



# November Newsletter

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**Messages**

**Missed a Call?**

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Penny Creek Families,

This week we honored our Summer Reading Challenge participants. We had over 200 students read and take AR tests all summer long! Thank you Penny Creek families for supporting student learning!

Reading with your children is a wonderful way to settle into the cold weather 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 Thanksgiving 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:

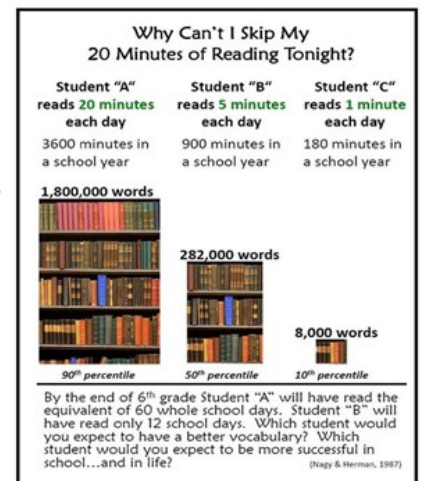
- *Who was your favorite character? Why?*
- *What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?*
- *Why do you think the author wrote the book?*
- *If you could change one thing in the book, what would you change?*

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

Also, the winter temperatures have arrived. Students are outside before school, for two recesses and at the end of the day. Please make sure they have warm coats to wear during these times.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Heater



## Penny Creek PTA NEWS

Dine Out on 11/15 at Boston's in Mill Creek between 5p-8p. Swing by to get dinner and 15% of the proceeds go to PCE PTA!

The PTA Online HopShop opens on 11/11! Get all of your Penny Creek gear online, just in time for the holiday season and our school spirit days!

PTA Membership Meeting on 11/20 at 7p.m.

## NEW Staff at Penny Creek



Heather Basse is our new part time counselor. She will be at Penny Creek on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Heather joins us from Mukilteo School District.

Emily Lippincott has joined our Kindergarten team! Emily joins us from Northshore School District. Her new classroom is located in the B Building.





### Nov. 13-17 is American Education Week

American Education Week gives Americans a wonderful opportunity to celebrate public education and honor individuals who are making a difference in ensuring that every child receives a quality education. Read more about the [creation and history behind American Education Week](#) online.

### Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 1, 2017

Find forms and more information and evening information events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in January 2018.

### The mobile app is here!

Everett Public Schools just launched a mobile app to make it easier for parents and students to connect with their schools. Download the free app for easy access to:

- grades and test scores
- staff directory
- bus route information
- checked out library items
- school and district calendars
- communications preferences
- attendance and class schedules
- customized social media stream and much more!



Go to the district [communications webpage](#) for more information or download the “Everett Public Schools” app from your phone’s app store. We’re excited to put this information in the palm of your hand.

### Bond and levy planning

Enrollment in Everett Public Schools is up and grew to about 19,900 students this fall. Snohomish County is the second fastest growing county in the state and Everett Public Schools continues to experience the highest growth in the county. Many district schools are already at or above capacity and 115 portables have been added to school sites over the years to help address growth. Growth will continue across the region in the coming years, and the district will grow by more than 1,600 students by 2026.

The need for additional schools and classroom space to manage this growth is critical, especially at the high school level. Without a new high school, enrollment at Jackson High School will exceed 2,300 students by 2021 and 30 portables will be required by 2026.

The board is also considering a Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy to renew the four-year levy that expires in 2018. The state does not fully fund education, and the levy would provide funding for educational programs and resources to support student learning, including Special education, before- and after-school programs and interventions, safety and security, athletics and activities.

Additional information is available on the [district website](#). The board is expected to make a decision at its Nov. 21 meeting.

### Tips to help kids and parents in digital age

*The Daily Herald* shared an article from *The Washington Post* about things you can do at home to help keep your kids safe and healthy in a digital world: <http://bit.ly/1RWx3if>. Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).

### Capital projects updates

The district is hard at work on many projects approved by voters in April 2016. In September, staff rolled out computing devices to five schools as part of the district’s first phase of its 1:1 technology initiative. Students at Everett and Sequoia high schools and Garfield, Lowell and Monroe elementary schools now have individual access to technology. The rollout will continue to supply devices and training to several schools each year until all schools are 1:1. See other capital projects updates on the [district website](#).

### Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.**

More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages;
- listen for media announcements;

view the district’s website at [www.everettsd.org](http://www.everettsd.org);

watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts; or call our district information line 425-385-4636.

**Did you miss a call from us?** If missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

**Is your contact information up-to-date at school?** If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

### School Performance Report

Our school’s performance report is available online on each school’s website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on “State Report Card” and select Everett from the list of districts.