

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Amanda Overly
Principal

616 Pecks Drive
Everett, WA 98203
425.385.5900



September 2019

From the Principal

Dear Madison Families,

It is with great joy and gratitude that I welcome back our families this year. I begin my third year as your Principal, and I am proud to work for your children again. We have many things to celebrate and look forward to.

Mrs. Sharon Hallinan joins our school family as our new full-time Assistant Principal. Mrs. Hallinan has experience as a dean, a middle school teacher, and an elementary school teacher. She is excited to be joining such a wonderful community and looks forward to getting to know you and your children as she works to support their learning. Madison has a new mission statement. Our new mission statement is simple, and you should see it reflected in all that we do. **Our mission is to collectively ensure that each student learns and grows at high levels.** Mrs. Hallinan and I are here to ensure we meet this mission. Please talk to us with questions or concerns.

Our PTA continues to provide engaging and fun family opportunities for you and your children. On September 20th, they will conduct the annual Fall Festival, in conjunction with our annual Title 1 Back to School Dinner. We will be serving spaghetti, so we hope to see you here at 5:30. Bring cash for festival tickets.

Our district continues to improve safety in our school. We have several new fences, and a 6-foot high upgrade to an existing fence. We also had lock work done on our cafeteria doors to make them sturdier.

In addition to culture and safety improvements, we made learning gains last year as we. **We increased our state performance in 4 out of 7 areas, and our 5-year trend is progressing upwards.** This growth exemplifies your students' and the teachers' commitment to excellence in learning.

This year we continue to focus on improving **attendance**. At our Meet the Teacher event, you should have received information on the importance of regular attendance. 2 absences per month is considered at risk. **1 or less for success!** Please schedule vacations outside of the school year, and according to our district released calendar.

Last year, our school leadership team developed a homework values statement. At Madison, our value statement says: **Homework is designed to support literacy, reinforce skills, and involve the family in the instructional program.** This means every child is expected to read or be read to every night. This is incredibly important for literacy.

Reinforcing skills means your child may bring home 2-3 math problems to practice. Students should only receive a few number of **practice problems that they already know how to do.** If your child does not understand their math, contact the teacher and let them know.

You might also receive homework that you are asked to do with your child, such as, find 10 objects together that start with the letter A. These are intended to be positive and fun activities that help strengthen family connections with the school.

The Madison staff is here, ready to serve your students for the new school year. We look forward to working with each one of you and your precious gifts to us, your children.

Sincerely,
Amanda M. Overly, Principal

September 6

LIF Friday 1:35 pm dismissal

September 13

LIF Friday 1:35 pm dismissal

September 20

LIF Friday 1:35 pm dismissal
Annual Title 1 Meeting and
Spaghetti Dinner 5:30-6:30 pm
PTA Fall Festival 5:30-7:30 pm

September 27

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

October 3

Picture Day!



Access to public records

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. These include parents’ and legal guardians’ student’s records and records about discipline of school employees.

The district’s finance and business services office handles public records requests. Request records by writing to that office at PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213, sending an email request to publicrecords@everettsd.org, or calling 425-385-4150.

New cell phone policy

The use of cell phones and personal electronic devices (PED) in the classroom can distract students from instruction, yet can be important to have accessible in case of emergency. With this in mind, the district has adopted a new personal electronic device [policy 3246](#) and [procedure 3246P](#) which will prohibit cell phone use in the classroom while still providing emergency access for students in case of emergency.

Elementary students who choose to bring cell phones and other PEDs to school may only use them before or after the school day. During the school day, they must be powered off and stored (e.g., in the student’s backpack, locker, other district provided storage). There will be storage in the classroom so, in the event of an emergency, the cell phones will be accessible without leaving the classroom.

There is an exception for students having an IEP, 504 Plan, or Individual Health Care Plan (IHP) that includes specific accommodations for assistive technology, following the process outlined in the student’s IEP, 504 Plan, or IHP.

Your student’s records are confidential

Everett Public Schools is serious about protecting student records and privacy. The district uses multiple security measures to safeguard student transcripts and other education-related records. Only those teachers, administrators and other staff members who work directly with students (and have an educational need to know) have access to individual student records. Staff members are required to maintain confidentiality of all information in a student’s records.

2019-20 Immunization Changes

On July 28, 2019 a new Washington State law went into affect that removes the personal and philosophical option to exempt children from the MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine required for school and preschool. This law does not affect students with a religious or medical exemption. For more information please refer to [Exemption to School and Child Care Immunization Requirements Quick Reference Guide](#).

Access your family’s immunization information

To access your family’s immunization information from the Washington State registry visit, sign up for [MyIR](#) to view, download and print your student’s immunization records securely online. Once you register, you can access the records anytime you need them. You can print your child’s Certificate of Immunization Status for school, child care and camp programs.

Four ways to stay in touch

At the bottom of every district webpage, you can sign up for [InTouch](#) announcements and school board meeting agendas highlights delivered to your email box twice monthly. You can also follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).





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.

Attendance procedures

We look forward to seeing your child at school every day. Regular school attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is present to benefit from an excellent education. If your child is absent, please email the school at their attendance email address, which you can find on the school website.

If email is not possible, and even if you leave a message with the school attendance line, please send a written note to the school office within 30 days after your student returns to school.

ECEAP preschool is now enrolling for 2019-20

Everett Public Schools Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a FREE preschool program for three- and four-year-old children from families with limited income. ECEAP prepares children for kindergarten and includes family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded in partnership with [Snohomish County Human Services](#) and [Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families](#).

The five ECEAP sites within our schools are Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628.

Capital projects updates

Thank you for making so many capital projects possible through the April 2016 Capital Bond! You can follow progress on those projects online at www.everettsd.org/capitalprojects.

Register to vote!

It's easy! You can register online at <http://bit.ly/VoteRegistration> or stop by your school office to pick up paper registration materials.

Student opportunities and activities eflyers

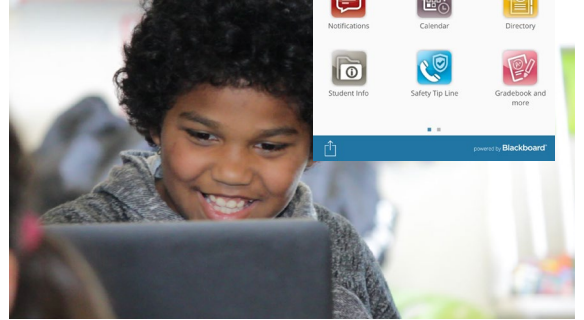
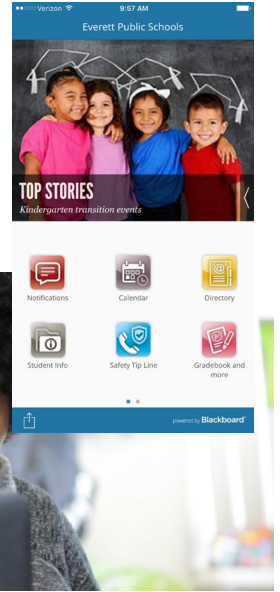
We use *Peachjar* to email approved flyers from community organizations to parents and guardians. Schools also post those flyers on their websites. Look for the Peachjar button in the *Quicklinks* section of your school home page to see those flyers. You can also register there to have those flyers delivered to your email address if you aren't already receiving them.



Kids in Transition program

The Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal [McKinney-Vinto Homeless Act](#). Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success and extra-curricular involvement. We ensure homeless students have school supplies and provide tutoring or help students join in extended day or summer school classes. We help students with the fees required take part in activities such as sports or clubs. KIT transports eligible students to maintain school stability, as long as the commute is feasible.

Last year, Everett Public Schools served over 1,100 homeless students at some time during the school year. For more information, visit the [KIT website](#) or contact Amy Perusse at 425-385-4032 or aperusse@everettsd.org.





Attention volunteers

Our schools rely on volunteers to support many important activities!

- We are digital! All volunteer applications and background checks can only be processed online.
- We are focused on safety! Each applicant requires background check and safety training.

Please plan ahead so your application can be processed in time for volunteer opportunities. The new application is now available online at www.everettsd.org/volunteer.



Backpacks for students in need



Do you know a family who might be in need this year? Stuffed the Bus for Kids ensures each child in Everett Public Schools starts the school year prepared to learn. The EPS Foundation will deliver over 1,800 backpacks, filled with school supplies, and make them available to any Everett Public School student who may need extra assistance.

Students in need of a backpack, please reach out to your school to receive your supplies. Backpacks will be available for pick up at each school beginning August 28, the week before school.

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.

3 easy ways

- Text or call
855-637-2095
- 1350@alert1.us
- <http://1350.alert1.us>



3900 Broadway
Everett, WA 98201
425-385-4000
www.everettsd.org

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