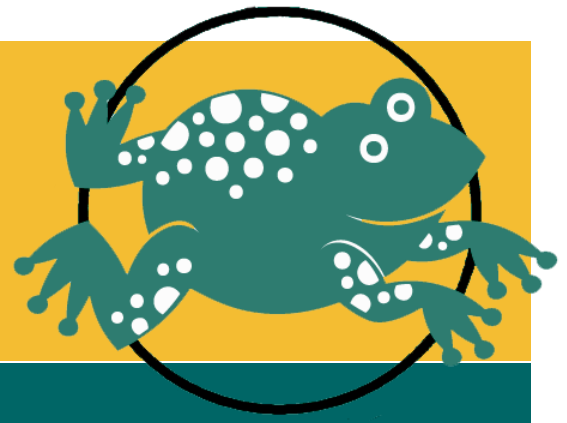


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Dear Penny Creek Families!

Welcome back and happy new year! It has been so great to see all of our students and their smiling faces. Over the break, I had the opportunity to spend time with my family, including participating in the day to day activities that I typically miss out on. One of those activities included driving my son to and from school. As I maneuvered my own car through his Kiss and Go drop off lanes, I could not help but reflect on the emotions our community must have when accessing the Penny Creek pick up and drop off lanes: frustration, confusion, and possibly annoyance. These are the exact emotions I experienced last week. Although, at times, a parent drop off and pick up zone can bring on negative emotions, I found it helpful to remind myself that the protocols are set up to ensure student safety. This helped me to calm down and enjoy the time with my son.

In the coming months, Penny Creek will be working to revise some of the arrival and departure protocols. In the meantime, please review the current procedures at our school.

AM Kiss and Go Drop Off

- 1) Enter the parking lot through the west entrance.
- 2) Turn right into the Kiss and Go loop.
- 3) Follow the Kiss and Go lane around, in front of the gym, pulling forward to the covered area.
- 4) Stay in the right lane, making sure to drive slowly.
- 5) The driver remains in the car. When the car comes to a complete stop, the student unloads from the passenger side. To help the lane move quickly, please have your student prepared and ready to unload.
- 6) The driver departs by following the lane and the car in front of them. Continue from the Kiss and Go lane by following the lane to the west exit on 132nd Street SE.

PM Kiss and Go Pick Up

- 1) Enter the parking lot through the west entrance.
- 2) Turn right into the Kiss and Go loop. There are three ferry style lanes to wait in. A Penny Creek staff member will release each lane to pull forward to the student pick up zone.
- 3) When your lane is released, follow the Kiss and Go lane around to the pick zone, in front of the covered area. Make sure to drive slowly and to pull forward as far as possible. Stop your car and put it in park. Remain in your car.
- 4) Students will be waiting in the undercover area and will be dismissed by a staff member when you have parked. Students will load from the passenger side ONLY. They will not be allowed to cross in front or behind your car. This is to keep them safe from other cars.
- 5) The driver departs from the kiss and go lane by following the lane to the west exit on 132nd Street SE.

Lastly, if you are parking in our west lot and walking over to pick up your student from the undercover area, we ask that you do not cross the Kiss and Go lanes. Please cross at the far west end of the lot. It is important that we are not crossing between cars, as our Kiss and Go drivers are not looking for pedestrians and we want to teach our student safe walking routes in our parking lot. Thank you for working together to help keep our students safe.

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater

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Principal

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January 8

Hearing Screenings

January 11

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

January 18

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

January 21

No School
Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 22

MLK Assembly

January 24

Natural Leaders Meeting
6 p.m. – 7 p.m. Room E5

January 25

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

January 28

No School (all students)



Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent from school, please email the attendance line at 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>.

The prearranged absence form may be found on the [Penny Creek webpage](#) in the “Our School” tab > Attendance Reporting > [PCE Prearranged Absence Form](#). To view an at-a-glance school calendar, please click [here](#).

Changes to a student’s daily going home plan

Please have a guardian send an email to the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org and the classroom teacher by 2:50 p.m. 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. Messengers are sent out at 3:00 p.m. every day. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate message delivery.

Checking out a Penny Creek student during the school day

To help us prepare, please send a note or email the school office at 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 must be submitted by the guardian to confirm. Students will be called from the classroom for dismissal once parent/guardian (or adult designee) arrives at the office. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.



Do you YouTube?

The district does. Search for Everett Public Schools WA to find all of our district videos. Miss a school board meeting? You can find videos of those meetings there too.

We're hiring para educators!

If you've ever wanted to help in a classroom, or lend your talents at a school, apply to be a classroom para educator! Para educators in Everett Public Schools provide instructional support to classroom teachers and ensure students with special needs have access to their learning. You're not available? Tell a neighbor or friend! This is your opportunity to have a huge impact on your community, one student at a time. Look for the Employment icon on www.Everettsd.org to apply. If you're interested, please call Lauren Weeden, Director of Special Services for North Region Schools, at 425-385-5791.



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 once again named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

Freaked by too much Fortnite?

Hear from parents and students about the pitfalls and positives about the extremely popular video game at [www. commonsensemedia.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

Help your student stay safer online through awareness and parent tips about this app and other games, movies and apps.



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250