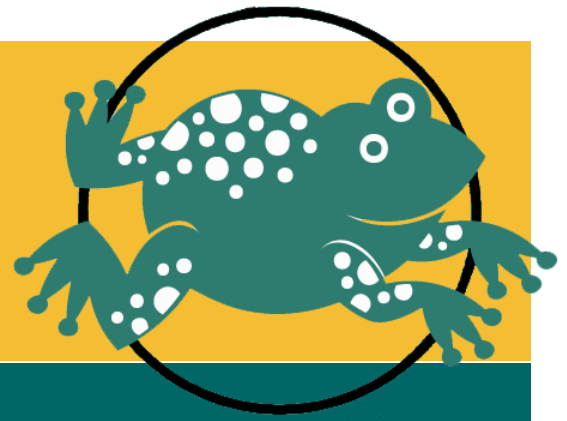


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families:

Who could have thought in September that we would be using technology to such a great extent to connect with and teach your children this year? It is a surreal, and truly a challenging period for us all. I am pleased with our teachers, paras, and all our staff for the manner in which they are adjusting to this change and working to help your children participate in Google Classrooms and online learning. I am also very pleased with the way in which you and your children are embracing online learning as well. You all show the strong Penny Creek character that I've grown to admire so greatly.

Assuring that all students have access to distance (online) learning is a top priority. This means all student's have access to a computer and the internet. If you need a Chromebook, or access to the internet, please notify the main office via email or phone (leave a voicemail) and we will work to support you with these needs as soon as possible.

Additionally, if you have questions, or need assistance with using any of the technology or online programs, let your teacher or me know. We understand the complexity of this work and want to help. I can assure you that I have asked many tech questions these last weeks, and I know I'll have more. So please, don't hesitate to ask.

Lastly, I want to encourage you and your children to just do what you can. We fully understand that you have so many important matters to deal with. Times are stressful to say the least. So, do as much as you are able to, and know that **we are happy to engage with your children at any level you can.**

Best,

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Chromebook Checkout

If your student is still in need of a chromebook for access to online learning, please email the office at pennycreek@everettsd.org. We will contact you for a scheduled pick up time.

School closure resources



Watch for all Coronavirus updates at www.everettsd.org/COVID-19.

3-D printers loaned to help support local health care systems

Everett Public Schools is grateful to be able to loan ten 3-D printers, through an agreement with Ignition Partners, to support manufacturing N95 masks, visors and other critical medical and safety equipment for our local health care systems. [Click for full article](#).



Frequently Asked Questions



Did you know we have an [FAQ page](#) on our district website? We actively add content as we develop answers that apply to our students, staff and community. If you do not see your question answered, there is also an ['Ask a Question'](#) form where you may submit your question. Hoping this is a helpful resource for all!



Emergency meal schedule update

Go to https://bit.ly/EPS_EmergencyMeals for schedule of locations and times.

Due to physical distancing standards, and for the safety of our staff, meals will no longer be delivered directly to homes.

How families can help:

- Please take advantage of curbside pickup and stay in your car
- Avoid socializing with other families
- Leave the school property immediately after receiving your meals
- If you do walk-up, stand six feet behind the family in front of you, only stand in line with people you live with
- Pick up your meals at a later time in the meal service
- Pick the meal option for your child
- Follow directions provided by Everett Public Schools staff



Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary changes to keep everyone safe.

Social & Emotional Health during school closure

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person's characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared.

Please visit the district's website for [links and resources](#) for social & emotional health.



Kindergarten registration

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten online. Please visit the [registration page](#) on the district's website. If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!

Teacher Appreciation Week

Since 1984, National PTA has designated one week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 – 8, 2020.





National School Nurse Day



National School Nurse Day, May 6, 2020, is a time to celebrate the specialty practice of school nursing. In 1972, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) created National School Nurse Day to recognize school nurses and acknowledge their role in the educational setting. NASN applauds the contributions school nurses make every day to improve the health, safety, and academic success of all students.

The theme this year – School Nurses: Supporting Students in Times of Crisis – reinforces the changing times of 2020. This year, more than ever, all members of our school communities, school nurses included, have been required to take on unprecedented roles and adapt quickly to changes in their jobs. It is reflective of the significant roles school nurses have in the health care of their school communities to help make a healthier place for children and families to learn and grow during this crisis.



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