

# Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

Happy October! We have certainly been enjoying some beautiful weather lately. We hope it continues, right?

October is Disability Awareness Month. This is a good time to talk to your children and give them the message that we are all unique, and we are all human beings. Even though some of us learn in different ways, look, sound or behave differently, we are all valuable assets to our school, and we all deserve respect and a sense of belonging at school. Our school is stronger because of our diversity.

One program that helps students who learn at different speeds, or in different ways, is the iReady program we use at school. This program is an adaptive program that is meant to assist students with filling in gaps in knowledge in reading and math. Dr. Catherine Matthews will host an iReady Parent Night at our school on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the cafeteria. This is a great time to stop by and see how you can support your child.

Parents often ask us how to help their children with homework. The single most important thing parents can do is to **read every night** with the children. If they are old enough, have them read aloud to you. If they aren't ready yet, you can read them a story. Students need to hear fluent reading every day, and you can help!

The two high schools Madison feeds are Everett HS and Cascade HS. These schools will host High School and Beyond Events on October 9<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, respectively. Students of all ages are invited to attend the events—it's never too early to start dreaming of the future! October 24<sup>th</sup> is our Literacy Night this year, so save the date! We will have fun activities and our traditional book exchange. If you would like to donate books for the book exchange please contact Mrs. Grinage at [sgrinage@everettsd.org](mailto:sgrinage@everettsd.org).

Sincerely,

Amanda M. Overly  
Principal

## October 3

Picture Day

## October 4

LIF Friday 1:35 pm dismissal

## October 10

iReady Parent Night 6:00-7:00 pm

## October 11

LIF Friday 1:35 pm dismissal

## October 15

PTA Meeting 5:30 pm in library

## October 16

PTA Skate Night 6:30-8:30 pm at  
Everett Skate Deck

## October 18

No School/Teacher Work Day

## October 24

Literacy Night 5:30-7:30 pm

## October 25

LIF Friday 1:35 pm dismissal  
Family Support Coffee Hour 8:45 am

## November 1-8

2 ½ hour early dismissal at 12:20 pm  
for Parent/Teacher Conferences



## Access to public records (updated information)

District records are public records. Parents and other citizens have the right to ask to view or have copies of records defined as “public” under state and federal laws. Parents or guardians seeking education records may simply request those records from their individual schools, as they are entitled to such records under state and federal law and through district policy and procedure.

The district’s office of general counsel handles public records requests. Records may be requested in person, by phone or by sending an email request to [publicrecords@everettsd.org](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org). Wendy Snider is available to answer public records questions at 425-385-4188.

## 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 <https://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.

## 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



## 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.



## Mapping your future

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

- Enjoy free pizza
- Keynote speaker: **2020 and Beyond: Preparing for the Future in the Digital Age**
- Learn about cool careers – it is never too early for elementary, middle and high school students!
- Visit the college & career fair
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Interpreters available

**Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Cascade HS**  
**Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Everett HS**  
**Thursday, Oct. 10 – Jackson HS**

## 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. 13, 2019 and March 18, 2020

**Fall registration:** Sept. 16 – Oct. 11, 2019

**Spring registration:** Jan. 13 – Feb. 14, 2020

Also, check out the [new practice site](#) which was created to give students an overview of each kind of exam. Students can search their language and see what their specific exam will entail. There may even be a practice test available.

## Website tools for you

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

- 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](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, [MO'Brien@everettsd.org](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
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