

# Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Dear Madison Family,

They say April showers bring May flowers and it looks like at least the first part of May is going to be relatively rain free. I for one am ready for a little sun. As you know, April and May also means Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) time, and we are off to a great start at Madison. Our third, fourth and fifth graders have done a fantastic job of getting to school on time, being well rested and ready to show what they know. By using their best effort strategies and working hard students have earned tickets and prizes.



On Friday we held a *Recess Bonanza* (see photo) to celebrate all of the hard work and effort that our

students put into the first week of testing. We had popsicles, music, dancing and games, and it is safe to say that even though it was a little chilly everyone had a great time.

May also brings a number of exciting events to Madison families. Our fifth graders will visit Evergreen for their Middle School orientation on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Then on May 24<sup>th</sup> our first through fifth graders will perform our Spring Concert at the Everett Civic Auditorium at Everett High School. I am very happy to announce that bus transportation to and from the concert will be provided for Madison families. The bus will leave from Madison and more information is available in the office. Everyone is also invited to our annual Multicultural Celebration on June 7<sup>th</sup>.

### May 4

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### May 7-11

Staff Appreciation Week!

### May 8

Open Library, 4-6 pm  
PTA General Meeting, 6-7 pm

### May 9

Coffee Hour, 8:30 am, Cafeteria

### May 11

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm  
PTA Gymnastics Night at LEGA, 6pm –  
flyers coming home soon!

### May 18

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### May 24

Spring Concert, Grades 1-5, 6 pm,  
Everett Civic Auditorium

### May 25

Learning Improvement Friday  
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

### May 28

NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day

### June 6

Last Day of Before & After School Activities

### June 7

Multicultural Celebration, 5-8 pm



Additionally, many district events might interest you as the school year comes to an end. The third Annual Youth & Family Wellness Fair will be held Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Evergreen Middle School. This is a completely free event and includes a dental van, family photos, haircuts, cooking classes and much, much more. Everett Transit will operate “Fare Free” on this day as well. May 19<sup>th</sup> is the Zeno Mathfest at the Angel of the Winds Arena Conference Center. Experience math like never before at this free event. Then on June 6<sup>th</sup>, the Angel of the Winds Arena also hosts another free event, the annual Innovation Expo and STEM Competition.

Staff Appreciation week is May 7<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup> and our PTA has a week of special treats planned for the Madison staff. If you would like to help out, more information is available in the office. The PTA clothing drive is also in full swing, the deadline to contribute is May 11<sup>th</sup>. I will close with our Monthly Mantra for May: “A new day is a new opportunity to grow”. Let’s make May a great month!

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## State Testing for Grades 3 through 5

If you have a child in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade, they are in full swing with state Smarter Balanced tests in math and English language arts. Students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade are also taking the Washington Comprehensive Assessment of Science (WCAS). Students will take the tests online. Our school is scheduled for testing **through May 31<sup>st</sup>, but only selected dates**. Please see below for specific days your child will be testing. **Attendance on testing day, and every day, is crucial to your child’s success**. Please help to support them with a good night’s rest each night, healthy meals and a positive, growth mind set attitude! Feel free to contact the school office or your child’s teacher with any questions.

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	28 MEMORIAL DAY NO SCHOOL	29 3 <sup>RD</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	30	31 5 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE STATE TESTING	1

For more information about the Smarter Balanced tests, visit [www.k12.wa.us/smarter](http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter).

To try out an online Smarter Balanced practice test, visit <https://wa.portal.airast.org/training-tests.stml>.

For more information about the WCAS, visit <http://www.k12.wa.us/Science/Assessments.aspx>.

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## Graduation dates

Ceremonies for each of the four high schools are coming soon!

- Cascade High School, June 16 at noon at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Everett High School, June 16 at 7 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Jackson High School, June 16 at 3:30 p.m. at Angel of the Winds (formerly Xfinity) Arena
- Sequoia High School June 14, 6 p.m. at Everett Civic Auditorium

## New school accountability system

In the new accountability system launched this spring, schools are measured on assessment proficiency, student growth, graduation rates, English Learner progress, and school climate indicators, including attendance, dual credit opportunities, and 9th graders on track to graduation. Those guidelines are called the Washington School Improvement Framework and they are intended to help families understand a fuller picture of school success. The district's 2017-18 Washington School Improvement Framework results are available on the [OSPI Report Card](#).

## Next year's calendar

The calendar for next school year is part of the negotiations process with the teachers' bargaining unit. Negotiations for that contract have begun. During negotiation years, it's not unusual for those talks to continue into late August. In the past, we have traditionally started school the Wednesday after Labor Day, which would be Sept. 5 this year. The district will use the website, email, phone, text messaging and social media to announce the calendar when contract negotiations are complete.

## Summer school registration is open!

[Registration materials are now online](#). Summer programs for high school students include opportunities to strengthen the skills and knowledge required for the district core expectations, repeat courses, extend their interests in academic areas, and take new courses. Tuition-based summer programs are offered for students through Online High School and at Cascade High School. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.



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