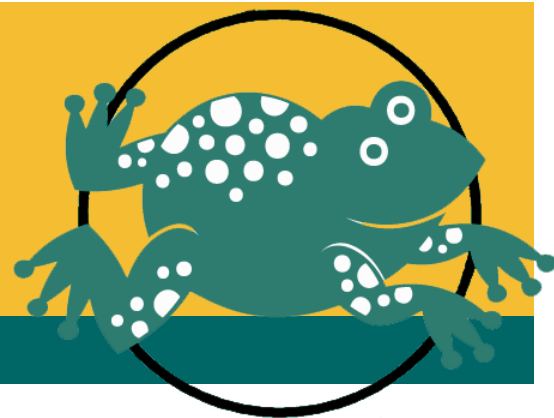


Penny Creek Frog News

PENNY CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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From the Principal

Greetings Penny Creek Families,
Welcome back! It has been so wonderful to see all of your smiling children walking around our campus. They are all so eager to meet their teachers and to jump into learning!



The 2018-2019 school year will be a fresh new start for our school community. We will not only be celebrating our 20th birthday, but also celebrating our newly constructed office space, designed for safety and security. We will be celebrating and getting to know our new teachers and support staff members, including our new Assistant Principal, Ms. Stefani Koetje. We have been bragging to our new staff about our hard working students and they can't wait to meet each and every one of them. Most importantly, we will be celebrating you and your children. We know this year will be amazing, one full of enrichment and learning.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Heater
Principal



Maggie Heater
Principal

Stefani Koetje
Assistant Principal

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September 5

First Day of School

September 7

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

September 14

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

September 14

PTA Back to School Movie Night
6:30 p.m.

September 17

PTA Membership Meeting
6:30 p.m. PCE Library

September 21

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release

September 27

Curriculum Night
Time: TBD

September 28

Learning Improvement Friday
2:15 p.m. Release



New Penny Creek Staff

Each year brings positive change. Please join us in welcoming our new staff:

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| Mrs. Koetje – Assistant Principal | Ms. Allison – 4 th Grade | Ms. Studley – Nurse |
| Ms. McCarthy – Kindergarten | Ms. Brown – 4 th Grade | Ms. Rickman – Kitchen |
| Ms. Meredith – First Grade | Ms. Mauldin – 5 th Grade | Ms. Wright – Paraeducator |
| Ms Shively – 2/3 HC Grade | Ms. Thomas – 5 th Grade | Ms. Fassett – Paraeducator |
| Ms. Rogers – Mindset | Ms. Medalia – Technology | Ms. Johnson – Paraeducator |
| Ms. Huang-Bagaason – Music | | |

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 their 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 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 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.



Access to public records

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student’s records.

Vaccination requirements

Students in kindergarten through 12th-grade need two doses of Varicella (chickenpox) vaccine or a health care provider document verifying they have already had chickenpox. Review vaccination requirements for your child on the [Washington State Department of Health website](#).

Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).



Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.





ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2018-19

Everett Public Schools' Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the [Washington State Department of Early Learning](#).

The five ECEAP sites within our school district are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects.

Register to vote!

It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration> or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.



Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes.

We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.





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. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.

Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

3 easy ways

Text or call



855-637-2095



1350@alert1.us



<http://1350.alert1.us>



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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