



DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Connect-ED Messages

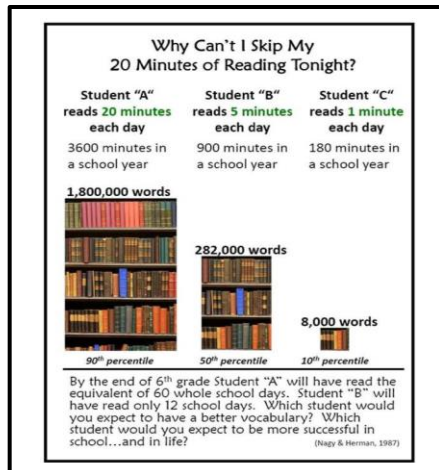
Missed a Call?

1-877-737-5291

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Penny Creek Families,

Reading with your children is a wonderful way to settle into the winter season. We know that children who read 20 minutes a day have increased fluency, vocabulary, comprehension and a love for reading. As you are beginning to make plans for the extended Winter Break, consider building in times to read daily with your child. Also, at the end of a reading, you may consider asking questions that promote thinking and discussion. Some examples include:



-Who was your favorite character? Why?

-What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?

-Why do you think the author wrote the book?

-If you could change one thing in the book, what would you change?

Fostering a love of reading is one of the best gifts we can give to our children.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Heater

Penny Creek PTA Membership Drive

The PTA will be holding a membership drive in December. Thanks to all the Penny Creek parents and staff that joined the PTA already this year! We have 100% teacher participation and we're very excited! We'd love to increase our parent membership, so we need your help! Parents who have not already joined, look for a form coming home with your child. Complete the form and return it to the school with payment.

100%

Remember, PTA doesn't require a commitment of your time, but your membership dollars help pay for student activities, fund faculty grants, help students in need, offer discounts at popular businesses (Great Wolf Lodge!) and much more. Membership is only \$10 per adult and includes school benefits like a free directory and reduced rates for PTA events.

The class with the highest membership percentage will earn an ice cream party! Check the display area in the office lobby to see the progress of each class. To confirm your current membership status, contact PTA membership chair, Joanna Ghosh, at joannaghosh@yahoo.com.

Toys, Trading Cards and Technology at School

All toys, including electronic devices and trading cards, are not allowed at school. Please remind your students to keep those items at home. Penny Creek Elementary staff and Everett Public Schools are not responsible for lost, damaged or broken items.

Everett Public Schools News



Prepare for bad weather

How to find emergency school schedule information

(usually by 5:45 a.m.)

See [Safety and Emergencies](#) page under *Parents* tab on district website for full details and other resources.

- [FlashAlert.net](#): You can subscribe to receive notices at the same time those notices are sent to media outlets, or you can bookmark this site to check for a listing of regional school emergency schedule information.
- Media news reports (Media gets information from FlashAlert)
- District website: www.everettsd.org
- District information line at 425-385-4636
- *Blackboard Connect*® calls, emails and text messages made to families beginning as early as 5:45 a.m.
***Please be sure your contact information is current at your school.**
- Program [impact chart](#) outlines how various school programs and activities are impacted when school is cancelled or starts late.

No announcement means schools are on a regular schedule.

Snow routes are online!

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the [snow route information](#) on the district transportation department's webpage.

Volunteer application online

Want to attend a field trip this spring? Time to renew an expired volunteer application? [Apply or renew quickly and easily online](#). Applying online saves postage time and your application gets processed even faster.

Beyond the Hour of Code Event

Join students, parents and community members for student-led computer science activities and robotics demonstrations on **Dec. 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** at the Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway in Everett. Come celebrate computer science with our students!

Parent communication system messages

Did you miss the last recorded call from us? If you would like to hear the most recent recorded calls made to your phone, dial 1-877-737-5291 (1-877-REPLAY1) from the primary phone on which you receive calls from the district. You will hear a list of the most recent recorded messages sent to your phone. Select the message that you would like to hear.

The district shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of academic and activity program without regard to race, color, national origin, creed, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender expression, gender identity, veteran or military status, the presence of any physical, sensory or mental disability or the sue of a trained dog guide or service animal by a student with a disability. Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, cstolz@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106 Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063 ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250 Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

New Staff at Penny Creek

Michael Coble joined us in October as our new Music Teacher! A message from Mr. Coble: *I am very excited to be here at PCE and I am starting to feel at home with staff and students alike; and even learning some of the 750 kids/50 staff names...slowly. I am really enjoying the almost paparazzi-esque applause and greetings when I try to sneak through the lunchroom. I am also seeing remarkable growth in the short time that I have been here. The kids are really starting to adapt to my high paced, yet polite and rigorous style of teaching. I especially love seeing some of the talented students in each class that have been brave enough to volunteer to perform solos. I am especially looking forward to Winter Break where I will be taking a family road trip (dog included) to Mexico for some sunny beach time, as well as tacos...lots and lots of tacos.*



Mrs. Osmonson joined us in November as our new Kindergarten teacher. A message from Mrs. Osmonson: *Hello! I'm Shannon Osmonson and you can find me teaching Kindergarten in Room A-1. After teaching grades K-3 in Edmonds for many years and working as a substitute teacher in Everett, I have found my new home at Penny Creek. Both my daughters attend Penny Creek and it really feels like a big family here. I'm thankful to be able to work with such talented teachers and students. It is going to be a fabulous year!*

DECEMBER IMPORTANT DATES

REMEMBER THAT EVERY FRIDAY IS 2:15 DISMISSAL!

- Dec 1: Popcorn Thursday - 2nd Recesses
- Dec 9: PTA Movie Night – doors open @ 6:15pm
- Dec 15: Popcorn Thursday - 2nd Recesses
- Dec 15-16: 5th Grade Used Book Fair – Recesses
- Dec 19-Jan 2: No School – Winter Break

