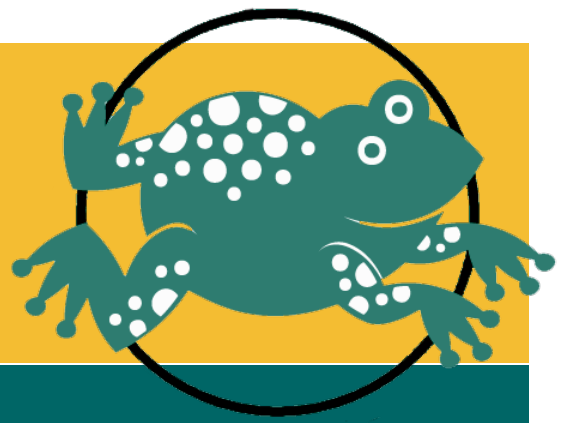


# Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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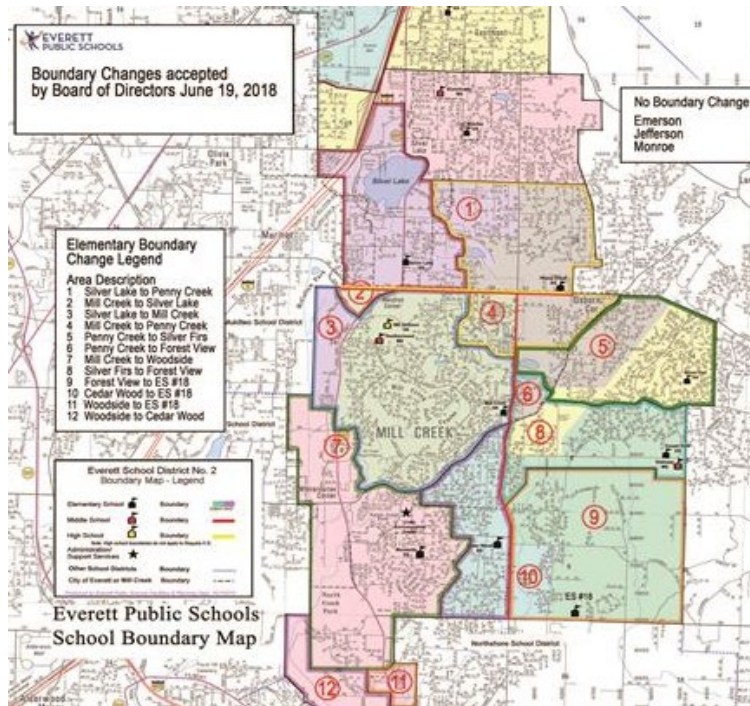
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## From the Principal

Greetings Families,

Beginning September 2019, our Penny Creek community will be impacted by the new district boundary changes. Tambark Creek Elementary will be opening and many students in the south end of the district will be moving to new schools, including students from our school. It is such a bittersweet time for our students and staff, as we will be saying goodbye, in June, to 200 students and saying hello, in September, to 200 new students.

If you are wondering what neighborhoods are impacted by the boundary changes, we have included a



map. You can also read more details on the Everett Public Schools website under the Community tab: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/26821>. If you have any questions regarding the boundary changes please reach out to our office.

We all know that change can be difficult. At Penny Creek, we are choosing to see this change as an opportunity. It is an opportunity for our exiting students to shine brightly at a new school, sharing with their new peers the values behind PCE PRIDE. It is also an opportunity for our new students to learn from our existing student all about the power and community behind PCE PRIDE.

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater

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**April 1 - 5**

No School- Spring Break

**April 8 - 19**

PTA Catalog Fundraiser

**April 12**

PCE Running Club Starts  
Field 8:40am-9:05am

**April 12**

Full Day schedule  
3:30pm Dismissal

**April 19**

Full Day schedule  
3:30pm Dismissal

**April 20**

PTA Drama Performance  
"The Snow Queen"  
Evergreen Middle School  
Time: TBD

**April 26**

Full Day schedule  
3:30pm Dismissal

**April 26**

PTA Talent Show 6:30pm  
Evergreen Middle School  
Cafeteria



## PCE Running Club

It is time to start running again! Now that the weather is getting nicer, PCE Running Club is coming back. Beginning on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> and running through Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> join Mrs. Wood (and other teachers) on the field from 8:40am-9:10am. Rock out to some great tunes while exercising. Hope to see you there!

## Penny Creek PTA Drama Performance

Penny Creek PTA, in cooperation with Missoula Children's Theater, is excited to present *The Snow Queen* on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Penny Creek students will be participating in a week of theater training and preparing to present a fabulous show complete with singing, dancing, costumes and sets. This program was originally scheduled in February and was rescheduled due to weather. All Penny Creek families and staff members are invited to attend the show!

## Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent from school, please email the attendance office at [pceattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:pceattendance@everettsd.org) to let us know the reason for the absence. There is also a direct link on our webpage at: <https://www.everettsd.org/pennycreek>

**Did you have a medical appointment for your child, or they were sick and you brought them to the doctor? If so, make sure to ask for a medical note that you can turn in to the attendance office. We will make sure that the absence is coded as a medical excuse.**

## Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities, and our volunteer application has been updated. We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online. We are focused on safety! We have new background checks and safety training requirements. ALL volunteers must fill out a new application for the 2018-19 school year, even if you have previously been approved. The new application is now available online at [www.everettsd.org/volunteer](http://www.everettsd.org/volunteer).

## Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Many of our students arrive and depart from Penny Creek on assigned school buses. For those families that transport students to and from school by cars, we have designated specific [arrival and departure options](#). Student safety is our number one priority at Penny Creek and we ask that you read through each option and select the method that will work best for you and your student(s). You can view the [arrival and dismissal procedures](#) on the [Penny Creek webpage](#).

## Changes to a student's daily going home plan

Occasionally, we need to change the plan of how our child is going home at the end of the school day. Maybe Dad is picking up instead of riding the bus or Grandma will be at Kiss and Go instead of the parent pick up location in the Courtyard. If this is the case for your family, we ask that a guardian sends an email to the school office at [PennyCreek@everettsd.org](mailto:PennyCreek@everettsd.org) and the classroom teacher by 2:50 pm on Mon-Thurs and 1:35 pm on Friday. Please include the name of your student, their teacher, and the change of plan. Our office will then send out a messenger to deliver this information. We ask that you please send this email before these times. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate message delivery.



## Checking out a Penny Creek student during the school day

Sometimes it is necessary for a parent/guardian to pick up a student before Penny Creek's dismissal time. To help us prepare, please send a note or email the school office at [PennyCreek@everettsd.org](mailto:PennyCreek@everettsd.org) in advance, letting us know the specific date, time and who will be picking up your child. Students who are dismissed during the school day must be signed out from the school office by their parent/guardian (or adult designee) before leaving the school grounds. If an adult designee is coming to check out your child, a note or email to the school office at [PennyCreek@everettsd.org](mailto:PennyCreek@everettsd.org) must be submitted by the guardian to confirm. Students will be called from the classroom for dismissal once the parent/guardian (or adult designee) arrives at the office. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.

## Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration began March 4 at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *Transportation* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If you are in the Tambark Creek Elementary School area, register at any southend elementary school.

## Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. Pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.

The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children. Choose to read content in one of many languages in the settings.



## Thank you, volunteers!

April 22-26 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of a student's day. Thank you!

## ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2019-20

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](#).



## Innovation Expo June 5

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from schools from across the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 5, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

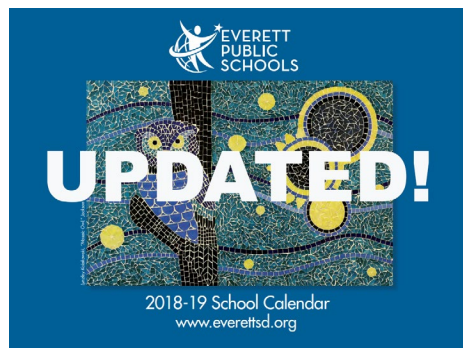
The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by completing them. Learn more and download forms at [www.everettsd.org/expo](http://www.everettsd.org/expo).



## Superintendent search update

The school board hired Ray and Associates as the search firm to guide the work of finding the right candidates for Everett's new superintendent. We were able to supply Ray and Associates with some very helpful information from the Thoughtexchange process many of you participated in. Thank you for taking the time to do that.

In March, Ray and Associates asked students, parents, staff and other key stakeholders to prioritize the top 10 characteristics they should look for in a candidate. Ray and Associates are now developing and sharing the superintendent profile you helped create. The board will select the next superintendent by the end of May. Follow the search process online at [www.everettsd.org/supersearch](http://www.everettsd.org/supersearch).



## Calendar update

June 21 is now the last day of school and a full day. Several Learning Improvement Fridays are also now full days. Be sure to download the updated calendars from the district website to make sure you have the revised dates.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2088, Everett, WA 98213