



MARCH NEWSLETTER

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Grades and More

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Connect-ED Messages

Missed a Call?

1-877-737-5291

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Penny Creek Families,

Everett Public Schools are committed to continuous improvement and as part of our school improvement process, every school in our district develops and implements a School Improvement Plan that is tailored to its specific needs each year. Our schools analyze a variety of information sources – including student performance trends, state comparisons and staff/parent perception surveys – to identify improvement goals that are specific, data-driven and measurable. To help each of our schools understand its strengths and challenges in areas known to impact educational effectiveness, we would appreciate your input on how our schools are doing.

Last week families received a paper copy of the survey and soon, you will receive a link for an online, multiple-choice survey. We ask that you please complete and submit the survey **online or that you submit the paper version to Penny Creek by March 31**. If you have more than one child in the Everett School District, you may complete a survey for each school your children attend. Please complete each survey so that all of your children's schools will benefit from your feedback.

The survey questions were developed by the Center for Educational Effectiveness, a Bellevue, Washington-based educational research firm, in collaboration with the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction for Washington State. As a cost savings measure, our district has moved away from paper surveys, to electronic versions made available to parents.

Please watch for the paper survey or the link to this Educational Effectiveness Survey and take a few minutes to send us your input. We truly appreciate your time and participation. Your feedback is very important to our ongoing school improvement efforts as we endeavor to make our schools the very best for the students who attend them.

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater
Principal

Penny Creek PTA News

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



Natural Leaders

What is Natural Leaders? Penny Creek Natural Leaders are parent volunteers who are typically first or second generation Americans from another country/ culture. These volunteers are often bilingual and strive to encourage other families from similar countries or cultures to get involved in their child's education by volunteering at school, planning events, or helping educate other parents. If you are interested in becoming a Natural Leader, please contact Jackie Peters, 5th grade teacher at Penny Creek, at jpeters@everettsd.org or calling 425-285-7251. Thanks for your consideration!



Parent/Teacher Conference Week

Monday, March 27, 2017 – Friday, March 31, 2017

Students Dismissed at 1pm

Everett Public Schools News



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.

We're growing.

1,500 more students projected in coming years—more than 800 at high school level.

Thought Exchange

Emails will go to each guardian after March 1 asking for thoughts about enrollment growth in Everett Public Schools. What should the district consider as it plans for continued growth?

Didn't get an email? You can self-register at http://bit.ly/EPS_Texchange. Join the conversation at any time!

Board special meeting March 30 6-7:30 p.m.

Henry M. Jackson High School, 1508 136th St. SE, Mill Creek, WA 98012

Join Us!

1. **Learn** more about the district's tremendous high school enrollment growth issues and possible solutions to address growth over time.
2. **Speak** with a board member. Sign up during the event.
3. **Hear** what board members heard from community members about enrollment growth.

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 log ins? Atomic Learning is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources available.

Our subscription to Atomic Learning 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 <http://www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd> and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Contact LMS@everettsd.org.

Access your teacher's website from a smartphone

Use this nifty [help sheet](#) for accessing teacher websites with a smartphone.

Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) At that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

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

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IMPORTANT DATES

REMEMBER THAT EVERY FRIDAY IS 2:15 DISMISSAL!

March 1: PTA Art Training
7-8 pm Community Room

March 2: Popcorn Thursday

March 9: Festival of Cultures
6:30-8:30pm Cafeteria

March 10: PTA Movie Night "Trolls"
6:30pm Cafeteria

March 16: Popcorn Thursday

March 17: Spirit Day: Frog Friday

March 20: PTA Membership Mtg
7-8 pm Library

March 24: Noodle Palooza
6-8 pm Cafeteria

March 24-31: Early Release at 1pm

March 27-31: Spring Book Fair
9am-4pm PCE Library

March 28: PTA Skate Night
6:30 pm Everett Skate Deck

March 29: PTA Art Training
7-8 Community Room

Upcoming Penny Creek Festival of Cultures

Please join us at Penny Creek for our Festival of Cultures next Thursday evening, **March 9th from 6:30-8:30** in our school cafeteria and gym. This event is sponsored by our Natural Leaders and some of our first and second generation families of diverse cultures present at Penny Creek. There will be prizes, games, activities, food samples, entertainment, and music. Each child will receive a multi-cultural pencil, passport to complete, and a chance to win prizes throughout the evening.

