# **Madison Husky Highlights**

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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### From the Principal

Greetings, Madison families,

We have had a great start to the school year with our remote learning model! Our Huskies have shown they are willing and able to rise to the challenge, and I am so impressed with the hard work they have put into this new way of learning. They are doing an outstanding job of engaging with their classes, and I could not be more

October 16
No School for students
October 20

PTA Meeting @ 5:30pm

proud of them. You can ensure your child continues to thrive in school by building the habit of good attendance early so they learn right away that reporting to school on time and every day is important. Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves, and good attendance will help children do well in high school, college and in their future careers. Attendance Matters! As we continue with distance learning, we are committed to getting you the vital technology your student needs to be successful. Each student should have checked out a Chromebook either in the spring or at the start of this school year. If your child does not already have one, we encourage you to check one out from our school office. You can also reach out to your child's teacher for additional assistance—currently, email is the fastest way to reach them. This month, students will be working through their iReady lessons now that they have completed their diagnostics, and teachers are utilizing synchronous and asynchronous teaching strategies. If your student is not able to join for the live morning lessons, they can still complete the asynchronous work posted by the teacher to not miss important units. More information will be shared with families during our Virtual Curriculum Night on October 22. Please save the date and look for details as we get closer.

As always, thank you for your support and patience while we navigate these unconventional times together.

Kind Regards, Jessica Corneille, principal

### Attendance

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school and themselves. Good attendance will help children do well in their future at high school, college, and at work. We look forward to seeing your child at school each and every day. If they are expected to be absent, please be sure you are contacting the main office, either by email (<a href="mainto:maeattendance@everettsd.org">maeattendance@everettsd.org</a>) or by phone (425-385-5905). If you need to make a prearranged absence, please visit the Madison Elementary webpage and go to Attendance Reporting under Quicklinks. You will be required to fill out a form which must be approved by the principal. If you need assistance or if you would like recommendations on how to help ensure your child's regular school attendance, please contact your child's teacher, or our school counselor, Miranda Mahorney.





Beginning October 5<sup>th</sup>, student absences will be marked as excused or unexcused and parents will begin to receive letters and phone calls home if their child misses school.

Also beginning October 5<sup>th</sup> is our NEW Attendance Incentive Program! Classrooms are attempting to spell "ALL HERE" by earning a letter each day the students are 100% in attendance. *Attendance will be taken during the morning meeting from 8:35-9:10*. The principals and counselor will join your student's classroom to spin the Attendance Wheel for a classroom prize after ALL HERE is spelled. Please continue to encourage your students to be at school every day. If they are ALL HERE, they are learning!

# **Parent University**

Everett Public Schools Parent University is available 24/7 online and mobile, for you to access important resources to help support your student's remote learning. You can find details on how to access and log in to Canvas, how to view your student's schedule, where to get meals, and much more. Resources will continue to be added throughout the year. You will find Parent University, and all other information related to remote learning, at <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21">www.everettsd.org/COVID2020-21</a>

# Community survey about strategic plan

The district is engaging the community as we start the process of creating a new strategic plan. Please look for a survey coming out on October 12 on the district website to provide your input.

# 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

# 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.

### **Homeless resources**

We care about all our Everett Public Schools families and know many are experiencing economic impacts due to changes in the economy. If not your family directly, you may know others who are starting to question whether there is any help available. If you are staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing, or are staying in a motel, campground, shelter, outside or are in an inadequate place, you and your children have special rights at school. Everett Public Schools' Kids in Transition (KIT) program supports students who qualify as homeless under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Act. Students without a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence may qualify. The KIT program



works to eliminate barriers to students' academic success. If you believe your child qualifies, please complete the <u>online Housing Questionnaire</u>. For more information, visit the <u>KIT website</u> or contact the KIT office at 425-385-4032.

### Rights include:

- Keeping your children in the same school even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it is in the student's best interest;
- Enrolling in school immediately without the documents schools usually require;
- Receiving free school meals;
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs;
- Receiving extra support for youth who are on their own;
- Connecting young children with early childhood services;
- and referrals to other community resources.

**Get resources and activities for your children** from <u>Sesame Street in Communities</u>, including tips for <u>how to talk to your child about homelessness</u> and <u>how to create a feeling of home</u> even if you are moving around a lot.

If you find yourself in a dangerous situation, or in need of medical, emotional, or physical support, please see this list of national hotlines that provide an array of services. All hotlines listed are national hotlines providing 24/7 support across the United States. In Snohomish County, you may call 425-25-ABUSE (425-252-2873) In an emergency, call 911 for the police, get yourself and your children to a safe place, seek medical attention and call DVS for assistance.

# Community Run, Walk & Roll Virtual 5K

A fundraising event that has been organized by the Everett Special Education PTSA that is open to EVERYONE! All students, families, staff, community members and supporters from anywhere.

Anyone and everyone who registers, will have a week to run, walk, roll, hop, skip or jump the 5K distance. Reigstrants will pick their own course from anywhere they want. The Virtual 5K can be completed all at one time or broken up into multiple days. So, anyone can complete a 5K (3.1 miles). This event takes place from **December 7-13, 2020.** 

- 50% of proceeds go back to your school's PTA. There is an additional \$150 prize to the school with the most participants.
- Registration includes a custom race medal and running bib. Register by October 23<sup>rd</sup> to receive items prior to event.
- Limited event sponosorships available for students. Please submit requests to: <a href="mailto:president.eseptsa@gmail.com">president.eseptsa@gmail.com</a>
- To learn more or register, visit:

https://runsignup.com/Race/WA/Everett/CommunityRunWalkandRollVirtual5k

### **School Meals**

Meal kits are available at <u>no cost</u> for all children ages 1-18 years of age regardless if they attend Everett Public Schools or not. This is a waiver that has been extended to December 31, 2020 or until USDA funds run out.

We still encourage you to apply for free or reduced lunch online at <a href="https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/welcome">https://frapps.horizonsolana.com/welcome</a>. This application is also available in multiple languages, including: Spanish, Arabic, Vietnamese, Russian, and more. 5 day meal kits will be provided and can all be picked up on a single pick-up day.

Pre-order your meals online at <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/Page/37760">https://www.everettsd.org/Page/37760</a>. The person who completed the pre-order form should be the person who picks up the meals.



Madison Elementary families can now pick up their meals at Madison Elementary. Meal pickup will be on Wednesdays @ 11:00am-12:45pm starting on October 7<sup>th</sup>. More information can be found on the Food and Nutrition Services webpage (link below).

Menus, Frequently Asked Questions, and more can be found by navigating to the Food & Nutrition Services homepage at <a href="https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4827">https://www.everettsd.org/Page/4827</a>

### Let's Connect!

You are invited to connect with regional superintendent Sally Lancaster and engage in conversation about remote learning and provide feedback to help us improve. We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a zoom meeting to share your thoughts. RSVP required to receive the link for the zoom meeting.



October's Topic: Bringing students back to the classroom October 19, 2020, 5 - 6 p.m.

Questions that will be posed:

- When we start to bring groups of students back to the classroom, are you planning on sending your child to school or staying 100% remote?
- What are some factors in your decision?
- What information could the school district provide to make you feel more comfortable sending your child back to the classroom?

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://everettsd.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIlde2urzwiG9MQkWPozkkjR7QYYhIzauCU

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.



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Title IX/Civil Rights Compliance Officer:

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Everett, WA 98213

**Section 504 Coordinator:** 

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