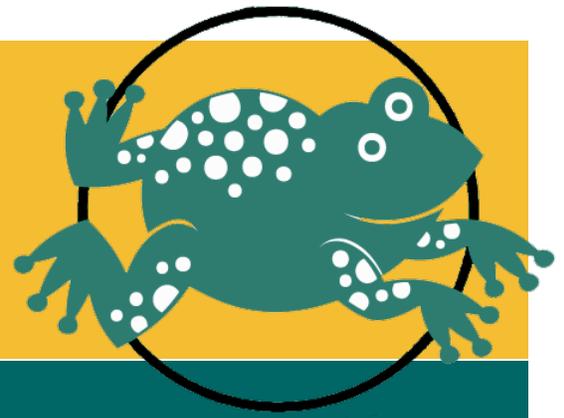


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



March 2020

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From the Principal

Dear Families,

March is a terrific time of year to focus on academic growth. Teachers are closely monitoring student progress in Math, Reading and Writing. Last week third through fifth graders met with their teachers to review their progress this year and to set learning goals for the months ahead. Teachers are also helping students to become familiar with the Smarter Balanced Testing format and question styles so they can feel prepared when testing time comes. (See Testing Schedule below.)

Additionally, spring conferences begin the last week of March (March 30-April 3). Your child's teacher will be setting your conference date and time soon. Conferences are a good time to discuss not only academic progress, but also social emotional growth as well. Teachers understand you will have questions and things you are wondering about. I encourage you to write down key questions, or points you would like to discuss, ahead of time, so that you make sure to get them addressed. The following are some topics which are commonly discussed at parent-teacher conferences:

- Any questions about the school's programs or policies.
- Things you can share with the teacher about your child and their life at home.
- Questions about your child's progress.
- What are my child's strengths and areas for growth?
- How does my child get along with classmates?
- Is my child working up to his/her ability? Where could they use improvement?
- What can we do at home to support what you are doing in the classroom?

Know that teachers look forward to meeting with you and learning from you as well. As always, if I can be of assistance, let me know.

Best,

Marti

SBA Testing Dates

Third Grade - May 7, 12, 14, 19

Fourth Grade - May 6, 13, 20, 27

Fifth Grade - May 12, 14, 19, 21, 26

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March 2

Kindergarten Registration Begins

March 4

Class Picture Day

McTeacher Night 5 – 8 p.m.
Thomas Lake McDonalds
132nd St SE and 35th Ave SE

March 6, 13, 20

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

March 12

Festival of Cultures
Cafeteria and Gym 6 – 8 p.m.

March 27

Early Release 1 p.m. Dismissal

NoodlePalooza
Cafeteria and Gym 6 – 8 p.m.

March 30 – April 3

Conference Week
Students Released at 1 p.m.



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.

Health Room Clothing Needed

Our health room is in need of gently used clothing. If you are doing some spring cleaning and your children have outgrown clothes, please consider donating them to our health room. Bottoms (especially pull on pants and underwear for all ages) would be appreciated. Our students and staff thank you.

Parking Lot Safety at Penny Creek

Please note that we have three entrances/exits to Penny Creek that are all available to access the building for morning drop off and afternoon pick up.

- The main parking area by the front office.
- The secondary parking area in front of the gym.
- Lastly, the west parking area by the main playground.
 - This is also our bus parking location. If you choose to park here, your vehicle must be moved by 9:10 in the morning and 3:40 in the afternoon.

The drop off and pick up loading area located in front of the office is designated for school bus/van only.

A great way to alleviate parking space congestion is to utilize the Kiss and Go drop off/pick up lanes. Please remember in the morning the Kiss and Go lanes closes at **9:10 a.m.** and in the afternoon, Kiss and Go lanes opens at **3:35 p.m.**

The first bell rings at 9:10 a.m. and classes begin promptly at 9:15 a.m.

- If you are arriving to school after 9:10 a.m., please park your vehicle and safely walk your student to the courtyard drop off location.
- If you are arriving after 9:15 a.m. please bring your student to the office for check-in and to obtain a pass to the classroom.

Please remember to always use a marked crosswalk when possible and walk your student all the way to their final drop off destinations.

Another way to alleviate parking space congestion is to check if your student is eligible for bus transportation. The district transportation office can be reached at 425-385-4144.

Thank you for helping us keep your student/s safe as there are many vehicles coming and going on the campus. Please exercise caution and only use the marked crosswalks.



New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device [policy 3246](#) and [procedure 3246P](#) which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency.

Elementary students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student's backpack, locker, other district provided storage). If a student has a cell phone out during class, lunch, or recess it will be brought to the office. A parent will be notified to pick it up.

There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student's IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

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

March 2, 2020 – Kindergarten Registration Starts

March 4, 2020 – Class Picture Day (volunteers needed)

March 4, 2020 – McTeacher Night 5 – 8 p.m. Thomas Lake McDonalds 132nd St SE and 35th Ave SE

March 12, 2020 – Festival of Cultures 6 – 8 p.m. Penny Creek Cafeteria and Gym

March 24, 2020 - AM and PM PRIDE Assemblies (by [teacher invitation](#) only)

March 26, 2020 - PTA Popcorn Day during recess



Save the date continued

March 27, 2020 – Early Release (students dismissed at 1 p.m.)

March 27, 2020 – NoodlePalooza 6 – 8 p.m. Penny Creek Cafeteria and Gym

March 30 – April 3, 2020 – Conference Week (students dismissed at 1 p.m.)

April 6 – 10, 2020 – Spring Break No School

April 23, 2020 – Kindergarten and First Grade Spring Concert 7 p.m. Eisenhower Middle School (10200 25th Ave SE Everett)

April 30, 2020 – PTA Popcorn Day during recess

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.

FREE learning tools for your entire family

Did you know that with your parent LMS user name and password, you have access to a powerful resource provided also to students and staff with their district logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

Our subscription to Hoonuit includes:

- The Microsoft® Office Suite
- Adobe Suite
- Google Drive/apps/doc/form
- Internet Safety
- Career Skills training for personal career advancement
- Completing a FAFSA training for college planning
- Access for staff, students and their families 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- More than 50,000 step-by-step technology tutorials.

Go to www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2020? Registration begins March 2, at all 18 district elementary schools.

Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to our school search page [here](#), or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144.



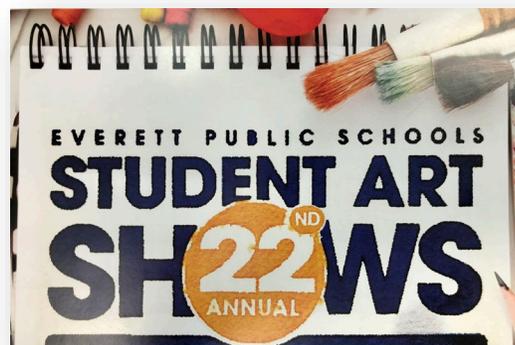
Classified Employee Week

March 2 - 6, help us recognize the important work classified 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, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

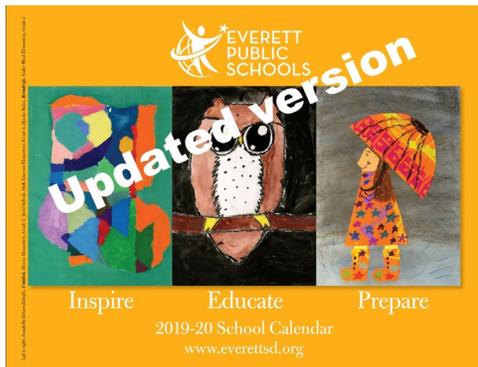
22nd annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- Elementary school Art Show: February 25 – March 20, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 6-24, reception on April 15
- Middle school Art Show: May 4-28, reception on May 27



Calendar update



On January 28, 2020 the school board approved the 2019-20 school calendar update. We've had three snow days, so the last day of school has changed. As of today, the last day of school is June 18 (keeping in mind this date is subject to change).

Go to www.everettsd.org for updated At-a-glance and student art calendars, English and Spanish versions.

Daylight savings time begins March 8

Sunrise and sunset will be about 1 hour later on Mar 8, 2020 than the day before. There will be more light in the evening. Also called Spring Forward, Summer Time and Daylight Savings Time.

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.



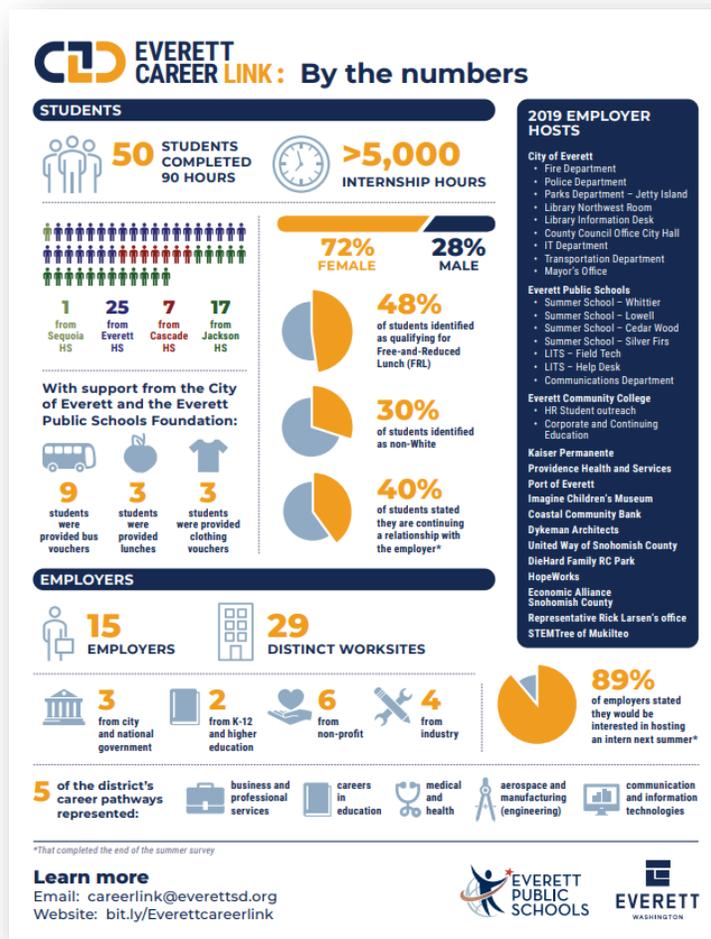
High school summer internships

Summer 2020 will be year two of Everett Career Link, a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools which offers high school students internship opportunities. Last summer, 50 students completed the



Everett Career Link 90-hour summer internship and received high school credit. These students were hosted by employers representing 29 worksite locations. An overview of last summer's program can be found below and you should expect more information about the summer 2020 program to be available soon.

Questions about the program can be directed to each high school's Career Specialist or Career Connected Learning Internship (CCLI) Facilitator at each school. The CCLI Facilitator at JHS is Daniel Mills (dmills@everettsd.org), at CHS is Bree Youngberg (byoungberg@everettsd.org) and at EHS is Tammy Price (tprice@everettsd.org).





Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you broccoli grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month by choosing our broccoli salad or roasted broccoli menu option.

Did you know that broccoli is an excellent source of so many vitamins and minerals like Vitamin A, K and folate? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>



Brocc and Roll!

Remember to register to vote

By registering to vote, either in person or online, you are able to 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.
3. Online – Visit the district's bond 2020 page at www.everettsd.org/bond2020 and click on “register to vote” on the left hand side. To learn details about elections, visit the [Snohomish County Elections](#) website.

Do not miss out!

Our school is using Peachjar to send flyers home electronically.

Just go to the front 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 to give you the opportunity to 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 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 on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, honorably discharged veteran or military status, sexual orientation including gender expression or identity, the presence of any sensory, mental, or physical disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability in its programs and activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

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