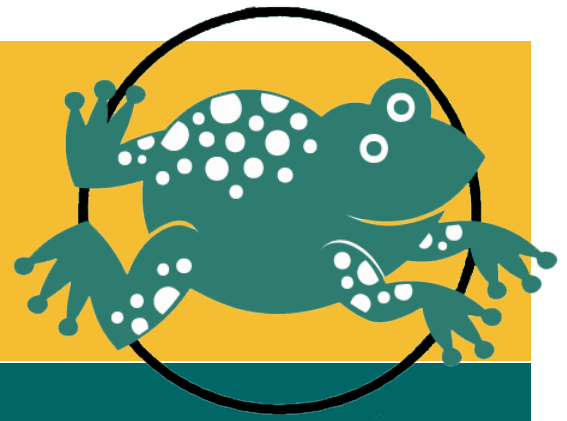


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March 2021

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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

Spring is coming! We see it in longer, warmer days, new growth on trees and shrubs, and in the smiles on students' faces when playing outside. Kindergarten through second grade have successfully transitioned to hybrid instruction and we are enjoying having students on site again. On March 15th, we move to phase 4b, where fourth and fifth grade students begin hybrid instruction and we look forward to welcoming these students back on site.

As we make these changes, know that teachers, para educators, and office staff are working to ensure as smooth a transition to hybrid as possible. Throughout the year, teachers have aligned their curriculum with each other as well as district curriculum maps. They have also coordinated planning for special events. If your child has a change of teachers, and you have questions or would like clarification on anything, feel free to contact the teacher. They will be able to answer your questions and will want to help.

Amidst these changes, we continue to focus on teaching essential standards in Reading, Writing, Math, and Science. We also want students to remain diligent in completing iReady lessons each week. Teachers regularly review student progress and set goals with students in iReady as these lessons challenge students at their "just right level" which helps them make steady progress. To help you support your child with iReady, an email will be sent each Monday letting you know what lessons they have completed. We hope this helps you stay informed and is a support for students.

Thank you for all you continue to do to support your child in both the remote and hybrid setting. Your partnership this year has been amazing.

Best,

Marti Shefveland

Marti Shefveland
Principal

Stephanie Kirkpatrick
Assistant Principal

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[**Technology Support**](#)

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[**Penny Creek Hybrid Info**](#)

March 1

Stage 4a Hybrid Return of 2nd and 3rd
Grade Students to Penny Creek Ele

March 3, 10, 17, 24

Library Book Pick Up @ 4 p.m.
Click [HERE](#) to reserve books

March 3, 10, 17

Learning Improvement Wednesday

March 10

Materials Pick Up for Grade 1 – 5
Students in Remote Learning Model
Click [HERE](#) for more details

March 15

Stage 4b Hybrid Return of 4th and 5th
Grade Students to Penny Creek Ele

March 24

Reduced Student Day Dismissal @
1pm

March 29 - April 2

Elementary Parent/Teacher
Conferences. Dismissal @ 1 pm



March Student Materials Pick Up for Grade Levels 1 – 5

The March materials pick up will be for all the fully remote learning students in Grades 1-5. For the fourth and fifth grade students, you will pick up materials from the remote teacher assigned to you on March 15th.

Families are invited to Penny Creek on **WEDNESDAY, March 10 anytime between 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

To enter Penny Creek, use the furthest west entrance. Please follow the flow of the map [HERE](#) to arrive at the east side gym door. Please remain in your vehicle. A staff member will deliver your student's materials to you. To support the flow of traffic, have your student's first and last name with teacher name on a paper ready to show the staff member or posted on your passenger side window. Social distancing guidelines must be followed at all times. If you are unable to pick up your student's supplies, please email the teacher to make alternate arrangements for the items.

Elementary conferences are right around the corner!

March 24 and the week of March 29 through April 2, elementary students will be dismissed 2.5 hours early at 1:00 p.m. Teachers will be preparing on March 24 and parent conferences during the week of March 29 through April 2, will be conducted via phone or Zoom video. Middle and high school students will continue their regular schedules.

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.

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 the option that applies to your grade level and follow the arrival and dismissal directions listed.

For the safety of your students please note the following:

- Morning arrival time begins at **9:00 a. m.** Please remain in your vehicle and have your student depart the car from the passenger curb side door.
 - [KK/1st Grade drop off/pick up location is at the front of the school building.](#)
 - [2nd to 5th Grade drop off/pick up location is by the undercover playground area.](#)
- 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, 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.

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.

How can you use phonemic awareness word games at home?

Phonological awareness is simple to support at home - all you need is language! These activities or word games can extend beyond the classroom lesson and can be a lot of fun.

- You can ask your child to isolate the first sound in people's names or ask your child to think of words that begin with the same sound as their name. (i.e. Sam, /ssss/, Sam. What other words begin with /s/ like Sam? Possible responses: silver, star, sun, same, sort, sick, see, etc)
- Can your child segment or chop a big word into syllables? Do you have a long last name that they can chop into syllables? (i.e. understand, un-der-stand or picnic, pic-nic) Remember, these words are spoken aloud, not seen in print.
- Can they delete the first sound from their name and say what is left? (i.e. Mark, without /m/, what's left is? Answer: -ark)
- When I say 3 sounds, /d-o-g/, what's the word? (dog) Try this with other simple words that have 2 or 3 sounds (toe, cat, sock).
- What happens if I change the first sound /b/ in bake to /l/? The word is lake.

Because these activities are spoken aloud, they require no preparation and can take place anywhere! You may find this is a fun way to pass time in the car, swinging on the swings at the park, or when you are outside on a walk.

Everett Public Schools is hiring substitute paraeducators

Do you enjoy supporting children learn and grow? Are you a volunteer or have a student attending Everett Public Schools? Do you look forward to spending time with others? Are you seeking extra income?

**WE ARE HIRING
PARAEDUCATOR
SUBSTITUTES**





If you answered yes to any of these questions, please apply to become a substitute paraeducator. We offer a competitive wage, flexible schedule, training and much more. For more information, please call the Substitute Services Office at 425-385-4111 or email at subservices@everettsd.org. To apply, please visit our website at www.everettsd.org/jobs and click “employment.”

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2021? Registration begins on March 1, 2021. During school building closure, you can complete enrollment forms for kindergarten [online](#)! A [step-by-step parent walkthrough video](#) is also available as a resource.



Dual language opportunity

Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary

2021-22 school year

EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

New for fall, 2021 is the dual-language Spanish immersion program at Emerson Elementary School. 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.

Education Support Professionals Week

March 8-12 help us recognize the important work education support staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, food and nutrition services professionals, bus drivers and many other education support staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

Daylight saving time begins March 14



Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday, March 14 at 2 a.m. On Saturday night, set your clocks forward one hour (i.e., losing one hour) to “spring ahead.” There will be more light in the evening.

Also called Spring Ahead, Summer Time and Daylight Saving Time.



School Quality Survey

To guide Everett Public Schools' continuous improvement process, each year schools survey students, families, and staff to understand specific strengths and challenges that impact school quality. The School Quality Survey is only one of many pieces of data analyzed by school leaders and staff. In addition to survey data, student achievement, attendance, discipline, and program data are evaluated to create School Improvement Plan goals.

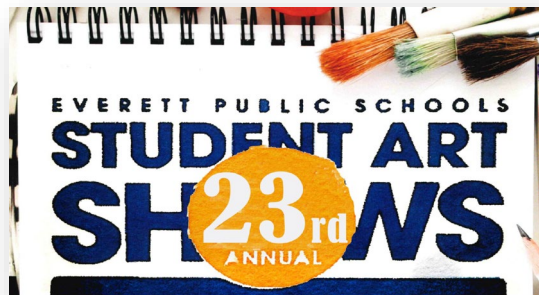
You will receive a link to our anonymous, multiple-choice family survey in the next few weeks. We ask that you please complete and submit the survey by **April 9**. If you have more than one student in Everett Public Schools, please complete a survey for each school your student attends so they can benefit from your feedback.



Please watch for the link to this School Quality Survey and take a few minutes to send us your input. The survey will be available from **March 1** through **April 9**. If you don't receive a survey link, please contact your student's school. We truly appreciate your time and participation. Your feedback is very important to us as we set and evaluate school improvement goals.

23rd annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists with virtual art shows. The art shows will be posted to school websites under announcements.





Ways to stay in touch

On the communications department webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agenda highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.



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FOR EMERGENCIES,
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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 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.

Free meals continue through the end of the school year!

Breakfast and lunch will be available at no charge for students learning on-site. Five-day meal kits will continue to be available for pick up each Wednesday for all kids, both remote learners and on-site learners. Meals include; fruit, veggies, whole grains, lean protein and milk. This program is available for all kids age 1-18, no qualification necessary. Follow @eps_cafe on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) for the most up to date information.



Remember to register to vote

By registering to vote, either in person or online, you can exercise a basic democratic right.

1. In person -- You may register to vote or change your registration at Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, 1st Floor, Admin Bldg. West.
2. Online -- If you have a valid Washington state driver's license, you may register with the [Secretary of State](#) quickly and easily online. You may also download a voter registration form in several languages from that site.

To learn details about elections, visit the [Snohomish County Elections](#) website.



Update emergency contacts

Please call your school if your phone number or emergency contact information changes at any time during the school year. This is the contact information used by the Everett Public Schools automated phone system in emergencies and to share important school information with families.

Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically.

Just go to the home page of our school website and click on the Peachjar Eflyer button to check it out. You do not need to login to receive or view school eflyers.



No action is required on your part. You should have already received a welcome email from Peachjar that includes a username and password. This is provided so you can manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. Don't worry if you've forgotten your password, you can reset it at any time.

This system is used exclusively for the distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose.



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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:**

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Below is the Spanish Version of District Content Newsletter Articles:

Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett están contratando paraeducadores substitutos

¿Disfruta darle apoyo a los niños para que aprendan y crezcan? ¿Es voluntario o tiene a un estudiante que asiste a las Escuelas Públicas de Everett? ¿Le emociona pasar tiempo con los demás? ¿Busca recibir un ingreso extra?

Si su respuesta es Sí a cualquiera de estas preguntas, por favor aplique para convertirse en un paraeducador substituto. Ofrecemos

salarios competitivos, horarios flexibles, capacitación y mucho más. Para más informes, por favor llame a la oficina de “Substitute Services” al 425-385-4111 o mande un e-mail a subservices@everettsd.org. Para aplicar, por favor visite nuestro sitio web www.everettsd.org/jobs y haga clic en “employment.”.

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Las inscripciones al Kínder inician este mes

¿Tiene un hijo/a que tendrá 5 años cumplidos para el 31 de agosto de 2021? Las inscripciones inician el 1 de marzo de 2021. Durante el cierre escolar, usted puede llenar los formularios de inscripción para el kínder [en línea!](#) Contamos también como recurso adicional con un [video paso a paso para padres.](#)



Oportunidad de Idiomas Duales

Programa de Inmersión
en Español en
Emerson Elementary



2021-22 school year



El próximo otoño de 2021, tendremos un nuevo programa educativo de inmersión en idiomas duales con Español (dual-language Spanish immersion program) en la Escuela Primaria Emerson. Las familias con niños ingresando al kínder tendrán la opción de elegir este programa de idiomas duales. Este programa le da a los estudiantes de primaria de completar el plan de estudios de las Escuelas de Everett de una manera no tradicional y excitante a través de una inmersión en el idioma español y su cultura desde el kínder hasta el 12^{vo} grado. Los estudiantes de este programa tendrán dominio del inglés y del español al mismo tiempo que aprenden el mismo contenido del plan de estudios que el de sus compañeros fuera de este programa.

Se les dará prioridad a los estudiantes dentro de la zona escolar de asistencia de la Escuela Primaria Emerson. Si resulta un alto número de aplicantes, se realizará una lotería para seleccionar a los estudiantes. Si el grupo no se completa con alumnos de la zona escolar de Emerson, se hará una lotería adicional fuera de la zona escolar de asistencia.

Semana de apoyo educativo para profesionales

La semana del 8 al 12 de marzo nos ayudará a reconocer la importancia del soporte educativo realizado por el personal escolar a las escuelas y a sus estudiantes todos los días. Lo exhortamos a que se tome un momento para agradecer al personal de la oficina escolar, los guardias de cruce escolar, paraeducadores, personal de mantenimiento, los profesionales de servicios de alimentos y nutrición, choferes de los autobuses y muchos otros del personal de soporte que ayuda a las escuelas y al distrito para que funcionen sin ningún contrat tiempo.



El horario de verano inicia el 14 de marzo



El horario de verano inicia el domingo 14 de marzo a las 2am. El sábado por la noche, adelante sus relojes una hora (vamos a perder una hora) para dar el brinco al horario de verano (spring ahead). Tendremos más luz por las tardes.

También es conocido como “Spring Ahead”, “Summer Time” y “Daylight Saving Time”.

Encuesta de calidad escolar

Para guiar el proceso de mejora continua de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, cada año se realizan encuestas para las encuestas a alumnos, familias y personal escolar con el fin de entender las fortalezas y dificultades específicas que están impactando la calidad escolar. La encuesta de calidad escolar (School Quality Survey) es solamente una de muchas de las piezas de los datos que son analizados por los líderes y personal escolar. Además de los datos de la encuesta, se evalúa el aprovechamiento estudiantil, la asistencia, disciplina y los datos del programa para crear las metas del Plan de Mejora Escolar.

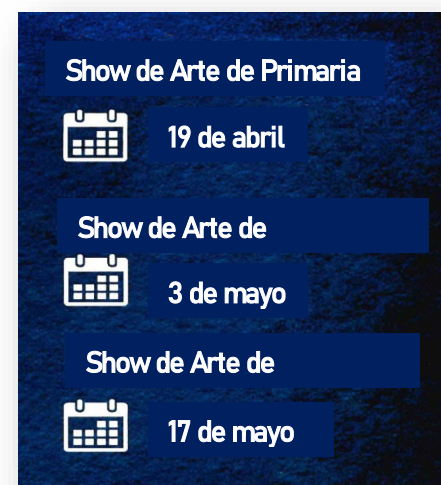
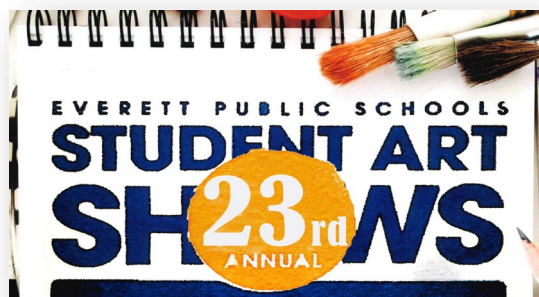


Usted recibirá una liga a la encuesta familiar que es anónima, de opción múltiple en las próximas semanas. Le pedimos que llene la encuesta y la envíe antes el **9 de abril**. Si tiene más de un estudiante en las Escuelas Públicas de Everett, por favor llene una encuesta por cada una de las escuelas a las que sus estudiantes asisten, para que se puedan beneficiar de su retroalimentación.

Por favor esté pendiente de recibir la liga a esta encuesta de Calidad Escolar (School Quality Survey) y tómese unos minutos para enviarnos su opinión y comentarios. La encuesta va a estar disponible del **1 de marzo al 9 de abril**. Si no recibe esta liga a la encuesta, por favor contacte a la escuela de su estudiante. Apreciamos en serio su tiempo y participación. Su retroalimentación es muy importante para nosotros para poder establecer y evaluar las metas de mejora escolar.

23^{vo} show anual de arte estudiantil

Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett en asociación con Everett Public Schools Foundation se complacen en presentar el trabajo artístico estudiantil con shows de arte virtual. Los shows de arte serán publicados en los sitios web de las escuelas en su sección de anuncios.





Maneras de mantenerse en contacto

En la página web del departamento de comunicaciones, usted puede registrarse para recibir anuncios de [InTouch](#) y los puntos destacados de la agenda de las reuniones de la junta escolar directo a su buzón de email dos veces al mes. También puede seguirnos en [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) e [Instagram](#).



Aplicación Móvil


Las familias pueden [descargar la app móvil del distrito](#) para acceder con facilidad la información del estudiante y sus calificaciones, asistencia, saldos, libros prestados de la biblioteca, calendarios y más! Se cuenta con notificaciones traducidas y funciones de la app en el lenguaje de su preferencia.





Línea de reportes de seguridad (Safety tip line)

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Text or call

 855-637-2095

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FOR EMERGENCIES, PLEASE CALL

911!

¿Usted o su estudiante están preocupados sobre alguien que está siendo acosado con bullying o acoso en general? **¡Repórtelo!** Puede hablar directamente con la oficina de su escuela o puede llamar, mandar un texto o un email para reportar la situación.

Si hay alguna razón de preocupación sobre la seguridad en las áreas designadas para caminar a la escuela, llame inmediatamente al 9-1-1 para una ayuda rápida y autorizada. Tenemos una fuerte colaboración con el orden público quien comparte con nosotros el interés de que las escuelas y vecindarios sean seguros. La seguridad de los estudiantes es prioridad para todos nosotros. Trabajando juntos, podemos ayudar a que nuestras comunidades y escuelas sean lugares propicios para que los estudiantes aprendan y crezcan seguros.

¡Las comidas gratuitas continúan hasta el fin del año escolar!

Continuarán los desayunos y almuerzos disponibles sin costo alguno para los estudiantes que están asistiendo al plantel escolar. Se continuarán ofreciendo los kits de comidas de cinco días para recogerlos los miércoles para todos los estudiantes que estén asistiendo al plantel escolar y para todos los estudiantes que estén aprendiendo vía remota. Las comidas incluyen: Frutas, verduras, granos integrales, proteína magra y leche. Este programa está disponible para todos los niños y niñas de 1 a 18 años. No se requiere calificar. Síguenos @eps_cafe en [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) y en [Twitter](#) para recibir la información más actualizada.





Recuerde registrarse para poder votar

Al registrarse para votar, ya sea en persona o en línea, puede ejercer su derecho básico democrático.

1. En persona – Se puede registrar para votar o cambiar su registro en Snohomish County Elections, 3000 Rockefeller Ave, Everett, 1st Floor, Admin Bldg. West.

2. En línea- Si tiene una licencia de conducir válida del estado de Washington, se puede registrar con el [Secretario de Estado](#) rápido y fácilmente en línea. También puede descargar un formulario para registrarse para votar en varios idiomas en este sitio.

Para saber más detalles acerca de las elecciones, visite el sitio web de [Snohomish County Elections](#).

Actualice sus contactos de emergencia

Por favor comuníquese con su escuela si su número telefónico o contactos de emergencia han cambiado en cualquier momento durante todo el año escolar. Esta información de contacto es la que las Escuelas Públicas de Everett usa en sus sistema de llamadas automatizada para emergencias y para compartir información importante de la escuela con las familias.

¡No se lo pierda!

Nuestra escuela está usando Peachjar para enviar folletos a su hogar de manera electrónica.

Simplemente visite la página principal de nuestro sitio web escolar y haga clic en el botón de “Peachjar Eflyer” para que vea como funciona. No necesita ingresar (login) para recibir o poder ver los folletos electrónicos escolares.



No se requiere ninguna acción de su parte. Ya debe haber recibido un email de bienvenida de Peachjar que incluye su nombre de usuario (username) y su contraseña (password) para que pueda manejar su cuenta y sus preferencias de envío de los folletos electrónicos. No se preocupe si se le olvidó su contraseña, la puede restablecer en cualquier momento.

Este sistema es usado exclusivamente para la distribución de los folletos aprobados por la escuela. Su e-mail no es compartido o usado para ningún otro propósito.



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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.

Title IX/Civil Rights

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