

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

It's hard to believe it, but November is here! As always, I am keeping a close eye on attendance. We have had a tough month in October with lots of students missing out on learning. Some days we were as low as 89% present! This is too low. Remember that our school-wide goal is 95% present each day. In general, a student should miss 1 day or less per month. Of course, if your student is running a fever or vomiting, they should not attend school. Below are a few guidelines:

- Good attendance contributes to students doing well in school and eventually in the workplace.
- Missing just two days a month can put a student at risk academically.
- Try to schedule appointments during non-school hours and plan vacations during school breaks.
- Set a regular bed time and morning routine and lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before to help students get to school on time.

Conference week begins November 4th. This is the best time to find out how your child is doing, and what you can do to ensure their success. If you haven't scheduled your conference yet, it's not too late! Please call or email your child's teacher for assistance. Here are a few tips to having a great conference:

- Be on time (conferences are only 20 minutes, so if you are late, you'll likely affect the next parent).
- Bring questions! Teachers love to talk about their students--your kids-- and will be happy to give you plenty of information.
- Be friendly. Believe it or not, if you feel a little nervous, it's likely the teacher does as well. Remember, you are a team.

The school is always looking for parent volunteers. Want to get involved? We can always use extra hands on the playground; sign up to be a volunteer and come play 4 square or jump rope with kids--they'll love it as much as you will.

The PTA is looking for more members and more volunteers to help with events. If you haven't yet joined, please consider doing so. Mrs. Olson or Mr. Mauch can help with membership. Remember this is the organization that makes Skate Deck, Movie Nights, Popcorn Fridays and more happen. There is going to be an awesome Glow Dance Party in December for students, so please get involved and make Madison PTA the best in the district.

Sincerely,

Amanda M. Overly
Principal

November 4-8

2 ½ hour early dismissal at 12:20 pm
for Parent/Teacher Conferences
Book Fair-Madison Library

November 11

No School-Veteran's Day

November 14

Picture Re-take Day

November 19

PTA Meeting 5:30 pm in library

November 21

ECEAP Family Night 5:30-7:30 pm

November 22

Family Support Coffee Hour 8:45 am
PTA Movie Night 6:30 pm

November 28-29

No School-Thanksgiving Break



Accepting Highly Capable nominations until Dec. 18

Find forms, information and evening events on the [Highly Capable website](#). Referrals are for students currently in grades one through four for winter testing, which will take place on February 1, 2020.

Remember to vote Nov. 5

Remember to deliver your ballot to a ballot drop box near you or put it in the mail by Nov. 5 – postage is not required for ballots.

Everett Public Schools is hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a strong need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions.

Join us! <http://www.everettsd.org/jobs>



Did you miss a call from us?

If you 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. If you want to change your contact information, please let the school office know.

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 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. We have more work to do and are going to accomplish it by focusing on reading at early levels and strong monitoring and collaboration.

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.



Family health safety tip

Vaping has been in the news a lot this summer and fall due to many youth and young adults across the nation being hospitalized for respiratory issues, including respiratory failure. A few cases have been reported in our state. Teens may believe vaping is less harmful than smoking. Vaping devices are increasingly popular among middle and high school students and a new generation is getting addicted to nicotine. According to the Snohomish Health District's Washington Healthy Youth Survey:

11% of 8th graders, 23% of 10th graders and 31% of 12th graders currently use vapes.

Learn about the dangers of vaping as well as resources for teens to quit by visiting Snohomish Health District's webpage. The sooner one quits, the faster their body, and lungs, can rebound and repair themselves. www.snohd.org/273/Vaping-Vapor-Products

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](http://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/273/CountyEmergencyManagement) has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood.



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](http://www.stopbullyingnow.org)
- [Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette](http://www.msparry.com)
- [Common Sense Media](http://www.common Sense Media)

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district [Learning Management Services website](http://www.everettsd.org).





Food and nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you mushrooms grown in the PNW! Be sure to give them a try this month in our vegetable medley and on the salad bar.

Did you know that mushrooms are composed of 90% water and contain over a dozen vitamin and minerals? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>. Don't leave me, I'm a fungi!



Safety tip line

Do you or your student have a concern about someone experiencing bullying or harassment? Or have you perhaps heard a rumor about someone bringing a weapon or drugs to school? **Report it!** You can talk directly with your school's office or you can call, text or email your concern.

If there is reason for concern about safety on a designated walkway to school, call 9-1-1 immediately for authorized, quick help. We have strong partnerships with local law enforcement who share our interest in safe schools and neighborhoods.

Student safety is a priority for all of us. Working together, we can help make our neighborhoods and schools nurturing places for students to safely learn and grow.

Report it!

3 easy ways

Text or call
855-637-2095

1350@alert1.us

<https://everett-wa.safeschoolsalert.com>



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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