

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

I am sitting with your kids during lunch writing this, and I wish you could see how happy they are. Madison Huskies really seem to love school!

Last year, we instituted a school wide program behavior program called Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS). This is a system for teaching and re-teaching appropriate behavior to all students BEFORE they have issues. It also involves using a common language and a behavioral matrix that revolves around our school acronym PAWS. PAWS stands for Positive and Polite Achievers Work Hard Safely. You may have heard your student talking about PAWS drawings-we hand out PAWS tickets and we draw for prizes every Friday. We do a lot of teaching and re-teaching, especially in our primary grades. Students are taught appropriate behavior in each area of the school, such as cafeteria, lunch, etc. If a student is having a tough time, and they are unable to follow PAWS expectations, they may visit the Reflection Room. This is not a "time-out" room. This is an opportunity to talk to a trained adult in order to reflect on what their behavior was, who may have been harmed, and to problem solve how they can fix their problem. Please ask your student about PAWS behavior at school.

We continue to struggle with attendance at Madison. We have students who are behind in reading, writing and math and they cannot afford to miss days of school. I really stay up at night thinking about how we can get our students to school every day. Please contact me personally if there is something that the school can do to assist your family with attendance – I will try my best to help. Vacations should be scheduled during the summer, during Spring Break, or Winter Break.

I am in the process of planning a Family Field Trip to Lively. I would provide a bus from Madison and we would have a picnic lunch at Lively. If this is something you think your family would like to attend, please email me directly to let me know at aoverly@everettsd.org.

Our PTA continues to work hard at making school great for your students, including popcorn Fridays, Movie Nights, and they will have a Bingo Night coming up in March. They also provide scholarships for students who cannot afford to go on field trips. Please consider supporting the PTA – they are low cost, and the kids have a great time attending these fun events.

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February 1

Learning Improvement Friday
Dismissal at 1:35 pm

February 8

Learning Improvement Friday
Dismissal at 1:35 pm
PTA Movie Night 6:00 pm

February 15

Learning Improvement Friday
Dismissal at 1:35 pm

February 18-19

No School-Mid-winter Break

February 21

PTA Skate Night 6:30-8:30 pm at the
Skate Deck

February 22

Learning Improvement Friday
Dismissal at 1:35 pm



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](#).) On 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.

Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also 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 school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. 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.



Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on www.common sense media.org.



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](#).



Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 4, 2019, at all district elementary schools.

High school growth forum

High School Growth Mitigation Committee hosts two additional community forums about student enrollment growth on Feb. 6 and 7. Details are on the district calendar.

In addition to these two community forums, the committee is providing an online community comment period through Feb. 26. Learn more about the High School Growth Mitigation Committee and your opportunity for ongoing online input on the [district home page](#).



Superintendent search

Superintendent Gary Cohn will retire at the end of this school year. The school board has begun the search for the district's next superintendent. Watch for ways you can participate in that search in the next few months, such as helping the board define the most important characteristics in the next superintendent.



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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

HOORAY! NO MORE PAPER FLYERS!



It's now easier than ever to receive information about opportunities for your student!

Everett Public Schools is using Peachjar as our new electronic flyer communication tool. Flyers are **sent directly to your email inbox** and **posted to the school's website!**

To view current flyers, click on the Peachjar button on the school's website.



Benefits of Receiving Peachjar Emails:



Flyers are sent directly to your email inbox - no more hoping they'll come home in a backpack!



Access flyers while on the go and sign up for programs and events with just the click of a button!



Programs sent through Peachjar can help your child build lifelong skills like leadership and self-esteem!



Easily share program flyers via social media to encourage your child's friends to participate!

Helpful Tips:

- You can scroll through all flyers from your school and community organizations within your email
- Be sure to check your school's Peachjar page for any flyers you may have missed via email
- Click on the 'Learn More' or the 'Register' buttons for more information about the program or event