

Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you and your family are settled in after the break. This is the time of year when winter takes a toll on school attendance. Snow and slushy weather can keep parents from getting their children to school. So can colds, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months.

In July of 2016 the State of Washington changed the school attendance law for elementary students. This impacts our students and families at Penny Creek because the new law addresses both excused and unexcused absences. The changes include:

- Students who have 5 or more excused absences in a month or 10 or more excused absences in a year will be required to schedule a meeting or phone conference with the school to discuss attendance barriers and any necessary support.
- Exceptions to this new requirement include the family providing prior written notice of absence or a note from a doctor.

This new law means that if your student has 5 more excused absences in a month you will be invited to meet or talk on the phone with staff here at Penny Creek. If you would like to learn more about this new law, you can read more at: <http://app.leg.wa.gov/RCW/default.aspx?cite=28A.225.018>.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Starting to build this habit in elementary school will help students learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.

Sincerely,
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January 5

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

January 12

PCE Hawaiian Spirit Day

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

PTA Bingo for Books
6:30 p.m. PCE Cafeteria

January 15

MLK Holiday- No School

January 19

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

January 22

PTA Drama practice begins

January 26

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

January 29

No School



January is School Board Appreciation Month



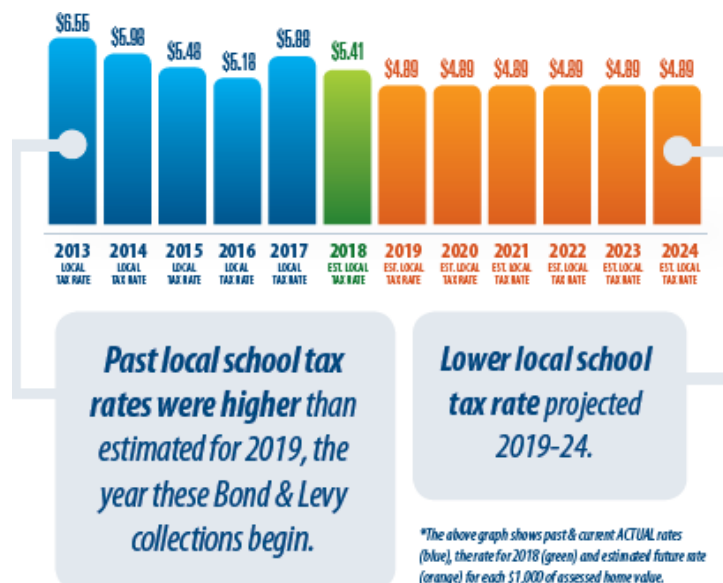
The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. This year, they were named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are such an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the Quicklinks section on the district home page.

2018 Capital Bond and Replacement Levy

The school board voted to propose a Capital Bond to meet future readiness needs and a Replacement Levy to replace the expiring one. If voters approve both the Capital Bond and Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy on Feb. 13, 2018, tax collections to complete those projects begin in 2019. That year the local school tax rate is projected to be \$4.89 per each \$1,000 of property value. That rate is the lowest local school tax rate for property owners in the district since 2013. Find more information on the [district website](#).



Support for students in temporary or inadequate housing

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing or a family crisis, your child may be eligible for certain educational rights and services. If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled up with family or friends, or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act. The McKinney-Vento Act may be able to provide support through transportation so that your child can continue enrolled in school, or through access to programs and services so that your child can participate fully in school.

Please contact your child's counselor or Amy Perusse, McKinney-Vento Facilitator, aperusse@everettsd.org, 425-385-4032, for more information.



Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins on March 5, 2018, at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *School and Route Finder* under the *Parents* tab, or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

Mobile app

Have you downloaded the mobile app yet? The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a new mobile app. Everett Public Schools is expanding its communications outreach with a free mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- 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