

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

What a **great** start to a new year! We have really been lucky to get some great September weather, and we hope you've been enjoying time with your children.

October 4th, Thursday, is **Picture Day**. If you have questions about pictures, the front office staff is happy to help.

Our PTA is so excited for another year. We have more members now and are growing each day. If you haven't joined PTA, please consider doing so. They use their budget to sponsor many events for your children, as well as to support programs such as Art, classrooms grants, and more. The first PTA family event is October 26th **Movie Night**. They will show Hotel Transylvania 3. We hope to see you there. Dr. Stewart provides free popcorn for all who attend, and you can bring a few dollars if you want to purchase other snacks. The next PTA meeting is October 16th at 5:30 in the library. I know the PTA is looking for volunteers for Popcorn Fridays, Movie Nights, and most importantly, **FALL FESTIVAL** coming up in November.

Madison will have a **Family Happiness theme** each month, beginning this month. We would like to showcase our beautiful families enjoying time together by posting pictures on our website, Twitter, and at district meetings. We want the community to know how awesome our families are! Our October Family theme is **Fall Fun!** Please take **pictures** of your families doing fall things—playing in leaves, riding bikes, wearing costumes, etc. Please send your pictures to aoverly@everettsd.org

We continue to support Literacy in the classroom, school wide and throughout the district. Many of our students participated in Summer Reading, and those prizes and announcements will be coming out soon. We strive to create lifelong readers. On October 12th, we will have a **Read-a-Thon**. October 15th will be our **Literacy Night**. Sherri Grinage, our reading coach, is coordinating both of these if you'd like to assist with either. You can reach her at sgrinage@everettsd.org. Please look for more information to come home about these two events.

October 4

Picture Day

October 5

Learning Improvement Friday
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm

October 10

High School and Beyond EHS

October 11

High School and Beyond CHS

October 12

Learning Improvement Friday
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm
Read-A-thon

October 15

Literacy Night 5:30-7 pm

October 16

PTA General Meeting 5:30-6pm

October 19

NO SCHOOL

October 26

Learning Improvement Friday
→ Dismissal at 1:35 pm
PTA Movie Night 6:00 pm
Hotel Transylvania 3



On October 19th, our faculty will be meeting to learn together on a variety of topics, such as literacy, school improvement planning and more. This is a day for teacher training, so there will be **no school** for students. If you or your child would like to give input on topics you think would be valuable for us to address as a faculty, please contact me at aoverly@everettsd.org. We are always looking for **parent AND student** input. We are a team, and together we get stronger.

Sincerely
Amanda M. Overly
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Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 a.m., with a brief message about the reason for closure or delay. We will also use local media and post the message on our website. **If there is no announcement about Everett Public Schools, school is on the regular schedule.** More information and resources for school closures or delays is on the district website under the *Parents* tab.

In cases of inclement weather or other emergencies, please:

- check your email or phone for district messages
- listen for media announcements
- view the district's website at www.everettsd.org
- watch district [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [Instagram](#) accounts

Did you miss a call from us?

If you missed a call from your school, please first check your voice mail, email or mobile app 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.

Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

Mobile app

Families can [download the district mobile app](#) to easily access student information, grades, attendance, lunch balances, borrowed library books, calendars and more! Translate notifications and app functions into the language you prefer.

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.

Back-to-school safety reminders

It's helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, [stop for buses](#) when they have the stop arm out



Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Learn to use Naviance to make college and career plans
- Meet community and 4-year colleges & universities
- Learn about cool careers

Oct. 9: Jackson High School
Oct. 10: Everett High School
Oct. 11: Cascade High School

Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at \$10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

Test dates: Nov. 14, 2018 and March 13, 2019

Fall registration: Sept. 17 – Oct. 12, 2018

Spring registration: Jan. 14 – Feb. 15, 2019

Website tools for you

The website has tools to make your life easier. Sign in with your LMS password to:

- Customize a personal profile in *MyView*
- Add your student's school and teachers' calendars to your calendar view
- Filter calendar items by category
- Export calendar items to your personal calendar
- Access *Grades & More*, lunch menus and staff contact information from the home page
- Find directions and maps to event locations listed on the calendar



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250