

# Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 2018

## From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

Although February is the shortest month of the year, it is still packed with lots happening in the Madison community!

Since October, many students have been participating in our After School Support Club. We are happy to see that several students have progressed and are able to exit Support Club. This means other students will be invited to take their place and get needed support. Please watch backpacks for invitations for your child to get extra support.

Elementary Progress Reports will be sent home by February 9<sup>th</sup>. You will notice a new section on the reports titled 21st Century Skills. Our teachers are using 21st Century Skills (Citizenship, Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity and Growth Mindset) as tools to measure successful student behaviors. This will take the place of our former section on behavior, but teachers will still use Consistently, Often, Sometimes and Rarely. Please see our district website for more information: <https://www.everettsd.org/21stcenturyskills>. It is important to remember that grades are an important communication tool, but they do not define your child. They simply communicate your child's progress on grade level standards. If you have any questions about the reports, or what you can do to support your child's learning, please contact your child's teacher. They will be happy to go over this information with you.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will have lots of literacy going on here! Open Library starts at 4pm, and the Annual Literacy Night begins at 6 pm. The theme this year will be Superheroes, so come in your capes if you have them. We will have a book exchange in the cafeteria, flashlight reading in the library, and lots of literacy activities in the gymnasium. Parents, please start looking through closets and bookshelves for books to contribute to the book exchange.

This month's Growth Mindset mantra is: "I am a valued member of this learning community". Students will practice this mantra each day during announcements. See if your student can still tell you the mantra from January!

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### **Feb. 2**

Learning Improvement Friday  
➔ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### **Feb. 9**

Learning Improvement Friday  
➔ Dismissal at 1:35 pm  
PTA Family Movie Night  
➔ 6:00 – 8:00 pm, Cafeteria

### **Feb. 13**

PTA General Meeting  
➔ 7:00 – 8:00 pm, Library

### **Feb. 14**

Monthly Coffee Hour  
➔ 8:30 – 9:30 am, Cafeteria

### **Feb. 19 - 20**

NO SCHOOL – Mid-Winter Break

### **Feb. 22**

Open Library, 4-6 pm, Library  
Literacy Night, 6-8 pm, Cafeteria

### **Feb. 28**

PTA Family Skate Night  
➔ 6:30-8:30 pm, Skate Deck



## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

On February 21<sup>st</sup> OR February 28<sup>th</sup>, parents have the opportunity to attend a Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science ZOOM Webinar. If you are the parent of a 5<sup>th</sup> grader, and you would like to attend this webinar about the science test your child will take after Spring break, please email Jamie Pickering at [jpickering@everettsd.org](mailto:jpickering@everettsd.org).

## Customer Service

Customer service and feedback are important to us at Madison. During training in August, our staff developed our 4 service standards, which are: Safety, Courtesy, Professionalism, and Learning. It is important that these service standards come across in our interactions with our customers—you and your child. If you have suggestions or comments on customer service in general, or events in specific, please let the Principal know at [aoverly@everettsd.org](mailto:aoverly@everettsd.org)

## Access a teacher's website from a smartphone

Use this nifty [help sheet](#) for accessing teacher websites with a smartphone.

## Are you registered to vote?

Students studied Dr. King's legacy in January. Among the advice he shared with the world is the responsibility and privilege we all have to vote. Registering to vote is easy. Click the link under [QuickLinks](#) on the district website.

## Free tax preparation

United Way certified volunteers offer FREE tax preparation at several locations in Everett and throughout Snohomish County for families who made less than \$66,000 in 2017. Call 2-1-1 or visit the [United Way website](#) for more information.

## Did you know?

Lots of valuable information about how our school is helping students achieve is available online. Our *School Performance Report* is linked directly from our school's home page. (Look under *QuickLinks* for a link to [OSPI Washington State School Report Card](#).) At that site you can browse through historical performance data for more than a decade – for any school in the district or the state. By following the prompts on that OSPI website, you can also find current and historical data aggregated at the district level.

## Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins on March 5, 2018, 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 the transportation office at 425-385-4144.



## Lunch payments just got easier



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. A new icon inside the app gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app that is now 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.



## Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

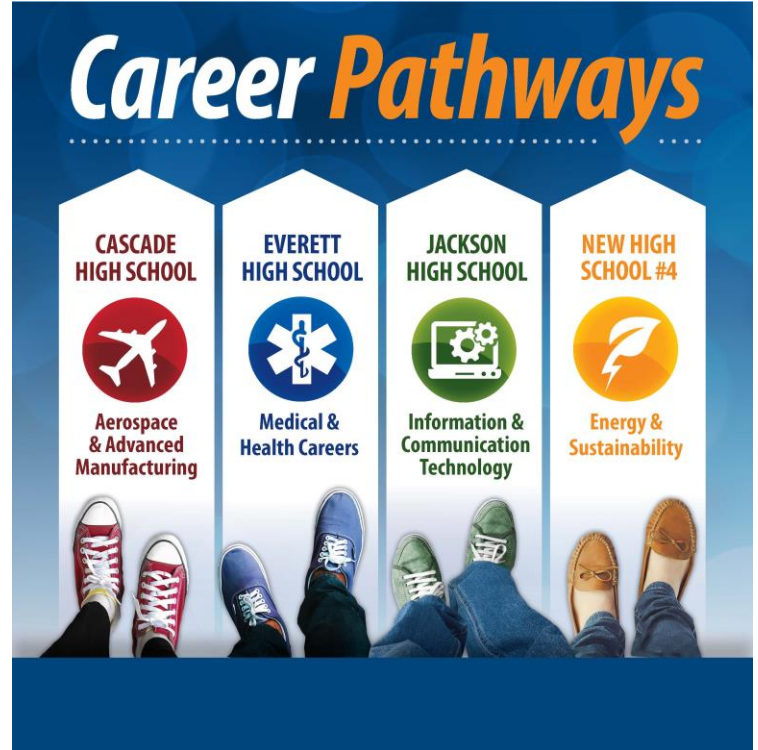


## Career readiness

Did you know our state will add 740,000 jobs in the next five years? But, according to a University of Washington research study, there is now a mismatch between the jobs opening and local residents seeking those positions. As a result, many local openings are filled by people from outside our region.

Washington Roundtable members believe in the concept of "Washington jobs for Washington kids." For that concept to be a reality, Washington high school graduates must go on to earn a postsecondary credential. Today, fewer than 1 in 3 do so.

The 2018 Capital Bond funds will pay to transform portions of each existing three high schools into high tech vocational learning and training centers. In these centers students will gain a head start on credentials that could enable them to live and work right here in our communities. The fourth high school (funding of which will be provided in the 2018 Capital Bond) will include a high tech vocational learning center in its design. Hear what [local leaders are saying](#) about the career pathways plan and creating opportunities for students.



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

- Affirmative Action Office – Carol Stolz, [cstolz@everettsd.org](mailto:cstolz@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
- Title IX Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
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