



APRIL NEWSLETTER

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Messages

Missed a Call?

1-877-737-5291

Planning an Absence?

If you are planning an absence, such as a vacation or a long weekend, please begin by contacting your child's teacher and then contacting the office to fill out a Planned Absence Request Form.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Penny Creek Families,

Springtime here at Penny Creek is full of traditions. One of those traditions is statewide testing. We have been working to prepare your student to be successful on these assessments by creating learning activities focused on all of the learning standards. We have also provided many opportunities to take practice assessments. Now, we ask that you help us with the final stages of preparation by:

- Making sure your child is well-rested and eats a good breakfast before school.
- Avoiding last-minute morning rush by laying out clothes in advance or leaving for school a little early. It is imperative that students arrive on time to school as testing will begin at the start of the school day.
- Encouraging your child to do their best. Reminding them to stay calm during the test. In addition to knowing the concepts that will be tested, keys to a successful testing experience are reducing anxiety and stress, building confidence and promoting motivation and perseverance.
- Having your child bring a healthy snack such as dried fruit, string cheese, pretzels, etc. on their testing days.
- Not planning early pick-ups or scheduling doctor, dentist, or other appointments during testing times.

Thank you for your help and support throughout this five-week testing window.

Sincerely,
Maggie Heater
Principal

PTA Fundraiser Update

Thank you to everyone who supported our PTA Fundraiser. We earned over \$16,000. This money helps with special programs, materials and our new playground equipment. If you ordered cookie dough, it will be ready for pick up **Monday, April 17 between 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. in the Penny Creek Cafeteria.**



Everett Public Schools News

Student art shows

Everett Public Schools and the Everett Public Schools Foundation are pleased to announce the 19th Annual Art Shows. Art shows are open for public viewing from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Everett Public Schools Community Resource Center at 3900 Broadway in Everett.

The **High School Art Show** will be open for public viewing from **April 11-27**. The awards reception will be held on Wednesday, April 26, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center. In addition to student awards, two special awards will be announced at the High School Art Show awards reception:

- The Superintendent's Choice Award – selected by Superintendent Gary Cohn for permanent display at the district office. This award is sponsored by the Everett Public Schools Foundation.
- The Everett Public Schools Foundation Scholarship Award – awarded to a high school senior for excellence in the visual arts.

The **Middle School Art Show** will be open for public viewing **May 3-18**, from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The awards reception will be Monday, May 15, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Community Resource Center.

The **Elementary School Art Show** will be open for public viewing from **May 23 to June 6**.

SAVE THE DATE – Innovation Expo June 8, 5-8 p.m. at Xfinity Arena

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from every school in the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#). Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning. School booths will highlight projects or demonstrations related to 21st century skills, this year's Expo theme.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them.

Want to participate? (include in elementary and middle school newsletters only)

Do you have a student in grades 4 through 8 who loves science and science experiments, is interested in creating tools to solve problems, or strives to research answers to interesting science or math questions? If so, the Innovation Expo STEM Competition is a perfect opportunity for your child.

Students in grades 4 through 8 can submit a project entry to their science teacher in one of three categories:

- Experiment
- Research
- Engineering Design

Selected projects from each class will be invited to enter the districtwide Innovation Expo STEM Competition at XFINITY Arena on June 8. For more information, refer to the 2017 Innovation Expo STEM Competition Handbook and connect with your student's science teacher.

- [Elementary School STEM Competition Handbook](#)
- [Middle School STEM Competition Handbook](#)

Did you know school board meeting videos are [online](#)? To see board meeting videos by agenda item, follow these easy five steps:

1. Go to [BoardDocs](#)
2. Click "Enter public site"
3. Select "meetings"
4. Choose the date of the meeting you want to view
5. Click on "Watch video" icon

ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2017-18

Everett Public Schools' Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning. The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).

Capital bond and levy project updates are now online

Watch the progress of projects authorized by voters in the 2016 election and in prior years. Project descriptions, photos and updates are on the district website at www.everettsd.org/bondandlevy.

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 use 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, rbalbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063 ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250 Address: 3900 Broadway, Everett, WA 98201

APRIL IMPORTANT DATES

REMEMBER THAT EVERY FRIDAY IS 2:15 DISMISSAL!

April 14: Spirit Day- Word Friday
PTA LEGA Night 7-8 p.m.

April 17-28: Shoe Fund Coin Drive

April 21: PTA Talent Show
6:30 p.m. at Jackson H.S.

April 27: PTA Popcorn Day

SBA TESTING DATES

Third Grade

Tuesdays

4/18, 4/25, 5/2 & 5/9

Fourth Grade

Wednesdays

4/19, 4/26, 5/3 & 5/10

Fifth Grade

Thursdays

4/20, 4/27, 5/4 & 5/11

Also Monday, 5/15

PTA Volunteers Needed

The Penny Creek PTA is looking for parents who are interested in volunteering. If you have any questions about the specific positions or the responsibilities, reach out to Jen Neelman, our PTA President.

