

# Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



APRIL 2018

## From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

Spring is in full force, and we are thankful for the many unexpected days of sun this March. I am pleased to announce that our student health seems much improved, and attendance is getting better. Please continue to make being at school on time a priority. There is lots of research that says regular and on-time attendance leads to a strong chance that a student will graduate from high school.

When we return in April, our students in grades 3-5 will begin taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA). Our students have been practicing for these important tests with their teachers regularly. They are ready! It is important that your child is here on time for testing days, and not checked out early. The classes have prepared for this exam together, and having to take a makeup is not as motivating or exciting as taking it with their own teacher and classmates. We want everyone here on game days, ready to go!

How can you help your child do their best on SBA? Make sure they go to bed early the night before testing. They should eat a healthy breakfast that includes protein. They should drink plenty of water the night before, and the day of testing. We always have water and snacks available during testing. If your child requires special snacks, please work with their teacher. We have included the testing calendar below for your planning.

On testing days, please encourage your student to do their best and take their time on each question. They should show their work, and remember that their teachers have prepared them well. There is no reason to be nervous about the test.

We use SBA data for many things. SBA data gives us information on how your child is doing on the rigorous Common Core Standards. We can then tailor the support they get at school to meet their specific need. We also look at this data to determine how our teachers and the school overall are doing in different areas. If you have any questions about the testing, please speak with your child's teacher or me. The Growth Mindset mantra for April is: We got this! We say this together every day in class.

**Amanda Overly**  
Principal

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**April 2-6**

SPRING BREAK – No School

**April 10**

Open Library Night, 4-6 pm  
PTA General Meeting, 7 pm, Library

**April 11**

Coffee Hour, 8:30 am, Cafeteria

**April 13**

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm  
PTA Popcorn Friday!

**April 20**

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm  
PTA Movie Night, 6 pm, Cafeteria

**April 26**

PTA Skate Night @ Skate Deck,  
6:30-8:30 pm

**April 27**

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm



Encourage your child to approach their learning confidently and using the skills they are taught by teachers.

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## State Testing for Grades 3 through 5

If you have a child in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, they will begin annual state testing this month – Smarter Balanced tests in math and English language arts. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade will also take the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). **Our students have been working so hard practicing for this, and we are excited for them to “Show what they know!”**

Students will take the tests online. Our school is scheduled to take the tests **April 9<sup>th</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, but only selected dates.** Please see below for specific days your child will be testing. **Attendance on testing day, and every day, is crucial to your child’s success.** Please help to support them with a good night’s rest each night, healthy meals and a positive, growth mind set attitude! Feel free to contact the school office or your child’s teacher with any questions.

April	23	24	25	26	27
		5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	
May	30	1	2	3	4
		5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING		
	7	8	9	10	11
	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	
	14	15	16	17	18
	5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	
	21	22	23	24	25
	5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING		4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING		
June	28	29	30	31	1
	MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING		5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	

For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests, visit [www.k12.wa.us/smarter](http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter).

To try out an online Smarter Balanced practice test, visit <https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

For more information about the WCAS, visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/Science/Assessments.aspx>.

To try out a WCAS training test, visit <https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.



## Kindergarten registration happening now

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration began March 5 at all 17 district elementary schools. Which school will your kindergartner attend? To find out, click on *School and Route Finder* under the *Parents* tab, or call transportation at 425-385-4144.

## Easy access with district app

Download and log into the district app to quickly and easily access your student's info. You can also pay lunch balances, see books checked out from the library, and find the staff directory, school websites, calendars and more.



The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.

Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.

## Thank you, volunteers!

April 16-20 is Public Schools Volunteer Appreciation Week. We are grateful for the many volunteers who support students and staff, many of them each and every school day. With activities ranging from reading with students, to playground supervision support, Watch D.O.G.S., and chaperoning field trips, your help matters. Our volunteers contribute to making school the best part of students' day. Thank you!

## 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 provides 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 or visit the [district ECEAP website](#).





## Innovation Expo June 6 – save the date!

Students and families will enjoy seeing and interacting at booths from every school in the district at this year's [Innovation Expo](#) June 6, 5-8 p.m., at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena. Each school's booth is different and showcases something the students at that school are learning.

The STEM competition is a favorite part of the event for many students and families. See the best student projects from around the district and hear what the students learned by doing them. Learn more and download forms at <http://www.everettsd.org/expo>.



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**Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:**

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