Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear parents,

It is hard to believe Winter Break is over. Our students and teachers have been working hard and this break hopefully provided some well-deserved rest.

We continue to focus on these school-wide learning themes: growth mindset, kindness, 21st Century skills, editing and revising, looking for the main idea, and problem solving. Try to ask open-ended questions so your child has to respond and explain their thinking.

To further support your child's academic growth over the break, please ensure that your child reads every night. Whether they are reading to self, or you read to them, reading every night is super important. After reading, try asking the kids about any themes or main ideas from the story. It's fun to see how our kids think.

In the spring, we will have more opportunities for volunteers on field trips. Please be sure you have filled put the new volunteer application THIS year. Only parents who have done this can volunteer in our school. This is for the safety of all students.

November and December were tough months in terms of illness. We had a lot of absences! In January, I am asking students and parents to recommit again to meeting our attendance goal of no more than 1 day absent per month. Of course, if your child is sick, they should rest and get well.

I hope you enjoyed this time off with your little ones. They grow so fast, and one day you will wonder where the time went.

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January 7 First Day Back for 2019

January 11 Learning Improvement Friday Dismissal at 1:35 pm

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January 21 No School-Martin Luther King Jr Day

January 22 PTA General Meeting 5:30 pm PTA Board Meeting 6:00 pm

Jamuary 25 Learning Improvement Friday Dismissal at 1:35 pm

January 28 No School for Students/Teacher Workday

January 31 Steam Night 5:30 pm-7:00 pm



SAVE THE DATE!

Madison Family



Night

(Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math)

Please bring your family to a fun night of food, creativity, challenges, and adventures where you'll participate with your learner in activities focusing on problem solving and the design process.

When: Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019

Time: 5:30 – 7:00 pm

Where: Madison Elementary

- Pizza will be served in the cafeteria
- STEAM activities will be in the gym & library

If you'd like to volunteer to help at this event, please contact the office (385-5900) to connect with Mrs. Beckett or Ms. Graves. *All students must be accompanied by an adult. You can <u>count</u> on a great time!*

Do you YouTube?

The district does. Search for Everett Public Schools WA to find all of our district videos. Miss a school board meeting? You can find videos of those meetings there too.



We're hiring para educators!

If you've ever wanted to help in a classroom, or lend your talents at a school, apply to be a classroom para educator! Para educators in Everett Public Schools provide instructional support to classroom teachers and ensure students with special needs have access to their learning. You're not available? Tell a neighbor or friend! This is your opportunity to have a huge impact on your community, one student at a time.

Look for the Employment icon on <u>www.Everettsd.org</u> to apply. If you're interested, please call Lauren Weeden, Director of Special Services for North Region Schools, at 425-385-5791.



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 once again named a Board of Distinction. You can learn more about <u>board</u> <u>members online</u>.

Freaked by too much Fortnite?

Hear from parents and students about the pitfalls and positives about the extremely popular video game at <u>www.commonsensemedia.org</u>.

Help your student stay safer online through awareness and parent tips about this app and other games, movies and apps.





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