

# Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



MARCH 2018

## From the Principal

Dear Madison Family,

Our community is really getting over a terrible flu season. I am hoping that better weather brings better attendance. We want to see those smiling faces every day.

Given recent events, school safety is on everyone's mind. I want to assure you that we have solid safety plans, and we review and practice scenarios with staff. We have a dedicated safety team that holds regular meetings that include the School Resource Officer Tony Fletcher. If you have any questions about safety, please call me personally and I will be happy to talk to you.

March is PTA recognition month. I know that we are very thankful for our PTA, and the events they work hard to sponsor, such as Movie Nights, Skate Nights, and Popcorn Fridays. Thank you for all you do PTA!

Speaking of recognition...at Madison we strive to recognize our students for a variety of reasons, not just academic. Recognizing students who are good citizens, kind to neighbors, or who show a Growth Mindset is important for building strong relationships between students and teachers. We celebrate our friends when they are recognized for a job well done. Students can earn tickets at school for showing PAWS-itive behavior, and are entered into a drawing every Friday. If they win, they get to visit the Principal's office and pick from the treasure box. Our students really love this! See if your student can tell you what PAWS stands for.

**Amanda Overly**  
Principal

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### **March 2**

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### **March 5**

Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019 school year begins – forms available in the front office.

### **March 9**

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### **March 13**

PTA General Meeting, 7 pm, Library

### **March 16**

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

### **March 23**

EARLY RELEASE, 12:20 pm

### **March 26-30**

CONFERENCE WEEK  
EARLY RELEASE, 12:20 pm



Spring conference week is coming March 26<sup>th</sup>. Parents, please be sure to work with the teachers to pick a time that works best for you. It's so important for you to hear how your child is doing, and how you can help them succeed in school. Parents or guardians are requested at the conference, not older siblings. Thank you!

I almost forgot our Growth Mindset mantra for the month. The mantra for March is: We love a challenge! We say this together every day in class. Encourage your child to welcome challenges at school—this is how they grow.

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## Surveys coming home with students 3/9

The annual Educational Effectiveness Survey for parents will be distributed on March 9<sup>th</sup> – please check your child's backpack and complete the survey at your earliest convenience. Students in 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will also be completing surveys in their classrooms. This is a very helpful tool for our district. We use this data to hear from you what we are doing well and what areas we can improve upon. We appreciate your help! Surveys can be returned to your child's classroom teacher or to the school office prior to March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## FREE learning tools for your entire family

Did you know that with your parent LMS user name and password, you have access to a powerful resource provided also to students and staff with their district logins? Hoonuit (formerly Atomic Learning) is a key partner in our dedication to providing the highest quality technology training resources.

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Go to [www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd](http://www.atomiclearning.com/login/everettsd) and log in with your district username and password. Need a login and password? Email [LMS@everettsd.org](mailto:LMS@everettsd.org).

## Kindergarten registration begins this month

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2018? Registration begins 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.



## 20th annual student art shows

Everett Public Schools, in partnership with Everett Public Schools Foundation, is pleased to display the work of student artists at the Community Resource Center. See the art on display during regular business hours (7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) or during a reception.

- High school Art Show: April 10-26, reception on April 24
- Middle school Art Show: May 3-18, reception on May 14
- Elementary school Art Show: May 23-June 7, viewing only

## Classified Employee Week

March 12-16, help us recognize the important work classified staff does for schools and students every day. We encourage you to take a moment and say thank you to office staff, crossing guards, paraeducators, maintenance staff, bus drivers and the many other classified staff who help schools and the district function smoothly.



## Bond and Levy update

The Feb. 13 election results show a **55.3** percent vote for the district's [Replacement Educational Programs and Operations Levy](#), and a **55.4** percent vote for the [Capital Bond](#).

To pass, the Replacement Levy requires 50 percent plus one, and we surpassed that percentage by about 5.3 points as of Feb. 16. It is heartening to see a majority of voters are aware of how important Replacement Levies are to quality education for our communities' children.

For school Capital Bonds to pass, they must secure a SUPER majority, or 60 percent plus one, of voter approval. The results show the Bond down about 4.6 percent. There are some votes yet to be counted. Depending upon how many voters submitted ballots late last week, and how they voted, the Capital Bond approval percentage could go up. You can be certain we will be closely watching the ballot counts later this week, and what impact those counts have on the bond approval rate. By the time you are reading this, the results will be certified.

Whatever the results, I extend a big, heartfelt thank you to the hundreds of volunteers and staff who made telephone calls, waved signs, pressed doorbells, put up signs, signed and mailed postcards, maintained web pages, designed mailers, made community presentations, made staff presentations, made PTA presentations, answered emails, returned phone calls, raised funds, donated funds, wrote letters to the editor, wore buttons, and spent countless hours involved in the election process. I especially thank the Citizens Committee co-chairs, Caroline Mason, Angela Steck, Michelle Nims, and EEA



president Jared Kink for the remarkable leadership, planning, organizing, and persistence that makes such a huge difference in a community-wide effort like levy and bond elections.

Thank you as well to thousands of voters who cast ballots supporting the Levy and the Bond. Your majority support of schools and students is truly heartening to all of us who work daily with our nation's future.

Our community's support of schools has produced very positive results over the decades. We have one of the state's highest graduation rates, and we are making progress to close the education gap among diverse groups. This board and district have a documented track record of fiscal accountability and are committed to that accountability, transparency, and stewardship of these public funds. Members of the board, who contributed huge amounts of time to make the ballot measure decisions, and the entire district are grateful for our community's past and present support of schools and of students. We are committed to our responsibility of ensuring the highest quality education for each student.

Dr. Gary Cohn  
Superintendent

**MESSAGE TO OUR SCHOOL FAMILIES**



**Everett Public Schools**  
*urgently needs*  
**SUBSTITUTES**

- **PARAEDUCATORS**
  - Classroom assistance
  - Noon-duty supervision
  - Health room assistance
  - Special Services
- **OFFICE PERSONNEL**
- **FOOD & NUTRITION**
- **CUSTODIANS**
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