

# Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

Welcome to the second semester! Your students have worked so hard this first half of the year – I'm excited to see what the rest of the year will bring. Thank you for the support you give them each day. We know you are their first teachers, and we could not make these great strides without you.

February is Black History Month. This is a time for students to learn about important contributions made by African Americans. At Madison, diversity is our greatest strength, and we love each student and the rich cultures they bring to us.

Although we have been learning all year, our Smarter Balanced Assessment (SBA) test preparation begins in earnest on February 19<sup>th</sup>. We will have a fun assembly to kick off the season on February 19<sup>th</sup> for grades 3-5. Please encourage your students to do their best each and every day, and to show the world what they know! The SBA will begin near the end of April for grades 3-5.

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, the district is hosting a Bond information session at 6pm in the Everett High School cafeteria. This is a great time to come and learn about the bond that will run in April.

Finally, if you have a student turning 5 years old by August 31, 2020, or you know a neighbor with a student who will be starting kindergarten, registration opens on March 2. Please refer to the district website for registration information.

Amanda M. Overly  
Principal

### **February 12**

Open Library 3:00-4:00 PM

### **February 14**

LIF Friday 1:35 PM  
Dismissal

### **February 17-18**

NO SCHOOL- Midwinter  
Break

### **February 19**

Open Library 3:00-4:00 PM  
PTA Meeting 5:30 PM -  
Library

### **February 21**

LIF Friday 1:35 PM  
Dismissal

### **February 26**

Open Library 3:00-4:00 PM

### **February 28**

LIF Friday 1:35 PM  
Dismissal



## Everett School Board Welcomes Two New Members

This November voters elected two new members to the Everett School District Board. April Berg will fill position 2, the seat vacated by the retirement of longtime school board director Carol Andrews. Berg lives in Mill Creek and is a planning commissioner for the city. She has six children, two university graduates, two in university, one at Henry M. Jackson High School and one at Heatherwood Middle School



Andrew J. Nicholls will fill position 1, the seat held by Jamyang Dorjee Nhangkar who was appointed to the board in September 2018. Nicholls is a research social worker with the VA Puget Sound Medical Center and has two children who will soon be entering school in the district's north end.

## Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.



## Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username

Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

## Kindergarten registration begins in March


Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 2, 2020, at all district elementary schools.



## Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. This year OSPI is using a new application to do this and will require a little more effort to find the data available for Everett Public Schools. You can [access the 2017-18 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Click on your choice to view the report card.



**I want to see data for a school or school district**

School or District Name:

[clear](#)

[See all schools and districts](#)

Optionally you can click on See all schools and districts and navigate the to the district or school you want to select.



## Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

## Harvest of the month

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans! Be sure to give them a try this month in our homemade hummus, black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and are an excellent of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>

I've bean thinking about you...






## 2020 capital projects bond - community open house meetings

Everett Public Schools is placing a \$317.4 million bond on the April 2020 ballot. This measure will provide crucial funding to build permanent classroom space to accommodate growth, improve safety and security and make necessary school improvements.

Upcoming Community Open House meetings are scheduled, and we encourage everyone to attend one:

<p>THURSDAY, </p> <p><b>FEB 6</b></p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>CASCADE</b> HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>801 E Casino Road Everett WA 98203</p>	<p>THURSDAY, </p> <p><b>FEB 13</b></p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>EVERETT</b> HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>2416 Colby Avenue Everett WA 98201</p>	<p>TUESDAY, </p> <p><b>FEB 25</b></p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACKSON</b> HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>1508 136th St. SE Mill Creek WA 98012</p>
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See the attached letter for more information!



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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

**Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:**

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213



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Amanda Overly, Principal  
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February 11, 2020

Dear Madison Elementary parents,

On April 28, residents in the Everett School District will have the opportunity to make a decision on a bond measure for our schools.

This \$317.4 million capital bond will help ensure equitable access and opportunities for all students, increase safety and security, fund facilities and tools necessary for STEM career pathways, and ensure students have enough room to learn by adding permanent classrooms throughout the district.

All the projects on this \$317.4 million capital bond can be accomplished without an increase to your school district tax rate. Currently you pay \$4.87 per \$1,000 assessed value on your home. If this bond passes, you will be paying \$4.79 per \$1,000 assessed value on your home.

After talking with many of you, I know you are interested in the facts about the upcoming bond so you can make an informed decision when you vote. You especially want to know how the levy will impact our programs here at Madison Elementary. If this bond passes, we will be getting an entirely new school!

- 84,000 SF, two-story replacement school that will remain occupied during construction
- Includes 5,000 SF covered play area, new play areas, play equipment and grass field
- New parking and parent drop-off/pick-up loop

If you would like more information, we have extra copies of flyers sent home in January available in the Parent Resource Center next to the office. You can also call me at 425-385-5990, the Everett Public Schools' communications office at 425-385-4040, or visit [everettsd.org/bond2020](http://everettsd.org/bond2020). You can see the proposed site plan of our new school on the website as well.

Voting is one of the most important rights we have. It allows us to have a voice in government. Public education is critical to a free society, and it is important for us to exercise our right to express our opinions. Please also encourage your friends and neighbors to get out and vote on April 28 as well.

Sincerely,

Amanda M. Overly  
Principal

**Our mission: we collectively ensure that each student learns and grows at high levels.**