

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Greetings Madison Families,

As we end 2020, I would like to thank you for your commitment to Madison and the belief in Everett Public Schools. The success we have experienced since the school year's opening owes a great deal to parents/caregivers and families like yours. I wish you a restful winter break, and I hope you enjoy this time with your child(ren). For the New Year, I wish you health and happiness and hope the winter recess provides a myriad of opportunities for you and your family to do things you might not be able to accomplish when school is in session.

This month, we will have an opportunity to strengthen our partnership with families through our Family Movie Night, which will occur **on December 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 pm**. We will also host our first Natural Leaders Bingo event **on Wednesday, December 16th, from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm**. Join us via zoom for fun, laughter, and the opportunity to win some great prizes. Stay tuned for more information.

Also, in the spirit of building community and making connections, especially when we need that more than ever, our PTA and Natural Leaders groups are looking for additional volunteers to think of new ways to support our students and families. A growing membership means more of our community is heard and represented. For more information, you can find links to both groups through our website under the Parents tab.

Finally, school is closed beginning December 21st. The holidays are good times for storytelling around the dinner table or routines like bedtime reading that cultivate connections between home and school expectations. Young scholars do best with regular schedules, and I encourage you to prepare for their return to school **on January 4th** by instilling in them an understanding of the importance of being rested and ready to learn.

As always, thank you for your continuous support. Please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any questions or concerns, and on behalf of the Madison staff, I'd like to wish you and your family a healthy, happy winter holiday season!

In Partnership,
Jessica Corneille, Principal

December 4

Anti-Bullying Assembly: "Team Player Mode" via Zoom
@12:20pm

December 15

PTA Meeting @ 5:30pm via Zoom

December 16

Natural Leaders Bingo @ 5:00-6:30pm via Zoom

December 17

Family Movie Night @ 5:30-7:00pm via Zoom

December 21 –

January 1

Winter Break – No School

January 4

First day of school after break



ECEAP preschool is still enrolling for 2020-21

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](#).

ECEAP is providing remote preschool services this fall including virtual circle times and small groups, video libraries of fun, engaging activities, and learning materials for home-based activities. Additionally, ECEAP supports parents as their child's first and most important teacher through regular parent-teacher check-ins, family support coaching, resources, and online family support groups and informational classes.



The six ECEAP sites within our schools are Cedar Wood, Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison and Silver Lake elementary schools. Additional community locations are available. Space is limited – apply today! For an application or more information, please call 425-385-4628, email eceap@everettsd.org or visit our website: <https://www.everettsd.org/Page/5962>

The gift of attendance

Absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. Just a few missed days here and there, even excused absences, can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in kindergarten as it is in high school. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success and eventually for graduation. This holiday season give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.



Family resources

Could you or a family you know use some help? Find information and links to helpful resources on the district's [Parent Tools webpage](#):

- Washington State Library – local and regional information about services and agencies offering help to families in a variety of ways including food, shelter, clothing, childcare, legal services, employment opportunities, and counseling
- Everett Public Schools [Kids In Transition \(KIT\) program](#) – supports homeless children and youth to continue their education
- Snohomish Health District for Snohomish County community dental resources for children and adults
- United Way of Snohomish County – 2-1-1 is a free telephone number that is your best "first call" to quickly find the right source of help. The information line is staffed by trained operators from Volunteers of America Western Washington who can connect you to a wide range of community services



Transitional Kindergarten Program

Everett Public Schools is offering a **Transitional Kindergarten** program this winter for children scheduled to enter kindergarten in the upcoming fall (2021). The program will focus on basic academic, social and self-help skills to jumpstart qualifying students toward success in school. Students will be screened in December and early January and may qualify based on ability and/or need. This program will be located at some of the elementary schools in our district or remote, depending on the current district learning plan; sites will be determined based on enrollment and space availability. The anticipated start date is February 4, 2021. **Transitional Kindergarten** will run through the last day of school, which is currently June 21, 2021.

To qualify for screening, children must:

- be 5 years old by August 31, 2021
- live within the boundaries of Everett Public Schools
- not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- demonstrate academic and/or social-emotional needs



The parent inquiry form is available online. Families who are interested should visit the early learning website and submit the form by December 6, 2020. For assistance or questions, contact Helen Cooley at 425-385-4088 or Early Learning at 425-385-4024.

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 6, 2021.

Delayed start or closed schools

If weather and road conditions call for closing school buildings, all learning will be cancelled, including remote learning. Remote learning must be cancelled because students who are learning in the building may not have their devices at home, and teachers who have been working in the building may not have the equipment or resources to teach from home.

If we must cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:30 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

Board of Distinction



Everett Public Schools board of directors earned high honors with the designation as a *Board of Distinction 2020*. Applications are reviewed by a panel of judges that includes former and current educational service district superintendents, State Board of Education board members, former school directors and other education leaders in Washington state. Scoring is based on how well applicants show alignment with the Washington School Board Standards, support their statements with data and demonstrate a link between outcomes and decisions made by the board.



Everett Public Schools board of directors front: April Berg, Caroline Mason, Andrew Nicholls. Back: Pam LeSesne, Traci Mitchell

Stay connected

With the increase of communications due to remote learning, it is very important the district has an updated phone number and email address in the communication system. Everett Public Schools believes communication with parents and the community is important and recently published a new resource called "[Stay Connected](#)" which shows the different ways you can regularly keep informed. Visit the communications overview page on the district's website for details.



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