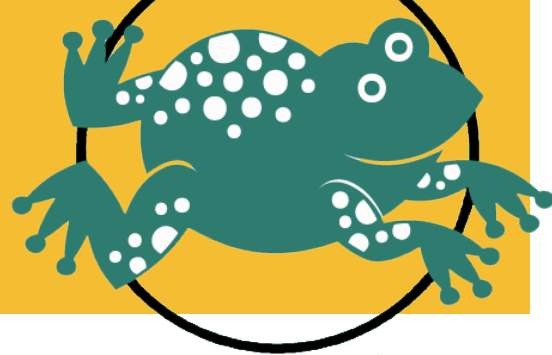


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



October 2021

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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

It has been such a joy to have all our classes on site. Your children have made tremendous growth this last month in handling a full school day, which is a tremendous accomplishment after the last two years. We have worked at building relationships, stamina, and understanding of what it means to be a Penny Creek Frog. A highlight was our first PRIDE Assemblies. These were held one grade level at a time. Our specialists taught each grade level about our school's history, our mascot and colors, how to do the Frog Wave, and words to a school song. These were a lot of fun!

We also made safety a priority last month. We held a fire drill and a lock down drill. Each drill was an opportunity to teach students how to keep safe if a dangerous incident occurred. Teachers led their classes well and students did a great job following procedures. The Staff participated in a staff training with our School Resource Officer, Deputy McCulloch, on how to handle an Active Shooter event. Though such incidences are frightening to think of, we want to be as prepared as we possibly can, to protect all staff and students in the rare case that something of this nature were to occur.

In the month ahead, two types of assessments will provide direction for our work this year. Third through Fifth graders will take the Panorama Survey. This provides understanding for us on students' sense of physical and emotional safety, their sense of belonging, and their views on learning here at Penny Creek.

Fourth and Fifth graders will take the Washington State required test called the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). This assessment was originally set to be taken last Spring, but they were cancelled due to impacts of Covid 19. Because students are required to take them each calendar year, we are taking them this Fall.

There are two parts, one for English Language Arts and one for Math. Fifth graders will take the fourth-grade test they would have taken last spring, and Fourth graders will take the third-grade test they would have taken last spring. Additionally, the length of the assessment is significantly shorter. This link provides further information on the SBA <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/39246>.

The last week of October we invite you to attend our Math Night via Zoom for parents. The goal is to help families understand our new math curriculum, Illustrative Math. Mrs. Sparks, our Math Coach and a few teachers, will explain the curriculum's approach and model a lesson. We hope to see many of you there.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Marti J. Shefveland".

Marti Shefveland
Principal

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Stephanie Kirkpatrick
Assistant Principal

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[**2021-22 School Calendar**](#)
[**Parents Overview Page**](#)
[**Student Handbook**](#)

October 1, 8, 22

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

October 4 - 15

3 - 5 Grades: Panorama Survey
PTA Fall Fundraiser

October 14

Student Picture Day

October 15

No School – Teacher Work Day
Office will be Closed

October 19

4 - 5 Grades: SBA – Math

October 21

4 - 5 Grades: SBA – ELA

October 29

Early Dismissal for Students at 1 p.m.

November 1 - 5

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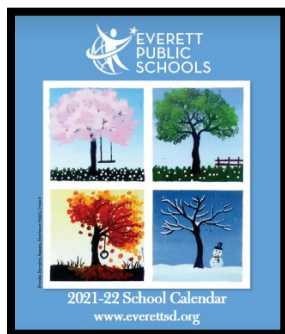
Math Night Zoom Information on Thursday, October 28

Math Night Thursday, October 28th

<https://everettsd.zoom.us/j/95421566704>

Meeting ID: 954 2156 6704

Passcode: Welcome!



Correction on Student Art Calendar

The 2021-22 printed student art calendar will be sent home on Friday, October 1. Please note the correct school start time for Penny Creek's regular schedule should be 9:15 a.m. Below is our school hours:

- Regular Schedule 9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
- Early Release Days (school day ends 2 ½ hours early) 9:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- Learning Improvement Friday (school day ends 75 minutes early) 9:15 a.m. – 2:15 p.m.

The first bell rings at 9:10 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 9:15 a.m.

Masks at School

At all times, students and families must wear a mask during school operating hours at Penny Creek. Please have students bring extra masks in their backpacks and/or lunchbox every day.

Student Picture Day

Student picture day is Thursday, October 14. Picture packets went home on 09/24. Please bring the picture packets back to school on Thursday, October 14. The packets are given directly to the photographer. Additional picture packets are available in the office.

Drop Off / Pick Up Reminders

Please pull the vehicle all the way forward in the drop off/pick up lines and parent is to remain in the vehicle.

Student will need to be ready to get out of your car at drop off from the passenger side.

If your student cannot get out independently from the vehicle, please park in the main parking lot and walk your student to the gate.

Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent or tardy from school, please email the attendance office at 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.

Annual Student Update Form

Thank you to families that have completed the online annual student update. This update is available through Home Access Center (HAC). It is important that you complete this process even if information for your student has not changed from last year. This process also includes annual agreements (such as Student Rights & Responsibilities, FERPA, etc.) you are asked to sign each year. If you still need to complete this update, please view your email for a message sent on Thursday, September 30.

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.

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.

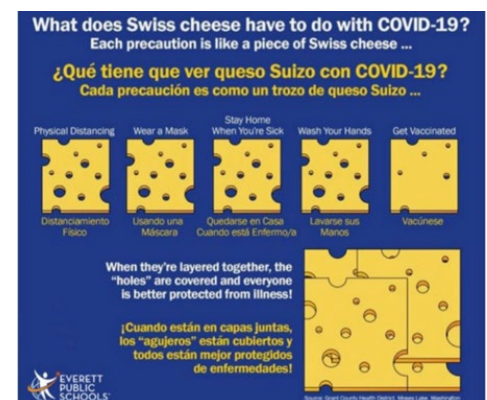
Healthy habits make a difference!

What does Swiss cheese have to do with COVID? Each precaution is like a slice of Swiss cheese. When they are layered together, the "holes" are covered, and everyone is better protected from illness. Thank you for doing your part to wear masks, practice social distancing, stay home when you are sick, wash your hands and get vaccinated when eligible.



It is very important for everyone to wear a mask properly:

- Put it over your face and mouth
- Be sure your mask fits snugly against the sides of your face and under your chin
- Make sure you can breathe easily





The updated [2021-22 COVID Family Handbook](#) provides information on what we are doing to keep students and staff safe while at school and what the process is if there is a COVID case in your child's class. It also shares things you can do to help keep your child and their classmates healthy. It is available on the district's website under the "Our District" tab on the COVID 2021-22 page. Thank you for being great partners in our community's health.

Hi, I'm Chatbot Chet!



Chatbot Chet is the newest member of our communications family and is available 24/7 to help answer questions.

Click the tab located on the lower right side of any EPS web page and "Let's Talk!"

Parent University

Parent University is an on-demand resource created to help parents and guardians become full partners in their child's education. Parent and family engagement in education positively impacts the academic and social success of children.



Our goal is to increase collaboration and involvement between schools, families, and the community; to educate, empower and connect families with resources that build parent and student confidence, enhance character development, and promote life skills to increase the likelihood of family success in academic endeavors.

Content includes a selection of pre-recorded videos and how-to documents that can be viewed at any time. You will find Parent University, at www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity.

Bus safety reminder

As mornings become darker and darker, drivers, please keep an eye out for students walking and waiting at their bus stops.

Families, please have your students wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and the flashing lights and stop sign to be fully out before they cross the street.

Here is great graphic showing when to stop for school buses, and if you are ever in doubt-STOP!

Homeless resources

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or are staying in a

When to stop when school bus lights are flashing or stop bar is out

- 2-lane roadway: both directions stop**
- 3+ lanes: stop if traveling same direction as bus**
- Turning lane: stop if traveling same direction as bus**
- Median: stop if traveling same direction as bus**

\$430 fine if violating any of the above

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motel, campground, shelter, outside or are in an inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school. Everett Public Schools' Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. If you believe your child qualifies, please complete the [online Housing Questionnaire](#). For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact the KIT office at 425-385-4032.

Rights include:

- Keeping your children in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest;
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require;
- Receiving free school meals;
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs;
- Receiving extra support for youth who are on their own;
- Connecting young children with early childhood services;
- and referrals to other community resources.

Get resources and activities for your children from [Sesame Street in Communities](#), including tips for [how to talk to your child about homelessness](#) and [how to create a feeling of home](#) even if you are moving around a lot.

If you find yourself in a dangerous situation, or in need of medical, emotional, or physical support, please see [this list of national hotlines](#) that provide an array of services. All hotlines listed are national hotlines providing 24/7 support across the United States. In Snohomish County, you may call 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873) **In an emergency, call 911 for the police, get yourself and your children to a safe place, seek medical attention and call DVS for assistance.**

Job opportunities!

Everett Public Schools is hiring many positions. Please share with friends and family who may be interested in joining our team. Visit www.everettsd.org/jobs for jobs posted and how to apply.

WE ARE HIRING!

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BUS DRIVERS • CUSTODIAL • FOOD & NUTRITION • HEALTH ROOM ASSISTANTS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PARAEUCATORS • SUBSTITUTES • TEACHERS
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Join our team!

We offer a competitive wage, flexible schedule, training and much more.

For more information or to apply, please click headline.

Did you miss a call from us?

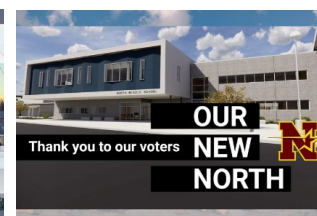
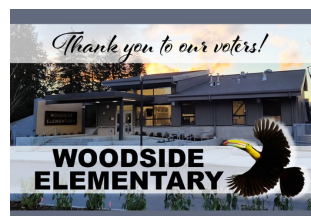
If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all the calls. If messaging is still not being delivered, then you will need to update your contact information at your school.

Is your contact information up to date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

2016 Captial project showcase!

Thanks to community support for the 2016 Capital Bond, the North Middle and Woodside Elementary partial replacement and modernization projects are complete! Students and staff are enjoying their new schools. Curious how they look? Visit the district's homepage under school announcements to watch the celebration videos or click the images below to link directly to them.

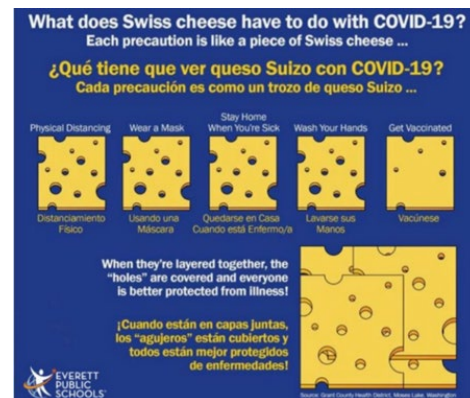




Below is the Spanish Version of District Content Newsletter Articles:

¡Los hábitos de salud hacen la diferencia!

¿Qué tiene que ver el queso suizo con el COVID? Cada precaución que tomamos es como una rebanada de queso suizo. Cuando se apilan juntos, los “agujeros” se cubren y todos estamos protegidos mejor de las enfermedades. Gracias por hacer su parte de usar el cubrebocas, practicar el distanciamiento social, quedarse en casa cuando está enfermo, lavarse sus manos y vacunarse cuando sea elegible para hacerlo.



Es importante que todos usemos el cubrebocas adecuadamente:

- Póngaselo sobre el rostro y boca
- Asegúrese que esté ajustado en los costados de su rostro y por debajo de su mentón.
- Asegúrese que puede respirar con facilidad.

El [Manual para familias contra el COVID 2021-22 COVID](#) proporciona información sobre lo que estamos haciendo para mantener seguros a los

estudiantes y al personal en la escuela y cuales son los procesos en caso de que surja un caso de COVID en el salón de su hijo/hija. También incluye información sobre lo que usted puede hacer para ayudar a su hijo/a y a sus compañeros de clases a que se mantengan sanos. Este manual está disponible en el sitio web del distrito bajo la pestaña de “Our District” en la página de COVID 2021-22. Gracias por su trabajo conjunto en la salud de nuestra comunidad.

¡Hola, mi nombre es Chatbot Chet!



Chatbot Chet es el más reciente nuevo miembro de nuestra familia de comunicaciones que se encuentra disponible 24/7 para ayudarle con respuestas a sus preguntas.

Haga clic en la pestaña localizada en la parte baja derecha de cualquiera de las páginas web de EPS y “¡platiquemos!

Universidad para Padres

La Universidad para Padres es un recurso en demanda creado para ayudar a los padres y tutores legales a que se hagan de lleno socios participativos en la educación de sus hijos. La participación de los padres y de las familias en la educación impacta positivamente al éxito académico y social de los estudiantes.

Nuestra meta es aumentar la colaboración e involucramiento entre las escuelas, las familias y la comunidad para educar, empoderar y conectar a las familias con recursos que formen la confianza de los padres y alumnos, mejore el desarrollo de su carácter y promueva las destrezas vitales para incrementar las posibilidades del éxito de la familia en el aspecto académico.





El contenido incluye una selección de videos pregrabados y documentos de instrucción para cómo hacer algo que pueden ser vistos en cualquier momento. Puede encontrar la Universidad para Padres en www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity.

Recordatorio de seguridad con los autobuses escolares

Ahora que las mañanas se están haciendo más oscuras, le pedimos a los conductores que tengan cuidado con los estudiantes que están caminando y esperando en las paradas de autobuses.

Le pedimos a las familias que pidan a sus estudiantes que esperen a que el autobús se pare por completo, destelle sus luces intermitentes y ponga la señal de Alto por completo, antes de cruzar la calle.

Aquí les presentamos una buena gráfica mostrando que cuando los autobuses escolares se paren, y si alguna vez tiene dudas, ¡PÁRESE!

Recursos para personas sin hogar

Nos preocupamos por las familias de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett y sabemos que muchas de ellas están siendo afectadas económicamente debido a los cambios en la economía. Si su familia no está siendo afectada directamente, puede que conozca a otras que puede que se estén empezando a preguntar si existen ayudas. Si se está quedando con alguien más porque perdió su hogar, o se está quedando en un hotel, campamento, albergue, en la intemperie o en un lugar no adecuado, usted y sus hijos tienen derechos especiales en la escuela. El programa KIT (Niños en transición de las Escuelas Públicas de Everett) brinda soporte a los estudiantes que califican como personas sin hogar bajo la [Ley McKinney-Vento](#). Los estudiantes sin una residencia fija, regular y adecuada para pasar la noche pueden calificar. El programa KIT trabaja para eliminar las barreras que impiden el éxito académico del estudiante. Si cree que su hijo/a califica, por favor complete el [Cuestionario de vivienda en línea](#). Para más información visite [el sitio web de KIT](#) o contacte a la oficina de KIT al 425-385-4032.

Los derechos incluyen:

- Mantener a sus hijos en la misma escuela incluso si usted se muda, y recibir transporte de esa escuela, siempre y cuando sea en el mejor interés del estudiante.
- Inscribirse a la escuela inmediatamente sin los documentos usualmente requeridos por las escuelas.
- Recibir comidas escolares gratuitas.
- Recibir ayuda con los útiles escolares y otras necesidades.
- Recibir soporte extra para los jóvenes/chicos que están solos.
- Conectar a los niños pequeños con servicios de niñez temprana.
- Y referencias a otros recursos comunitarios.

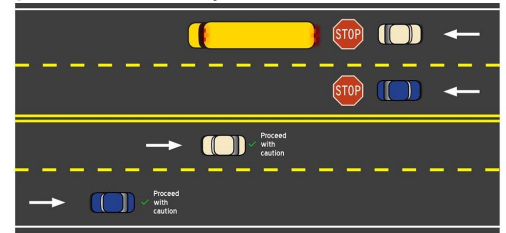
Consiga recursos y actividades para sus hijos en [Sesame Street in Communities](#), que incluyen consejos para [cómo hablar con sus hijos sobre la falta de hogar](#) y [cómo crear un sentimiento de hogar](#) incluso si están moviendo mucho.

Cuando pararse si el autobús escolar está destellando sus luces intermitentes o la barra de Alto está puesta

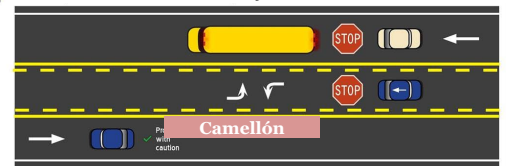
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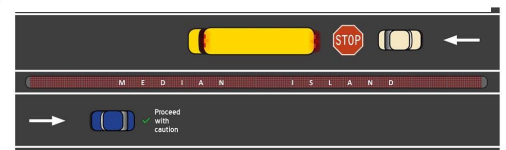
2 3+ carriles: Párese si viaja en la misma dirección del autobús



3 Carril de vuelta: Párese si viaja en la misma dirección del autobús



4 Camellón: Párese si viaja en la misma dirección del autobús



\$430 de multa si viola las reglas anteriores

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Si se encuentra en una situación de peligro, o necesita apoyo médico, emocional o físico, por favor [esta lista de líneas de ayuda directas nacionales](#) que ofrecen una gran cantidad de servicios. Todas las líneas directas en la lista son líneas de ayuda de 24/7 disponibles en todos los Estados Unidos. En el condado de Snohomish, puede marcar 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873). **En caso de emergencias, marque 911 para la policía, diríjense usted y sus hijos a un lugar seguro, busquen atención médica y llamen a DVS para asistencia.**

¡Oportunidades de trabajo!

Las Escuelas Públicas de Everett están contratando para muchas vacantes. Por favor comparta con sus amigos y familia que puedan estar interesados en ser parte de nuestro equipo. Visite www.everettsd.org/jobs para empleos publicados y cómo aplicar.

¡Estamos contratando!

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- Custodios
- Alimentos y Nutrición
- Asistentes para la sala de salud
- Paraeducadores
- Sustitutos
- Maestros

Ofrecemos salarios competitivos, horario flexible, capacitación y mucho más.

Para más información o para aplicar, haga clic en el encabezado

¿Tiene una llamada perdida de nosotros?

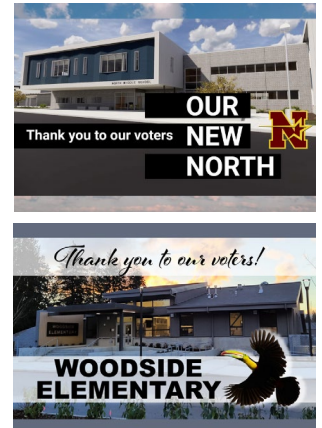
Si tiene una llamada perdida de su escuela, por favor verifique primero su correo de voz, email o aplicación móvil para ver el mensaje en lugar de regresar la llamada a la escuela. Las escuelas se inundan con frecuencia de llamadas telefónicas de los padres después de que se enviaron los mensajes automatizados, y no pueden atender todas las llamadas. Si no está recibiendo mensajes, entonces necesita actualizar su información de contacto en su escuela.

¿Tiene actualizada su información en la escuela?

Si su información de contacto ha cambiado, por favor avísele a su escuela para podernos comunicar con usted.

¡Muestra de proyectos capitales 2016!

Gracias al apoyo de la comunidad en el bono capital 2016, se han completado los reemplazos parciales de la escuela secundaria North Middle y la escuela primaria Woodside Elementary, así como los proyectos de modernización! Los estudiantes y el personal escolar están disfrutando de sus nuevas escuelas. ¿Tiene curiosidad de como se ven? Visite la página principal del distrito bajo "School Announcements" para ver los videos de celebración o haga clic en estas imágenes para ir directo a sus vínculos.



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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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