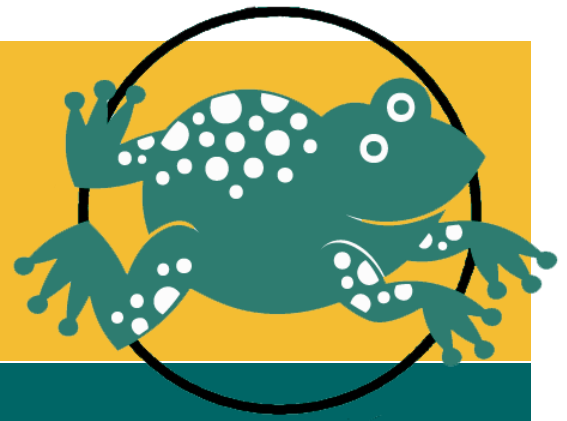


# Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

This is an exciting time at Penny Creek. As part of the district re-entry plan, we look forward to entering Phase 3 and welcoming Kindergarten and first grade students who elected to be part of hybrid instruction, back on site. On February 8, students who elected hybrid in Kindergarten, first grade, and Achieve classrooms, will return to on-site instruction. I encourage you to stay tuned to district communications to learn when Phase 4 may begin which provides for grades 2-5 to return to begin hybrid instruction.

In preparation for on-site instruction, all Penny Creek staff members are receiving Covid Safety training that aligns with state safety guidelines. Additionally, to support your understanding of Safety precautions and practices, Everett School District has prepared a [Covid Safety Manual](#) for families. We are thankful to the many people at all levels of support within the district who have been busy planning for this change to ensure a safe and smooth transition as possible.

As part of the move to hybrid instruction, beginning February 10, our Friday early release days will be moved to Wednesdays. This means that every Wednesday, beginning on February 10th, the school day will end at 2:15 p.m. On Fridays, beginning February 12, the school day will end at 3:30. This is important because it allows teachers to prepare instruction for both hybrid groups as well as for asynchronous instruction provided on days students are home. As importantly, it allows our custodians to thoroughly clean the classrooms between the two hybrid groups.

Though the return to hybrid is a great focus for us, I want you to know that Penny Creek teachers are also highly focused on growing equitable teaching practices. In the last two weeks, we received training on culturally responsive teaching practices and began a book study on the text *Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices and the Brain: Promoting Authentic Engagement and Rigor Among Culturally and Linguistically Diverse Students*, by Zaretta Hammond. Later this month, as part of our Early Release Wednesdays, we will attend a virtual PD session with Bill De La Cruz, on detecting biases. Teachers display tremendous engagement and commitment to this work.

If you ever have suggestions for us on how to support equitable practices at Penny Creek, please let me know. We recognize that we can learn greatly from our families, and we want to partner with you in this work.

Best,

Marti Shefveland

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**February 1**

NO School for Students – Teacher Work Day. (Office closed)

**February 3, 10, 17, 24**

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

**February 5**

Learning Improvement Friday

**February 10**

Student Materials Pick Up for Remote 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Click [HERE](#) for more details

**February 10, 17, 24**

Learning Improvement Wednesday

**February 15-16**

NO School – Mid Winter Break



## February Student Materials Pick Up for Grade Levels 1 – 5

The February materials pick up will be for the remote First Grade students and all Second - Fifth Grade. Families are invited to Penny Creek on **WEDNESDAY, February 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.

## Penny Creek Attendance Corner

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

## Parent safety tip



Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

## Kindergarten registration begins in March

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.




## Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. You can [access the 2019-20 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school, start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Click on your choice to view the report card.





## I want to see data for a school or school district

School or District Name:

[clear](#)

[See all schools and districts](#)

Optionally you can click on 'See all schools and districts' and navigate to the district or school you want to select.

## 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.



## Free internet access

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has announced a K-12 Internet Access Program and we invite our families who qualify for this support to apply. Reliable connectivity in remote learning is key and in partnership with OSPI, Everett Public Schools can connect qualifying families to local internet providers including Comcast/Xfinity, Presidio and Zipy. Please visit the [family tech page](#) on the district's website for eligibility and application instructions or <https://www.everettsd.org/freeinternet>.



## Frequently Asked Questions



This is a reminder the [COVID 2020-21 Frequently Asked Questions](#) page is updated regularly. If you have a question that is not answered on the page, please fill out the form located on the page. We value your input as many of our families will benefit as we navigate this remote learning scenario together.



## Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).





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Below is the Spanish Version of District Content Newsletter Articles:

## Consejos de seguridad para padres



SEGURO Y  
PROTECCIÓN ESTUDIANTIL

Un recordatorio importante

Seis maneras en que su estudiante puede proteger sus identidades en línea:

1. Comparte cuidadosamente – No des información personal a sitios desconocidos o a extraños.
  2. Usa el modo privado – Mantén tus ajustes privados a lo más elevado y limita los servicios de ubicación cuando sea posible.
  3. Cierra tu sesión (log out)- Especialmente después de usar computadoras compartidas.
  4. Mezcla las contraseñas- usa contraseñas diferentes para diferentes aplicaciones y sitios
  5. Evita las trampas de los clics (clickbaits)- evita hacer quizzes y cuestionarios raros.
  6. Elige inteligentemente- Escoge un nombre de usuario (username) apropiado
- Aprende más acerca de la seguridad en línea, bienestar digital, celulares y consejos adecuados para tu edad de cómo aprender en línea con tecnología y herramientas en [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).





## Las inscripciones al Kínder inician en marzo

¿Tiene a un niño/a que va a tener 5 años cumplidos para el 31 de agosto de 2021? Las inscripciones inician el 1 de marzo de 2021. Durante el cierre del plantel escolar, ¡puede completar sus formularios de inscripción al kínder en [en línea!](#) Contamos con [un video paso a paso en detalle](#) como un recurso adicional.



## ¿Sabía usted que?

Cada año OSPI publica un reporte evaluativo (report card) para cada distrito y cada una de sus escuelas en ese distrito. Puede [acceder a los datos 2019-20](#) en el sitio web de OSPI.

Para consultar los datos del distrito escolar o de una escuela, inicie tecleando el nombre y aparecerá automáticamente un menú desplegable con la lista de las escuelas para que la seleccione. Haga clic en la escuela seleccionada para ver su reporte evaluativo.

The screenshot shows a search interface on the OSPI website. On the left is a map of Washington state. The main heading reads "I want to see data for a school or school district". Below this is a search box labeled "School or District Name:" containing the text "start typing". To the right of the search box is a dark blue "Go" button. Below the search box are two links: "clear" and "See all schools and districts".

De manera opcional, puede dar clic en 'See all schools and districts' y navegar al distrito o escuela de su elección.

## ¡Las comidas gratis continúan hasta el fin del año escolar!

Tenemos disponibles y sin ningún costo desayunos y almuerzos para los estudiantes que estén aprendiendo en el plantel escolar. Para todos los niños y niñas, continuaremos teniendo kits de comidas de cinco días para que las recoja cada miércoles. Esto aplica para alumnos remotos en línea y alumnos presencialmente. Las comidas incluyen: Frutas, verduras, granos integrales, proteínas magras y leche. Este programa es para todos los niños y niñas en edades de 1-18 años, no se requiere calificar. Síganos en @eps\_cafe en [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) y [Twitter](#) para la información más actualizada.



## Acceso gratis al internet

La oficina del superintendente de instrucción pública (OSPI) ha anunciado un programa de acceso al internet K-12, al cual estamos invitando a nuestras familias que califiquen para soporte que apliquen. La conectividad confiable en el aprendizaje remoto es clave, y en conjunto con OSPI y las Escuelas Públicas de Everett podemos conectar a las familias elegibles con los proveedores de internet local como Comcast/Xfinity, Presidio y Zipy. Por favor visite la [página de tecnología para las familias](#) en el sitio web del distrito para verificar su elegibilidad e instrucciones para aplicar o en <https://www.everettsd.org/freeinternet>.





## Preguntas frecuentes




Este es un recordatorio de que la página de [Preguntas Frecuentes sobre el COVID 2020-21](https://www.everettsd.org/covid2021-21) se está actualizando regularmente. Si tiene una pregunta sin responder en esta página, por favor llene el formulario localizado en la página. Apreciamos sus opiniones y comentarios de los que muchas familias se benefician en la navegación de este aprendizaje virtual todos juntos.

## ¿Tiene a un estudiante en educación especial?

¿Sabía usted que existe una asociación de padres, maestros y estudiantes (PTSA) de educación especial en el distrito? Esta asociación sirve a alumnos, familias y educadores en Educación Especial. Exhortan a los estudiantes, familias, educadores y a la comunidad que trabajemos en conjunto para proveer programas y actividades que reconozcan el potencial de cada estudiante y mejoren las oportunidades educativas de los niños que reciben y/o buscan servicios especiales en nuestro distrito. Conéctese con el SEPTSA en [su página de facebook](#).





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