

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Greetings Madison Families!

November is here, and it's a busy time of the year. Our staff is looking forward to see you for parent-teacher **conferences** November 5-9 and having the opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this year. The connections between home and school are so important for your child's success. These **partnerships**, along with **excellent attendance**, will help your child reach their **potential**. Please look for confirmation notes, which are being sent home now. If you have any questions or need to reschedule, please let your child's teacher know.

I would like to invite Veterans to our **Veteran's Day Assembly** on November 13th. This is a special day for Veterans so please invite your family members who have served our country. We need the names of the veterans you would like to invite, so please pass those to your child's teacher. Because of limited space, the assembly is not open to the entire community. Please call Mrs. Overly if you any questions.

November 13th is also **World Kindness Day**. Your students might bring home a kind note or picture for you, or they might write one for their friend or teacher. Please take some family time to discuss what kindness looks and sounds like.

Our first **awards assemblies** of the year are coming up in November as well. You will receive an invitation to come if your child is receiving an award. We are doing awards assemblies by grade level this year, so there should be lots of room for proud parents, grandparents, and other family members. If you do not receive an invitation in your child's backpack this time, remember they are still working towards their goals. Encourage them to keep up the hard work and come to school.

Adding to our busy month is the PTA **Fall Festival** on November 16th. This is a great time to come out and have a fun time with your family. There are games, prizes, food, and fun. Please be sure to bring cash only, as the tickets cost \$.25 each. Look for more information from PTA.

November 1

PTA Skating Party
6:30-8:30 pm
Everett Skate Deck

November 4

Daylight Savings
Turn Clocks Back 1 Hour

November 2-9

Parent /Teacher Conferences
2 ½ hour Early Dismissal
12:20 pm

November 12

No School/Veterans Day Observed

November 13

Veteran's Day Assembly
1:30 pm

November 16

Learning Improvement Friday
Dismissal at 1:35 pm
PTA Fall Harvest Festival
6:00-7:30 pm

November 20

PTA General Meeting 5:30 pm
PTA Board Meeting 6:00 pm
Madison Library

November 21

2 ½ hour Early Dismissal 12:20 pm

November 22-23

No School-Thanksgiving Break

November 30

Learning Improvement Friday
Dismissal at 1:35 pm



Exciting news—we found a parent who will coach **Soccer Club**, so 2nd-5th graders will once again have the opportunity to come to soccer club. Thank you to Corey Smith, parent volunteer, and Margaret Sedrak, our playground supervisor, who have graciously agreed to provide this service to our school. Look for **Soccer Club** permissions slips soon.

Finally, I'd like to **thank everyone** for adapting to our new security intercom entry system and for remembering to always check in to the office when visiting. We are not discouraging visitors (we love our parents!), but we must follow safety protocols for visiting. A reminder, if you plan on volunteering for field trips, PTA events, or helping around the school, the district requires that the new volunteer application be filled out. Mrs. Schultz in the front office is happy to help if you have questions about this. Go Huskies!

Sincerely,

Amanda M. Overly
Principal

Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 1

Find forms and more information and evening information events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place in January 2019.

Remember to vote Nov. 6

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 6 – postage is not required for ballots.

Did you miss a call from us?

If missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail or your email for the message rather than calling the school. Schools are often inundated with phone calls from parents after they send an automated call and cannot answer all of the calls.

Slight calendar change

There is a slight change to the school year calendar. **Friday, June 7** will be a 2.5 early release for all students to allow teachers time to complete grading. **Friday, June 14** will be a 75-minute early release for Learning Improvement Friday. The updated [year-at-a-glance](#) and [student art](#) calendars are available online if you'd like to print them for your reference. The [district website calendar](#) is also a convenient, up-to-date reference that integrates with the [district mobile app](#). If you have the mobile app, you have the most current district and school calendar dates.

School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website](#). Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.



Test scores show ... our students rock!

Did you know that our district has the highest English Learner graduation rate in Washington state? And our student assessment scores last year outperformed the state's average assessment scores **in every subject!** Students are working hard in their learning, and staff are providing students with the targeted, coordinated supports they need to excel.

Is your family prepared?

Does your family have a plan in case of bad weather, school closure or delay? Who will pick up your student, if needed? How will you communicate if phone lines are jammed? Do you have needed emergency supplies in your car and at home?

[Snohomish County Emergency Management](#) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood.

FAFSA season has begun!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at www.fafsa.ed.gov.



Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.
- Know who is in the "buddy lists." Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home.

Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- [Stop Bullying Now](#)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](#)
- [Common Sense Media](#)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](#).





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