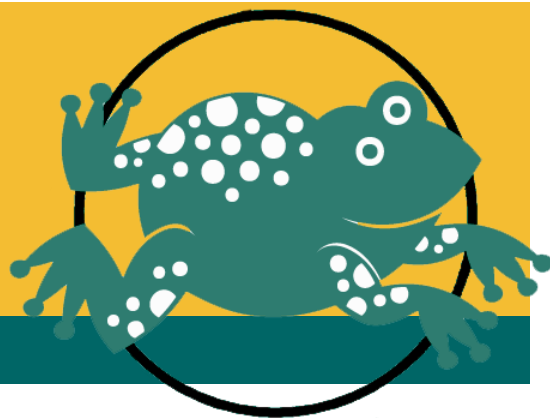


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Greetings Penny Creek Families,

Springtime here at Penny Creek is full of traditions. One of those traditions is statewide testing. We have been working to prepare your student to be successful on these assessments by creating learning activities focused on all of the learning standards and our students are rising to the occasion! They are all working so hard and we are so proud of them! Now, we ask that you help us with the final few weeks of testing by:

- Making sure your child is well-rested and eats a good breakfast before school.
- Avoiding last-minute morning rush by laying out clothes in advance or leaving for school a little early. It is imperative that students arrive on time to school as testing will begin at the start of the school day.
- Encouraging your child to do their best. Reminding them to stay calm during the test. In addition to knowing the concepts that will be tested, keys to a successful testing experience are reducing anxiety and stress, building confidence and promoting motivation and perseverance.
- Having your child bring a healthy snack such as dried fruit, string cheese, pretzels, etc. on their testing days.
- Not planning early pick-ups or scheduling doctor, dentist, or other appointments during testing times.

Thank you for your help and support throughout these last few weeks!

We could not do it without you!

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater

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Principal

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May 3

PTA Popcorn Day

May 4

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

March 7-11

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 7

STEAM/Science Fair Night
6:00-7:30 p.m. PCE Cafeteria

May 11

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

May 18

PCE Spirit Day- Frog Friday
Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

May 21

PTA Membership Meeting
7:00 p.m. PCE Library

May 25

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

May 31

PTA Science Day



Graduation dates

Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Sequoia High School June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium

New school accountability system

In the new accountability system launched this spring, schools are measured on assessment proficiency, student growth, graduation rates, English Learner progress, and school climate indicators, including attendance, dual credit opportunities, and 9th graders on track to graduation. Those guidelines are called the Washington School Improvement Framework and they are intended to help families understand a fuller picture of school success. The district's 2017-18 Washington School Improvement Framework results are available on the [OSPI Report Card](#).

Next year's calendar

The calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers' bargaining unit. Negotiations for that contract have begun. During negotiation years, it's not unusual for those talks to continue into late August. In the past, we have traditionally started school the Wednesday after Labor Day, which would be Sept. 5 this year. The district will use the website, email, phone, text messaging and social media to announce the calendar when contract negotiations are complete.

Summer school registration is open!

[Registration materials are now online](#). Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Before- and after-school care

Many parents rely on before- and after-school childcare to help juggle busy schedules. Currently, YMCA provides before- and after-school care at six elementary schools and the Boys & Girls Club provides care at one school.

The district is in the process of soliciting applications from vendors to provide before- and after-school care at more elementary schools to provide greater flexibility and more choice for parents, and to increase student enrichment opportunities.

For more information about the application process, please contact Cynthia Jones, Director of Categorical Programs, at cjones@everettsd.org, 425-385-4039.





Let's talk about growth

Since the 2018 Capital Bond proposal did not meet the 60 percent supermajority needed to pass in February, the school board is reviewing results and determining next steps to manage high school growth until a new high can be built. Three community conversations are scheduled this May to share information on implications of high school overcrowding and to gather input on options to manage this growth in the near future.

Community conversation dates

May 15 Cascade High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

May 17 Everett High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

May 29 Jackson High School, 6-7:30 p.m.

Elementary school boundaries

Does your student attend one of these elementary schools?

Cedar Wood	Silver Firs
Forest View	Silver Lake
Mill Creek	Woodside
Penny Creek	

If so, the elementary school your child will attend may change beginning fall 2019 when the new Elementary School 18 opens at 4419 180th St. SE, Bothell.

A committee of parents and principals representing each of these schools has been studying current boundaries and recently recommended modifications to the superintendent.



Review the recommendation and share your thoughts through the website until May 25. The superintendent will review input and make a recommendation to the school board on June 19. The board is expected to finalize boundaries in fall 2018 – a year prior to the new school's opening. Boundaries changes will go into effect September 2019. Find more [information about the boundary adjustment process](#) online, or by contacting Dr. Gerard Holzman at 425-385-4192.



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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
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, bclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250



Change of 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 classroom teacher and the school office at PennyCreek@everettsd.org by 3:00 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. We ask that you please send this email before that time. This method of communication helps to support our staff with accurate message delivery.

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>

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 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 must be submitted to the office by the guardian to confirm. Students will be called from the classroom for dismissal once parent/guardian arrives at the office. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.

Everett School District - South Region 2018-2019

Fifth Grade Violin Program

Free classes before school - twice a week - September through June

Cedar Wood, Forest View, Mill Creek, Penny Creek and Silver Firs at 7:45-8:45AM
Woodside Elementary at 7:15-8:15AM

*Parents must provide transportation to the program each morning
Space is limited! Registration deadline is May 25, 2018

Questions: Contact Mrs. VanHorne at pvanhorne@everettsd.org

To apply: <http://bit.ly/2FR5tpN>