new year is a perfect time to set goals and focus on growth. This applies to us particularly.

As the end of January is our mid-year point, it is a good time to assess progress. Each January, we set aside time to administer the iReady diagnostic in Reading and Mathematics. Teachers then work in teams to review both curriculum unit assessment data and iReady diagnostic data by grade level, by class, and by each individual student. Our data analysis informs instructional planning for the months ahead. It also helps us plan targeted interventions for students as necessary.

Within the first week of February, you will receive a report card from your child's teacher informing you of their progress thus far. Of course, if at any time you have questions about your child's progress, you can reach out to their teacher via email or phone. They will be happy to answer questions and provide an explanation.

As you have time, please read through our January newsletter. As always, feel free to reach out to me or to our Assistant Principal, Stephanie Kirkpatrick, with any questions.

Warm Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marti Shefveland".

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Principal

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**Stephanie Kirkpatrick**  
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### **January 3**

Welcome back from Winter Break

### **January 7, 14, 21, 28**

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

### **January 12**

PTA Skate Night  
Everett Skate Deck  
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

### **January 17**

No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day

### **January 24**

Let's Connect – Save the Date  
More Information coming soon...

### **January 31**

No School – Teacher Work Day



## Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent or tardy from school, please email the attendance office at [pceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## 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. The Washington State School Directors Association (WSSDA) honors exemplary school boards that improve student learning and follow best practices of governance. Everett Public Schools Board of Directors has earned this honor for the sixth time this year for presenting exemplary evidence of ongoing professional development, addressing opportunity gaps and practicing governance that reflects the Washington School Board Standards.

## Replacement levies on February 8 ballot

Everett Public Schools has two replacement levy measures on the February 8, 2022 ballot. Both levies replace existing levies that expire at the end of 2022.

Having good schools and facilities has a positive effect on our neighborhoods. Better schools help build a stronger community, which will improve our quality of life, keep crime down, and help increase the values of our homes.

All students should be given the same opportunities regardless of their abilities, backgrounds, or family income. This funding will ensure all students in Everett Public Schools have the same opportunities to learn, grow and succeed.





### Proposition 1 – Replacement Educational Programs & Operations Levy (EP&O)

Local EP&O levy funding allows us to provide the quality education our community expects for our students, which goes beyond the minimum funded by the state. For instance, the state funds 3 district nurses and we have 12. They fund \$35 million for special education that costs us \$45 million to provide. This levy covers these and other basic operating expenses.

### Proposition 2 – Replacement Capital Levy

The replacement capital levy provides funding to acquire, improve or maintain school facilities in the four categories below:

- **Technology \$96M**  
Our students benefit from ongoing integration of technology into their learning.
- **Increased safety and security \$2M**  
Our students will learn in buildings that are safer and more secure
- **Equal access, same experience \$172M**  
Every student in our district will have the same opportunity to learn in well-functioning, safe and modern spaces.
- **Maintenance and mandatory upgrades \$54M**  
Our facilities are valuable community assets and will be maintained to increase their life expectancy and comply with state mandated upgrades.

For more information, please visit [www.everettsd.org/2022Levies](http://www.everettsd.org/2022Levies).

## Save the date - Let's Connect

Please save the date for the Let's Connect on January 24. Have your questions answered and find out more information about the two replacement levies on the February 8 ballot. More information on how to register will be coming soon.



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

## Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department's webpage](#).



## 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>



## First semester ends soon



This is a reminder first semester ends January 28. Report cards and Elementary Progress Reports will be both online and mailed/distributed by February 11.

## Good Citizenship Day



Good Citizenship Day is observed on January 14. 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 allowed to register to vote online in the classroom. Paper

registration will also be made available in the classroom.

Registering to vote is easy. Visit the [Snohomish County webpage](#) for details on the three ways you can register to vote or update your registration or scan the QR code. Students who are 16 & 17 years old can now pre-register to vote.

You can sign up today, it's easy! Scan this QR code:





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- **Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:**
- Kevin Allen
- 425-385-4100
- [KAllen@everettsd.org](mailto:KAllen@everettsd.org)
- PO Box 2098
- Everett, WA 98213
- **Section 504 Coordinator:**
- Dave Peters
- 425-385-4063
- [DPeters@everettsd.org](mailto:DPeters@everettsd.org)
- PO Box 2098
- Everett, WA 98213
- **ADA Coordinator:**
- Randi Seaberg
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Below is the Spanish Version of District Newsletter Articles Content:

## Enero es el mes de apreciación de la junta directiva

El mes de enero marca el reconocimiento anual de celebración de la junta directiva - un tiempo para reconocer el trabajo de los miembros de la junta directiva y celebrar la educación pública. Usted puede aprender más acerca de los miembros en línea en: [board members online](#). También puede ver las juntas pasadas de los miembros en [vea las juntas pasadas de la junta directiva](#) en el canal del distrito en YouTube. La Asociación de Directores Escolares del estado de Washington (WSSDA) galardona a las juntas directivas ejemplares que mejoran el aprendizaje del estudiante y siguen las mejoras prácticas de gobernanza. Los directores de Everett Public Schools se han ganado este homenaje por sexta vez en este año al presentar evidencia ejemplar del desarrollo profesional continuo, abordando las brechas de oportunidad y practicando la gobernanza que representa las normatividades de la junta directiva del estado de Washington.

## Exacciones de reemplazo en la boleta electoral del 8 de febrero

Las escuelas de Everett Public Schools tiene dos medidas de reemplazo de exacciones para la boleta electoral del 8 de febrero de 2022. Las dos exacciones reemplazan a las actuales existentes que se vencen a finales del 2022.

El tener buenas escuelas e instalaciones da un efecto positivo a nuestras comunidades. Tener mejores escuelas ayudan a construir comunidades fuertes, por la cual mejora la calidad de vida, mantiene el nivel de criminalidad bajo y ayuda aumentar el valor catastral de nuestras viviendas.

Todos los estudiantes deben tener las mismas oportunidades sin importar sus capacidades, antecedentes o ingresos familiares. Estos fondos asegurarán que todos los estudiantes de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett tengan las mismas oportunidades para aprender, crecer y ser exitosos.



### Proposición 1 – Reemplazo de la exacción de programas educativos y de operaciones (EP&O)

Los fondos locales de gravamen o impuestos EP&O nos permite brindar educación de calidad que nuestra comunidad espera para nuestros estudiantes que va más allá del financiamiento mínimo del estado. Por ejemplo, el estado financia 3 enfermeras del distrito y tenemos 12. Financian \$35 millones para educación especial la cual nos cuesta \$45 millones para ofrecerla. Este impuesto cubre estos y otros gastos de operación básicos.

### Proposición 2 – Reemplazo del impuesto capital

El reemplazo de la exacción capital provee fondos para adquirir, mejorar o mantener las instalaciones escolares y las siguientes cuatro categorías:

- **Tecnología \$96M**  
Nuestros estudiantes se benefician de la continua integración de la tecnología dentro de su aprendizaje.
- **Aumento a la seguridad y a la vigilancia \$2M**  
Nuestros estudiantes aprenderán en planteles que son más seguros y más vigilados.
- **Acceso equitativo, misma experiencia \$172M**  
Cada uno de los estudiantes en nuestro distrito tendrá las mismas oportunidades para aprender en espacios funcionalmente buenos, seguros y modernos.



- **Mantenimiento y actualizaciones obligatorias \$54M**

Nuestras instalaciones son los activos más valiosos de la comunidad y serán mantenidos para incrementar su esperanza de vida y para cumplir con las actualizaciones exigidas por el estado.

Para más información, por favor visite [www.everettsd.org/2022Levies](http://www.everettsd.org/2022Levies).

## Aparte la fecha – “Let’s Connect”

Por favor aparte la fecha para asistir a la sesión de “Let’s Connect” (Conectémonos) el próximo 24 de enero. Reciba respuestas a sus preguntas y entérese de más información sobre las dos exacciones de reemplazo que aparecerán en las boletas electorales el 8 de febrero.

Próximamente tendremos más información de cómo registrarse a este evento.



## Inicios tardíos o cierres escolares

Si debemos cancelar la escuela o retrasar la hora de inicio, usaremos nuestro sistema de comunicación para padres para llamar por la mañana, típicamente a las 5:30 a.m., con un mensaje breve sobre la razón por el cierre o retraso. Usaremos medio de comunicación locales y publicaremos los mensajes en nuestro sitio web. **Si no hay anuncios por parte de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, la escuela abrirá con su horario regular.** Para más información y recursos para cierres escolares o retrasos visite el sitio web del distrito bajo la pestaña de *Parents*.

En casos de inclemencia climatológica u otras emergencias, por favor:

- Consulte su email o teléfono para mensajes del distrito
- Este al pendiente de anuncios en los medios sociales
- Consulte el sitio web del distrito en [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org)
- Esté al pendiente de las cuentas de del distrito de [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) o [Instagram](#)

## Las rutas de nieve están en línea


Los lugares para llevar y recoger a sus hijos de la escuela puede cambiar en una situación de emergencia. Si su hijo/hija viaja en autobús a la escuela, por favor familiarícese con la información de las rutas de nieve en [la página web del departamento de transporte escolar](#).


## Línea de denuncia de seguridad


¿Usted o su estudiante están preocupados de que a alguien le están haciendo bullying o está siendo acosado? **¡Denúncielo!** Puede hablar directamente con la oficina de su escuela o puede llamar, enviar un texto o un e-mail con su inquietud.

Si hay una razón que le preocupa en la seguridad en el área asignada para caminar a la escuela. Llame al 9-1-1 inmediatamente para recibir ayuda rápida y autorizada. Estamos fuertemente afiliados con seguridad pública quienes comparten nuestro interés en la seguridad de la escuela y comunidades. La seguridad estudiantil es prioridad para todos nosotros. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a que nuestras comunidades y escuelas sean lugares de apoyo para que los estudiantes aprendan y crezcan juntos.

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PLEASE CALL  
**911!**



## El primer semestre terminará pronto



Un recordatorio de que el primer semestre termina el 28 de enero. Las boletas de calificaciones y de progreso académico para las escuelas primarias estarán en línea y serán enviadas por correo ordinario para el 11 de febrero.

## Día del bueno ciudadano



El día del buen ciudadano (Good Citizenship Day) es el 14 de enero. Ese día, los maestros de estudios sociales coordinarán un evento para registrar alumnos de nivel “senior” para votar en todas las clases de historia o estudios sociales. Los estudiantes que tengan 18 años cumplidos para la fecha de las próximas elecciones podrán registrarse para votar en línea en el salón de clases. El registro en papel también estará disponible

en el salón de clases.

Registrarse para votar es sencillo. Visita [la página web del Condado de Snohomish](#) para detalles sobre las tres maneras que te puedes registrar o actualizar tu registro, o simplemente escanea el código QR. Los alumnos de 16 y 17 años de edad ya pueden hacer su pre-registro para votar.

**Puedes registrarte hoy mismo, ¡es sencillo! Escanea este código QR:**



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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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