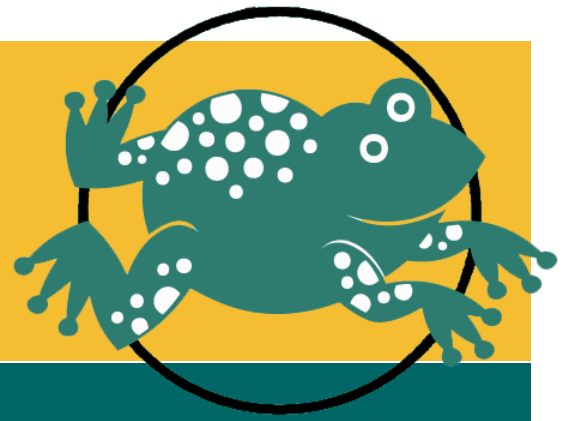


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families,

November is an important month for Penny Creek Students. We look forward to Family Conferences this first full week. Our wonderful PTA holds the Scholastic Book Fair this week as well. Be sure to stop by the music room and stage to see all the fun and interesting books for purchase.

Another event we take great pride in is our Veteran's Day Assembly. It will be on Tuesday, November 12th. Students have learned some of our country's favorite Patriotic songs and we look forward to honoring our country's veterans at this special assembly.

Lastly, the week of November 18 - 22, thanks to our PTA, the Missoula Children's Theatre will provide acting experiences all week long after school. This week concludes with two performances at Everett's Civic Auditorium on Saturday, November 23rd. All students can apply to participate. For information on this, click [HERE](#).

Amidst all these events, our staff remains committed to your child's academic as well as social-emotional growth each and every day. As always, please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind Regards,

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Principal

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November 1

Early Release 1 p.m. Release

November 4-8

Conference Week 1 p.m. Release
PTA Book Fair 10a.m.-4p.m. Music Room

November 11

Veterans Day – No School

November 12

Veterans Day Assembly

November 14

Picture Retake Day

November 15

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

November 22

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

November 27

Early Release 1 p.m. Release

November 28-29

No School Thanksgiving Break



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.

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

November 4 – 10, 2019 Parent Teacher Conference Week (Dismissal at 1 p.m. all week)

November 4 – 10, 2019 PTA Hosted Scholastic Bookfair (Music Room) Monday- Thursday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., Friday 10 a.m – 2 p.m.

November 12, 2019 Veteran's Day Assembly 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

November 14, 2019 Picture Retake Day (Volunteers needed)

November 14, 2019 Highly Capable New Parent Information Night 7 p.m. (Cafeteria)

November 23, 2019 PTA Drama Performances at Everett Civic Auditorium 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

November 26, 2019 Hearing Screenings (Volunteers needed)

December 23, 2019 – January 3, 2020 Winter Break

PCE Running Club

Start your weekend off right! On Friday mornings join Mrs. Wood (and other teachers) on the field from 8:40am-9:10am. Rock out to some great tunes while exercising. Student must have permission slip on file to participate. Hope to see you there! The last running club of the season will be 11/22/19.

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.

Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 18

Find forms, information and evening events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place on February 1, 2020.

Remember to vote Nov. 5

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 5 – postage is not required for ballots.

Everett Public Schools is hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a strong need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions.

Join us! <http://www.everettsd.org/jobs>





Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls. If you want to change your contact information, please let the school office know.

School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

Test scores show ... our students rock!

Did you know that our student assessment scores last year outperformed the state's average assessment scores **in every subject!** Students are working hard in their learning, and staff are providing students with the targeted, coordinated supports they need to excel. We have more work to do and are going to accomplish it by focusing on reading at early levels and strong monitoring and collaboration.

FAFSA season has begun!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Family health safety tip

Vaping has been in the news a lot this summer and fall due to many youth and young adults across the nation being hospitalized for respiratory issues, including respiratory failure. A few cases have been reported in our state. Teens may believe vaping is less harmful than smoking. Vaping devices are increasingly popular among middle and high school students and a new generation is getting addicted to nicotine. According to the Snohomish Health District's Washington Healthy Youth Survey:

11% of 8th graders, 23% of 10th graders and 31% of 12th graders currently use vapes.

Learn about the dangers of vaping as well as resources for teens to quit by visiting Snohomish Health District's webpage. The sooner one quits, the faster their body, and lungs, can rebound and repair themselves. www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products



Is your family prepared?

Does your family have a plan in case of bad weather, school closure or delay? Who will pick up your student, if needed? How will you communicate if phone lines are jammed? Do you have needed emergency supplies in your car and at home?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood.



Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the “buddy lists.” Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).



Food and nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you mushrooms grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our vegetable medley and on the salad bar.

Did you know that mushrooms are composed of 90% water and contain over a dozen vitamin and minerals? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>. Don't leave me, I'm a fungi!





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.

Report it!

3 easy ways

Text or call

 855-637-2095

 1350@alert1.us

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



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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