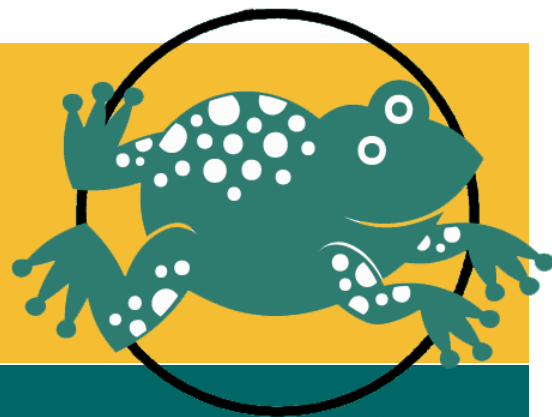


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Greetings Penny Creek Families,

It is hard to believe that Parent Teacher Conferences are just around the corner.

Shortly you will be receiving invitations to attend these important meetings from your child's teacher. Our students benefit tremendously when parents and teachers work together. Research shows that parent involvement has a critical effect on a child's learning, their attitudes about school as well as their future aspirations. As you prepare for your conference you might consider the following suggestions.

Before the Conference

- Talk with your child about the upcoming conference. Ask if he/she has any concerns. Discuss what they feel are their successes, likes and dislikes about school.
- Be prepared to talk and listen during the conference. Write down any questions you want to discuss.

During the Conference

- Arrive on time and stay only for the amount of time scheduled. If you have items to discuss that were not addressed, ask for a future appointment.
- Talk about your child's interests and any special information he/she wanted discussed.
- Make notes to review with your child. They love to hear all of those positive comments!
- Ask the teacher to explain anything you do not understand.

After the Conference

- Discuss with your child what was said at the conference. Be sure to emphasize any positive comments the teacher made. Use this time as a chance to praise your child!
- Talk with your child about strategies for improvement in the topics that were discussed.
- Follow up on any plan of action agreed to by you and your child's teacher. If needed, stay in touch with the teacher.

Parent teacher conferences are a time to celebrate your child's learning! I hope you enjoy the time!

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater

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March
1, 8, & 15

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

March 4
PTA Membership Meeting
Library 6 – 8:30 p.m.

March 7
Natural Leaders Meeting
Library 6 – 7 p.m.

March 14
Multi Cultural Night
Cafeteria & Gym 6 – 8 p.m.

March 18
Kindergarten & First Grade Concert
Everett Civic Auditorium 6:30 p.m.

March 22
Early Release 1 p.m. Dismissal

March 25-29
Conference Week 1 p.m. Dismissal
Scholastic Bookfair – Library 9a – 4p

April 1-5
Spring Break – No School



Penny Creek Attendance Corner

If your student is absent from school, please email the attendance office 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>

Cold and flu season is upon us. Never underestimate the power of an adequate sleep routine, and proper handwashing technique.

Don't let your child stay home unless they are truly sick. Keep in mind complaints of a stomach ache or headache can be a sign of anxiety and not a reason to stay home.

If your student has had a fever of 100 degrees or above, or has vomited/diarrhea in the past 24 hours please keep them home and email or call the school.

WHEN IS SICK TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?



Send me to school if...

I have a runny nose or just a little cough, but no other symptoms.

I haven't taken any fever reducing medicine for 24 hours, and I haven't had a fever during that time.

I haven't thrown up or had any diarrhea for 24 hours.



Keep me at home if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees even after taking medicine.

I'm throwing up or have diarrhea.

My eyes are pink and crusty.



Call the doctor if...

I have a temperature higher than 100 degrees for more than two days.

I've been throwing up or have diarrhea for more than two days.

I've had the sniffles for more than a week, and they aren't getting better.

I still have asthma symptoms after using my asthma medicine (and call 911 if I'm having trouble breathing after using an inhaler).



Adapted with permission from Baltimore City Public Schools.

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 check 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.

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 and the classroom teacher by 2:50 pm on Mon-Thurs, 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 that time. 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 in advance, letting us know the 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. Please be sure to account for the added time your child will need to get to the office to meet with you. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.

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 logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

Our subscription to Hoonuit 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 www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email LMS@everettsd.org.

Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins March 4, at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, go to <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>, or call the transportation department at 425-385-4144. If your kindergartner will attend the new Tambark Creek Elementary School, register at your nearest neighborhood elementary school.

21st annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- Elementary school Art Show: March 4-22, viewing only
- High school Art Show: April 9-25, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 6-31, reception on May 23





Classified Employee Week

March 11-15, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.

Make-up days

We have received many questions about how the district is going to make up the recent snow days, and some people have correctly referenced the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction noting that you can submit a waiver application for the recent snow days. The Basic Education Act also requires a number of minimal instructional hours, which cannot be waived. This means the solution to making up lost days due to inclement weather may result in a combination of adding days at the end of the school year and adjusting other days during the year. Once we are completely through the winter season, and all of the weather impacts are behind us, we will be able to determine the full extent of adjustments needed. The school board will be presented calendar revisions for action in the near future.

New elementary boundaries and transportation for some

Because the new Tambark Creek Elementary School is opening this fall, some elementary students will attend a different school in the 2019-20 school year. Each family affected by the elementary school boundary changes should have received a letter during winter break, but next year's school attendance and bus route information is available at <http://bit.ly/2019-20PathFinder>.

Youth internship partnership

Everett Career Link is a partnership between the City of Everett and Everett Public Schools offering high school internship opportunities. Everett Career Link's 90-hour summer internships are for students and employers seeking a proactive



approach to matching local talent with local opportunities. More information can be found on the district's [internships and youth apprenticeships website](#). Interested students can complete an [internship interest form](#), and interested employers can learn more on the district's website or email careerlink@everettsd.org.



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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