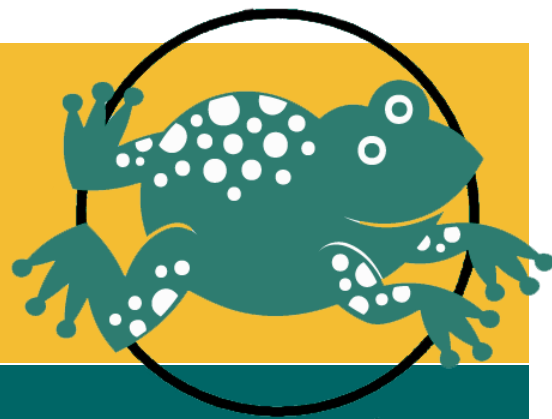


Penny Creek Frog News

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 all year to prepare your student to be successful on these assessments by creating learning activities focused on grade level standards. We have also provided many opportunities to take practice assessments. Now, we ask that you help us with the final stages of preparation by:

- Make sure your child is well-rested and eats a good breakfast before school.
- Avoid the 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.
- Encourage your child to do their best. Remind them to stay calm during the test. In addition to knowing the concepts that will be tested, keys to a successful testing experience include reducing anxiety and stress, building confidence and promoting motivation and perseverance.
- Have your child bring a healthy snack such as dried fruit, string cheese, pretzels, etc. on their testing days.
- Keep from planning early pick-ups or scheduling doctor, dentist, or other appointments during testing times.
- Ask at the end of the day, “*How did it go?*” and celebrate hard work.

Your child’s teacher will share with you the specific testing date, as each grade level completes the assessment on different days. Thank you for your help and support throughout this four-week testing window.

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater

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Principal

Stefani Koetje
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May 3

Full Day schedule
3:30pm Dismissal

May 10, 17, 24, 31

LIF Fridays 2:15pm Dismissal

May 6

TapRoot Theatre
Anti-Bullying Assembly

May 8

McTeacher Night 5-8pm
Thomas Lake Location
3316 132nd St SE

May 20

PTA Membership Meeting
Library 7pm

May 27

No School - Memorial Day

May 30

PTA Sponsored Science Day
(all day - during class time)
Reptile Man - Cafeteria 6:30pm

Kindergarten Open House
Library 5-6pm



PCE Running Club

Start your weekend off right! On Friday mornings 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 Attendance Corner

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

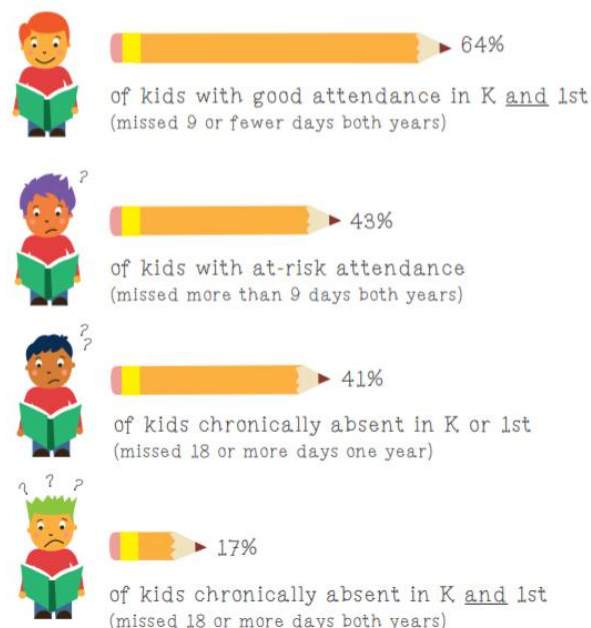
Did you have a medical appointment for your child, or they were sick and you brought them to the doctor? If so, make sure to ask for a medical note that you can turn in to the attendance office. We will make sure that the absence is coded as a medical excuse.

Why It Matters

If children don't show up for school regularly, they miss out on fundamental reading and math skills and the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Preliminary data from a California study found that children who were chronically absent in kindergarten and 1st grade were far less likely to read proficiently at the end of 3rd grade.

Who Can Read on Grade Level After 3rd Grade?



PTA Sponsored Science Day

Science day is scheduled for Thursday, May 30th during the regular school day. PTA is in need of parent volunteers and food donations for the presenters' lunches. Please contact LeAnn Langston at llangston222@gmail.com if you can help out. All parent volunteers need to be approved by the district (see below). Reptile Man will also be here that evening at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Come and join the fun!!

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.



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 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 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 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.

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.



High school boundaries

Is your student planning to attend one of these high schools the 2020-21 school year?

- Cascade High
- Everett High
- Jackson High

If so, the high school your child will attend may change beginning fall 2020. [A committee](#) of parents, students and principals representing each of these schools has been studying current boundaries and recently recommended modifications to the superintendent. The board will review the superintendent's recommendation during their regular board meeting May 21. Following the board's decision, the district will communicate directly with families who will be affected by the high school boundary changes.

Spring safety reminders

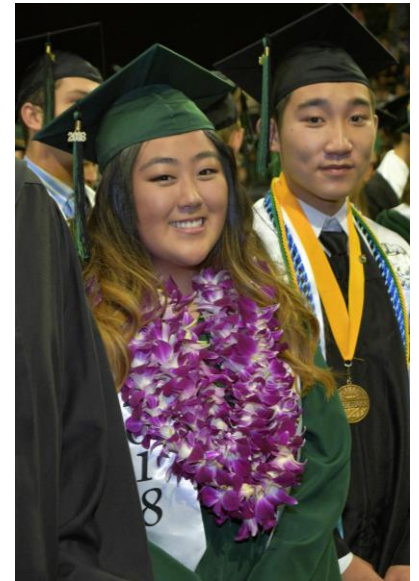
Spring brings out the beautiful blooms on trees and flowers and warmer weather. It also seems to bring an increase in crime. Here are some general safety and awareness reminders to share with your family.

- Always tell family where they are going and when they will be there.
- Be alert to their surroundings – this means not wearing headphones or texting while walking.
- Walk or ride bikes in pairs and groups.
- Report anything suspicious or unusual to a trusted adult.

Graduation dates

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

- Cascade High School, June 15 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena
- Everett High School, June 15 at 3 p.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena
- Jackson High School, June 15 at 11 a.m. at Angel of the Winds Arena
- Sequoia High School June 13, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium



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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 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213