

# Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

Happy New Year to all! I hope you had a restful break with your family and friends. Madison staff was very happy to welcome the students back this week. Their smiles lit up the classrooms and hallways.

As always, please be sure your students are reading books each night. If they are unable to read yet, it is important that you read to them each night. Please consider attending a Madison Family Open Library Night for books you can read as a family. The first one of the new year is January 18<sup>th</sup> from 4-6pm, and a good time is always had by all!

The end of the first semester is January 26<sup>th</sup>, and there will be no school for students January 29<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be mailed home the first week of February.

As you know, we have been working hard at instilling a growth mindset in all of our students at Madison. Growth mindset is the belief that with practice, perseverance and effort, people have limitless potential to learn and grow. When we use growth mindset in our daily lives, we tackle challenges happily, unconcerned about making mistakes or being embarrassed for not knowing something. We focus on GROWTH instead, and growth is what we get. You may have heard your student say I don't know how to do that YET. At Madison we focus on the Power of Yet. Other growth mindset phrases you might hear from your student are things like: "I think I can work hard at this"; "I enjoy challenges"; "Maybe I can try to solve this problem a different way". These phrases indicate that your child believes in the power of his/her brain to grow with hard work. On the other hand, if you hear your child saying things like "I am not good at math" or "I can't do this", this indicates that they are operating on a fixed mindset. People that operate with a fixed mindset often avoid challenges because they fear failure. This limits their growth and potential.

Please encourage your students to operate with a growth mindset. There are tons of resources on the internet for teaching kids about growth mindset, and Madison staff is always happy to discuss this theory with parents if you have questions. Each month we have a growth mindset mantra that we repeat each morning on the announcements together as a school. Our January mantra is "My brain is like a muscle that grows!" If you have an example to share of how your student has used growth mindset at home, please email me at the address below – I would love to hear from you.

Happy January, and let's grow our brains together!

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### Jan. 5

Learning Improvement Friday  
➔ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### Jan. 9

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

### Jan. 10

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

### Jan. 12

PTA's Popcorn Friday  
Learning Improvement Friday  
➔ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### Jan. 15

NO SCHOOL – MLK, Jr. Day

### Jan. 18

Open Library with Mr. Kettler  
➔ 4:00 – 6:00 pm, Library

### Jan. 19

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

### Jan. 26

Learning Improvement Friday  
➔ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### Jan. 29

NO SCHOOL



## January is School Board Appreciation Month



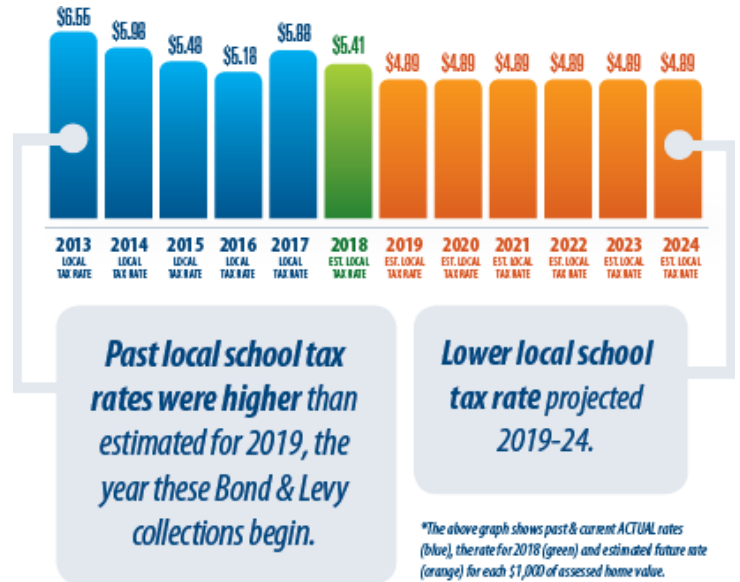
The month of January marks the annual observance of School Board Recognition – a time to salute the work of school board members and celebrate public education. This year, they were named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about [board members online](#).

## Smarter Balanced Assessments

Because Smarter Balanced Assessments are such an important topic for families, the link to everything you ever wanted to know about these tests is in the Quicklinks section on the district home page.

## 2018 Capital Bond and Replacement Levy

The school board voted to propose a Capital Bond to meet future readiness needs and a Replacement Levy to replace the expiring one. If voters approve both the Capital Bond and Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy on Feb. 13, 2018, tax collections to complete those projects begin in 2019. That year the local school tax rate is projected to be \$4.89 per each \$1,000 of property value. That rate is the lowest local school tax rate for property owners in the district since 2013. Find more information on the [district website](#).



## Support for students in temporary or inadequate housing

If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing or a family crisis, your child may be eligible for certain educational rights and services. If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled up with family or friends, or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act. The McKinney-Vento Act may be able to provide support through transportation so that your child can continue enrolled in school, or through access to programs and services so that your child can participate fully in school.

Please contact your child’s counselor or Amy Perusse, McKinney-Vento Facilitator, [aperusse@everettsd.org](mailto:aperusse@everettsd.org), 425-385-4032, for more information.

## 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.

## Mobile app

Have you downloaded the mobile app yet? The latest news and information from schools in Everett Public Schools is now available on smartphones and mobile devices with a new mobile app. Everett Public Schools is expanding its communications outreach with a free mobile app that is now available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores.



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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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