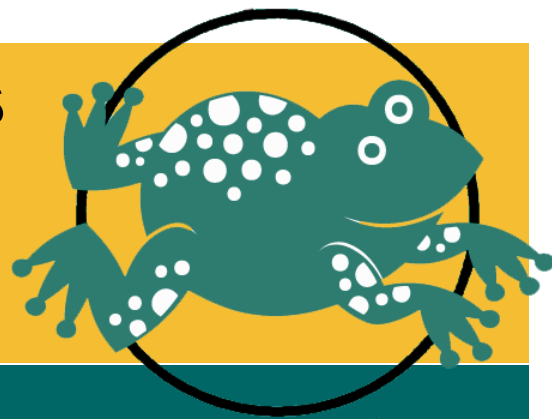


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Greetings Penny Creek Families,

We are heading into a busy time of year! Parent-Teacher Conferences are such a wonderful opportunity to be involved in conversations about your child's learning. Each time we venture into this week, I find myself reflecting on how important the partnership is between the parent and the school.

At the conference, our teachers will be discussing your student's strengths as well as their areas of needed growth. It is our hope to have collaborative conversation that is focused solely on how we can work together to support your child. Your child's teacher will have information for you as well as some questions. To deepen the conversation, you may consider asking some of your own questions. Some ideas include:

1. What would you say are my child's strengths?
2. What are the biggest opportunities for improvement?
3. What examples can you show me of my child's work?
4. Are my child's assignments completed on time and at an appropriate performance level?
5. How can I track my child's performance throughout the year?
6. Do you have suggestions for things we can do at home to supplement classroom learning?
7. How can I help you in the classroom?

Thank you for partnering with us to educate your child and for taking the time to participate in this collaborative conversation.

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater

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November 2

Early Release - 1pm Dismissal

November 5-9

Conference Week – 1pm Dismissal
PTA Book Fair 8:45am-4pm Library

November 12

No School- Veterans Day Observed

November 15

Picture Retake Day
Natural Leaders meeting
Library 6pm-7pm

November 16

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

November 21

Early Release - 1pm Dismissal

November 22-23

No School- Thanksgiving break

November 30

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release



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>

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](#). A copy will also be sent home with your student on the first day of school.

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 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.

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 parent/guardian (or adult designee) arrives at the office. For the safety and security of students, we will ask for photo identification.

Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 1

Find forms and more information and evening information events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in January 2019.

Remember to vote Nov. 6

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 6 – postage is not required for ballots.



Did you miss a call from us?

If missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Slight calendar change

There is a slight change to the school year calendar. **Friday, June 7** will be a 2.5 early release for all students to allow teachers time to complete grading. **Friday, June 14** will be a 75-minute early release for Learning Improvement Friday. The updated [year-at-a-glance](#) and [student art](#) calendars are available online if you'd like to print them for your reference. The [district website calendar](#) is also a convenient, up-to-date reference that integrates with the [district mobile app](#). If you have the mobile app, you have the most current district and school calendar dates.

School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

Test scores show ... our students rock!

Did you know that our district has the highest English Learner graduation rate in Washington state? And our student assessment scores last year outperformed the state's average assessment scores **in every subject!** Students are working hard in their learning, and staff are providing students with the targeted, coordinated supports they need to excel.

Is your family prepared?

Does your family have a plan in case of bad weather, school closure or delay? Who will pick up your student, if needed? How will you communicate if phone lines are jammed? Do you have needed emergency supplies in your car and at home?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood.



FAFSA season has begun!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.
- Know who is in the "buddy lists." Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home.

Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).



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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