

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Madison families,

The **month of May** is upon us! I hope that this message finds your family healthy and keeping up good spirits as we face these difficult times. We know that you are working hard to ensure your students are reading and doing assignments. Remember, you are doing a great job. You are enough!

Each week, we see more and more **students engaging in at-home learning**. This has been a learning process for staff, students, and families alike. Each family's situation is unique, and if your experience is anything like mine, some days easier, while others are challenging. No matter what, please put your children's and your family's social-emotional and physical wellness first. I would like to thank you for doing everything you can to help keep learning moving forward for your child. Please communicate how things are going with your child's teacher so that they can support with any adjustments.

There are many questions about what summer and fall will bring, and not many answers yet. We do know that summer school will be a remote learning experience rather than in person. I'll share more information as soon as I receive it. Looking ahead to fall – well, it's just too soon to tell. What I do know is, we are a **strong community working together** for our children, and we will keep doing that no matter what! We will soon begin the process of creating class lists for next year. What will help us most is your letting us know if your family plans to move out of the area. Please email me or call the office and leave a message if you know your child(ren) will not attend Madison next year.

Our teachers are doing a great job reaching out to families who are not engaged, as well as providing learning opportunities for those that are. **Social-emotional well-being of children** is a key foundation for both personal and academic growth. Now that students' initial questions about coronavirus have faded, they may have deeper questions, or you may be seeing stronger feelings. Our counselor, Jason Himstedt, continues to engage with students via phone, email, Google Classroom, and Zoom meetings. I encourage you to reach out to Mr. Himstedt if you feel your child could use social-emotional support. His email is jhimstedt@everettsd.org. You can also access his website by going to our website, clicking staff, and finding his name.

One more reminder—our fabulous specialists Mrs. Lysen, Ms. Rochon and Mrs. Smith are working to provide music, PE and reading instruction. Check out their websites for details.

Also remember to check out the front page of our website frequently—we put videos and important links up there for you.

Stay well, keep in touch, and keep reading!

Mrs. Overly

May 4-8

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6

National Nurses' Day

May 25

Memorial Day



School closure resources



Watch for all Coronavirus updates at www.everettsd.org/COVID-19.

3-D printers loaned to help support local health care systems

Everett Public Schools is grateful to be able to loan ten 3-D printers, through an agreement with Ignition Partners, to support manufacturing N95 masks, visors and other critical medical and safety equipment for our local health care systems. [Click for full article.](#)



Frequently Asked Questions



Did you know we have an [FAQ page](#) on our district website? We actively add content as we develop answers that apply to our students, staff and community. If you do not see your question answered, there is also an '[Ask a Question](#)' form where you may submit your question. Hoping this is a helpful resource for all!

Emergency meal schedule update

Go to https://bit.ly/EPS_EmergencyMeals for schedule of locations and times.

Due to physical distancing standards, and for the safety of our staff, meals will no longer be delivered directly to homes.

How families can help:

- Please take advantage of curbside pickup and stay in your car
- Avoid socializing with other families
- Leave the school property immediately after receiving your meals
- If you do walk-up, stand six feet behind the family in front of you, only stand in line with people you live with
- Pick up your meals at a later time in the meal service
- Pick the meal option for your child
- Follow directions provided by Everett Public Schools staff

Thank you for your understanding as we make these necessary changes to keep everyone safe.



Kindergarten registration

During the current school closure, you can register for kindergarten online. Please visit the [registration page](#) on the district's website. If you have questions, please email the Early Learning Department at EarlyLearning@everettsd.org. Thank you!



Social & Emotional Health during school closure

The outbreak of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) may be stressful for people and communities. Fear and anxiety about a disease can be overwhelming and cause strong emotions in adults and children.

Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations. The emotional impact of an emergency on a person can depend on the person's characteristics and experiences, the social and economic circumstances of the person and their community, and the availability of local resources. People can become more distressed if they see repeated images or hear repeated reports about the outbreak in the media.

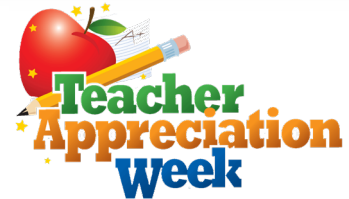
Children react, in part, on what they see from the adults around them. When parents and caregivers deal with the COVID-19 calmly and confidently, they can provide the best support for their children. Parents can be more reassuring to others around them, especially children, if they are better prepared.

Please visit the district's website for [links and resources](#) for social & emotional health.



Teacher Appreciation Week

Since 1984, National PTA has designated one week in May as a special time to honor the men and women who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. This year, Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4 – 8, 2020.



National School Nurse Day



National School Nurse Day, May 6, 2020, is a time to celebrate the specialty practice of school nursing. In 1972, the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) created National School Nurse Day to recognize school nurses and acknowledge their role in the educational setting. NASN applauds the contributions school nurses make every day to improve the health, safety, and academic success of all students.

The theme this year – School Nurses: Supporting Students in Times of Crisis – reinforces the changing times of 2020. This year, more than ever, all members of our school communities, school nurses included, have been required to take on unprecedented roles and adapt quickly to changes in their jobs. It is reflective of the significant roles school nurses have in the health care of their school communities to help make a healthier place for children and families to learn and grow during this crisis.



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