

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Madison families,

Welcome to a June like no other! This has been a challenging time, but each day, we celebrate the strong relationships of our students, families, and staff. Everyone's perseverance as we navigate new ways of teaching and learning has been wonderful to see. Thank you for everything you are doing to support the Huskies!

Information about the rest of this school year:

As the last day of school, **June 19**, draws nearer, we encourage you to remember that **every day is still full of learning and growth opportunities** – even though they look different than they have in the past. While continuing to put your family's health and safety first, please help your child stay focused on learning, and be in touch with school staff if there's anything we can do to make at-home learning as smooth as possible.

On June 1, all students will automatically be assigned **i-Ready math and reading diagnostic assessments** to complete by June 15. Until students complete the tests, the program will not give them any more lessons. This is an opportunity for students to independently **show what they know**, and it will reset their lesson pathways for the summer. As much as we want to help our students, the diagnostic exams are meant to be taken without help. You may, of course, assist your student with navigation if they need it. If they receive help on the exams, their lessons will not be at the correct level. You've got this kids! Students can earn a treat in the mail for completing both tests, **WITHOUT** rushing. Please see the Madison website for information, right on the front page.

As the year ends, **we prepare to say goodbye** to four staff members:

- Mr. Mauch will be joining the ranks at Hawthorne ES
- Mr. Himstedt will be joining the ranks of Cascade HS
- Mrs. Cruz will be joining the ranks at Garfield ES
- Mrs. Barros is moving on to other opportunities
- Mrs. Gallaway is retiring!

We appreciate the contributions they have made to Madison, and we know they'll continue to do great things in service of students.

Upcoming Events

We will be hosting **5th grade promotion** on June 5th at 6 pm. Look for the Zoom meeting link from your teachers in email. We look forward to honoring our 5th graders as they move on to the next exciting phase of their school lives.

The **Madison Annual Talent Show** WILL live on virtually! We are asking students who were selected to be in the Talent Show to submit a video that will be published for all to see. If you have any questions, please email Ms. Tarver or Ms. Rochon: rtarver@everettsd.org, or mrochon@everettsd.org.

Information about summer:

We hope that the summer will be a **time of continued learning** for your child! As a reminder, students may keep district Chromebooks and hotspots through Aug. 3! Throughout the summer, students will be able to use familiar websites such as i-Ready, Prodigy, Keyboarding Without Tears, and other resources accessed through the [Student Tools site](#). Another great opportunity is Everett

June 1

Pick up student belongings 4:30-6:30 pm

June 5

5th grade promotion 6:00 pm via Zoom

June 19

Last Day of School



Public Schools' summer reading program. Brochures describing the program will be mailed home with progress reports after school ends. Students will also have access to e-books and AR quizzes from home over the summer.

Over the summer, be sure to **vote in the Aug. 4 capital bond election**. Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. The school board has recognized that need and decided to put the \$317.4 million bond that was to run in April on the Aug. 4 ballot. If this bond is passed, Madison will be scheduled for a total rebuild! What an exciting possibility for our community!

Information about fall:

Looking ahead to fall, **we will keep you posted** on any key dates to be aware of, including traditional events such as orientation for kindergarten/new families, and meet and greet. Everett Ready, our transition-to-kindergarten program for all registered kindergartners, will be held from August 17 – 21, 2020. Any student registered by August 17 will be able to participate. Per the district calendar, Sept. 9 is the first day of school for grades 1-5, and kindergarten students begin school Sept. 14. You can help us by **registering your incoming kindergartner** as soon as possible, and by keeping our office posted if you do not plan for your child to return to Madison in the fall.

Here's another back-to-school reminder: You will not receive an automated phone call or e-mail with your child's teacher assignment the week before school starts. Instead, you will be able to log in to the district's Home Access Center (HAC) to **see your child's teacher**. Information on how to sign up for and access HAC is at the end of this newsletter, and on our website.

It has been an action-packed year at Madison, one that is ending in a very different way than we'd expect. Despite it all, we hope that you and your students have had a great year here – whether it was your first, your last, or somewhere in between. We'd like to thank each one of our families for their support! Have a safe, fun summer!

Mrs. Overly and Mrs. Hallinan

COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage

Stay informed by visiting the COVID-19 Coronavirus webpage www.everettsd.org/COVID-19. Here, you will find messaging to families, information on family tech support, learning engagement, Class of 2020 support, helpful resources, FAQ's and more related to school building closure.



What will the 2020-21 school year look like?

Thank you for understanding the complexity of decisions for the fall. Right now, we are focused on finishing the school year well, and are following the guidance of OSPI and the state for developing plans for the fall. Realistically, with the current unknowns, we won't be able to finalize a plan until early August.

Essential item pick-up

We understand your student may still have personal items at their school which are essential to continue their learning from home, such as calculators, books or medications. student's essential items, which will be pre-bagged and labeled by staff. There is a scheduled pick up for Madison families on Monday, June 1 from 4:30-6:30 pm for families to collect any remaining student items and to return library books, textbooks, and medications.

When does school end this year?

June 5 is not an early release day but will follow the current modified structure.

Learning Improvement Fridays (LIF) are suspended through June 19 to follow the current modified structure. June 19 is the new last day of school. June 12 is the last day for seniors.



Stuff the Bus is coming!

With the support of our generous community, the Everett Public Schools Foundation is hosting its 11th annual Stuff the Bus for Kids school supply drive. Last year the Foundation delivered over 1,900 backpacks to students and hope to deliver the same number this year. Look for collection bins at local businesses during the month of August and look for big yellow Durham school buses parked outside Fred Meyer in Mill Creek and QFC on Evergreen Way Aug. 14-16. For questions, please contact Kirsten Hansen at khansen@everettsd.org.



Kindergarten Registration (Class of 2033)



If your child will be five years old by August 31, 2020, it's time to register for kindergarten! Online registration is available at <https://www.everettsd.org/domain/1469>. Register now to access information about your school's kindergarten program and receive a parent resource and children's book "Kindergarten, Here I Come!" Registration also reserves your child's spot in *Everett Ready*, our transition-into-kindergarten program scheduled for August 17-21, at our elementary schools. Contact EarlyLearning@everettsd.org with any questions.

To find out which school your kindergartener will attend, click on Path Finder on the district's transportation webpage or call the transportation office at 425-385-4144.

Vaccinations for next year

Now is the time to plan for the vaccinations your child will need before he or she enrolls next fall. We encourage you to obtain these vaccinations this school year and report them to the school nurse or office staff at your child's school. We'll track that information in the school database, which will help you avoid getting calls and overdue letters in the fall. More information can be found on the district's [immunizations webpage](#).

Summer school

Everett Public Schools offers a variety of summer learning opportunities. 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. Elementary and middle school summer programs are available for specific students who need academic support.

Summer Reading Program

Everett Public Schools looks forward to another successful year of its summer reading program. Please watch your school's website for details about this summer's reading program.

School supply lists

Looking to get a jump start on next year's school supplies this summer? You can find the school supply list on your school's website under *Our School* around the last week of school.

Summer meals

Did you know that all children ages 1-18 can participate in the summer meal program? Summer meals will start on June 22nd at select locations and times. Find more details on the [Food and Nutrition Department website](#).



The 2020 capital projects bond




Now, more than ever, schools are the heart of our community. Investing in our schools continues our focus on not only academics, but the well-being of every student in our district. Schools are a community resource and they need to be invested in.

Due to impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, on March 24, 2020 the school board approved Resolution 1228 postponing the April 28 bond proposition until a future time to be determined by the board.

On May 5, the school board approved Resolution 1230 to place the unchanged \$317.4 million bond proposition on the August 4, 2020 special election ballot.

The 2020 bond focuses on STEM, Safety, Equity and Space.

To find out more details on all of the bond 2020 projects, visit www.everettsd.org/bond2020. **Please remember to vote on August 4, 2020!**



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