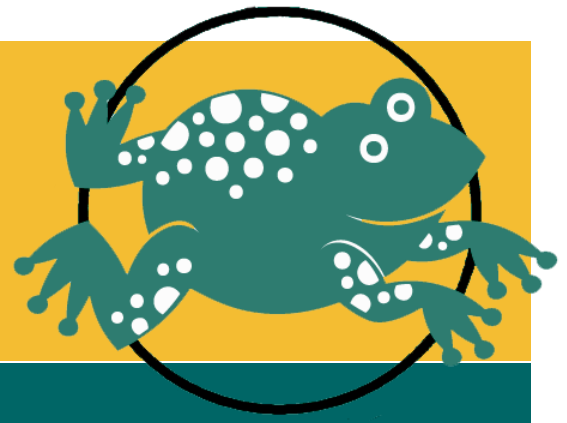


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Greetings Penny Creek Families,

If you have visited our school recently you may have noticed a big change. Over the summer and into the fall, our main office was redesigned to allow for the visitor entrance to be located at the front of our school. We have also had gates installed at the south and west entrances, a new video intercom system, and many outside doors have been outfitted with staff badge/key card readers. All of these important safety and security upgrades were funded by the 2016 capital levy.

Thank you voters!

In the coming weeks, when you visit our school, you will be identified by our office staff through the video camera and then “buzzed” into our office. When you arrive at the new entrance, please push the white intercom button and identify yourself to our main office staff and share the reason for your visit. You will be identified by video and then “buzzed” in.

At Penny Creek, we are committed to fostering a safe, nurturing learning environment for all of our students. Thank you for your help and patience as we work to implement these safety and security improvements. Please let us know if you have any questions about the new system or changes in our visitor protocols.

Sincerely,

Maggie Heater
Principal

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Stefani Koetje
Assistant Principal

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October 2

PTA Skate Night 6:30-8:30pm

October 3

PTA Art Docent Training 6:30pm

October 4

Picture Day

October 5

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

October 12

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

October 19

No School

October 26

PTA Fun Run Fundraiser

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2:15 p.m. Release

October 29

Mathquerade 6-7:30pm



Penny Creek PTA Updates

Box Tops-- The first Box Top submission deadline of the year is fast approaching! Please submit any of your box tops to your teachers as soon as you can to help reach our \$1000 fundraising goal. No need to glue them on a sheet if you don't have one, toss them in a baggie and send them in!

Upcoming Fun Run—The PTA Fun Run will be on October 26. The students will learn all of the details on October 11. We are excited for all of the students to participate. Thank you for your support!

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 was also 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 2:45 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.

Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from our school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app 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.



Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

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.

Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, [stop for buses](#) when they have the stop arm out





Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Learn to use Naviance to make college and career plans
- Meet community and 4-year colleges & universities
- Learn about cool careers

Oct. 9: Jackson High School

Oct. 10: Everett High School

Oct. 11: Cascade High School

Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at \$10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

Test dates: Nov. 14, 2018 and March 13, 2019

Fall registration: Sept. 17 – Oct. 12, 2018

Spring registration: Jan. 14 – Feb. 15, 2019

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Customize a personal profile in *MyView*
- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar



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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