

Madison Husky Highlights

MADISON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal

Greetings Madison Families,

Warm weather is finally here and so is, to a large degree, a return to normalcy! The month of May promises to be both a busy and an exciting time as we begin to recognize the end-of-the-year achievements and end-of-the-year celebrations. We are in the home stretch of the school year! Thank you for your incredible patience and flexibility during this trying year. We understand the enormous responsibility and challenges made to make this year a success. We honor all of you for your resilience, and the fortitude and determination you have demonstrated. Huskie's Rule!

One of our favorite weeks of the year happens to be the first week of May when we get to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. In this unprecedented year, we applaud our teachers more than ever, not just for their skill and heart, but for their courage and grit, shown throughout the pandemic. From the start, our teachers have embraced the complexity of teaching and learning in this environment, worked to know each child as a unique learner, made heroic efforts to learn new instructional practices, lived permanently outside of their comfort zone, and reflected daily on their work to continually improve, all in service of our students. Together, our teachers have collaborated and innovated, and refined as needed to be their very best for each child. Most importantly, our teachers have modeled courageous learning with passion and persistence, inspiring our students to do the same.

Safety Reminders: Even though we are all beginning to breathe a sigh of relief from COVID restrictions, we want to emphasize that, for the safety of everyone, we are still adhering to strict health protocols. In order to ensure the safety of all students and staff, we ask that students continue to practice health protocols without exception. Students must wear masks properly, practice physical distancing, wash and disinfect hands each and every day. Madison Huskies continues to offer a safe in-person learning environment. Safety is our top priority! I would like to personally thank our students, parents, and community members for all of their support during this challenging school year.

In closing, Madison family thank you for your continued support in making Madison a great place for your children to learn and grow.

In partnership,

Jessica Corneille

May 12

Schoolwide assembly with poet Kenn Nesbitt via Zoom @ 9:00-9:45am

May 13

Learn English with IL&L Parent Night via Zoom @ 6:00-7:00pm

May 18

Hybrid Group A – Picture Day!
Remote Learners – Picture Day @ 3:15 pm – see email to sign up!
PTA Meeting @ 5:30pm

May 20

Hybrid Group B – Picture Day!
Remote Learners – Picture Day @ 3:15 pm – see email to sign up!

May 27

Festival of Cultures Night via Zoom @ 6:00-7:30pm

May 31

Memorial Day- No School



ECEAP preschool accepting applications for 2021-22

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 provides family support and health and nutrition services. It is funded by the Washington State Department of Early Learning.

The six ECEAP sites within our school district are Cedar Wood, Garfield, Hawthorne, Lowell, Madison, and Silver Lake elementary schools. Space is limited – apply early! For an application or more information, please visit the [district ECEAP website](#) or call 425-385-4628.

Everett Public Schools is hiring paraeducators

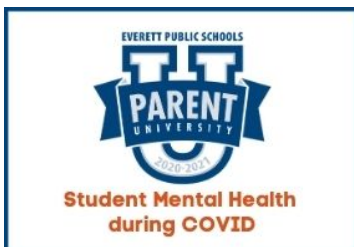
We are hiring Paraeducators! Great benefits, competitive wages, professional development with summers and school breaks off! Interested? Please apply [online](#). Schools are located in Everett, Mill Creek and Bothell, Washington.

Let's Connect - May



You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on Monday, May 3 from 5 – 6 p.m. to get feedback on how we can do better. We want to hear from you and hope you can attend a Zoom meeting to share your thoughts. Please check your email for an invitation to connect with your school's regional superintendent and other district leaders. Be sure to check your email; RSVP required to receive the link for the meeting. Let's Connect!

Connecting with counselors video series



Two new series of videos are now available on the district's Parent University webpage; Healthy and Safe Social Time for Teens and Helping your Child Respond to Stress.

In the series, Healthy and Safe Social Time for Teens, MTSS Facilitator Kristin Walker and North Middle School Counselor Susie Smothers discuss how parents can support healthy and safe social time for teens and pre-teens. The series includes videos on the following topics:

- [Video 1: Introduction to the Series and Maintaining Social Connections](#) – Adolescence is a stage in life when social connections and experiences are a healthy and critical part of development. Not being able to see friends, go to school events, and play sports can cause sadness and major disappointment for teens and pre-teens and many parents are struggling with the best way to help them cope. Learn about healthy ways kids can maintain social connections while following health and safety guidelines.
- [Video 2: Supporting Healthy Online Boundaries](#) – With so many healthy and creative ways for kids to socialize online during the pandemic, our counselors share ways to set and balance responsible online boundaries for your teen.



- [Video 3: Social Connections at School](#) – As was the case before the pandemic, students can still participate in a variety of extracurricular activities after school. Encourage your child to get involved. Reach out to your school to find out what is available. Many schools are still offering a variety of clubs and organizations your child can join to stay connected with peers.
- [Video 4: Family Social Opportunities](#) – With many parents working from home at this time, families should try to carve out unplugged time together. Watch this video for suggested ways the whole family can engage in social activities together.
- [Video 5: Supporting Your Child’s Struggle](#) – Pandemic fatigue is a real thing. Coronavirus has put a strain on our everyday functioning and teens may display a range of emotions including sadness, anger, frustration, depression, and more. Learn strategies to listen empathetically to your teen as a way to acknowledge their experiences without trying to “minimize” or “fix” the situation.

In the series, Helping your Child Respond to Stress, MTSS Facilitator Kristin Walker and Evergreen Middle School Counselor Dr. Kaley Mitchell help us understand and define stress and offer action-oriented strategies for parents to help their children as they exhibit emotional and behavioral signs of stress. The series includes videos on the following topics:

- [Video 1: Understanding Stress](#) – Many parents are asking “Why is my child so stressed out?” Stress is dominating our world and society and both adults and children are stressed at more intense levels than ever before. In this video, Evergreen Middle School Counselor Dr. Kaley Mitchell helps parents understand the history, biology, and experiences that lead to feeling stress.
- [Video 2: Opposite Action Strategy](#) – In this video, learn about the “Opposite Action” strategy to help your teen or pre-teen respond to stress. Opposite Action is doing the opposite of your urge when your urge is not helpful or healthy and is a skill that can help children (and adults too!) to respond to stress in a healthier, more effective way.
- [Video 3: Cold Water Strategy](#) – Is your child exhibiting heightened signs of anxiety or intense emotions? The Cold Water strategy can help! The Cold Water strategy is the act of using cold water on the face or body to bring anxiety down immediately. Learn more in this informative video.
- [Video 4: What if we need help?](#) – If coping mechanisms just aren’t working, learn when you should seek immediate help for your child. Also learn more about school, local, and national resources of support such as mental health counseling, crisis lines, and more.

All of the links to these videos can be found at www.everettsd.org/ParentUniversity.

School Stakeholder Annual Survey



To guide Everett Public Schools’ continuous improvement process, each year schools survey students, families, and staff to understand specific strengths and challenges that impact school quality. The School Stakeholder Annual Survey is only one of many pieces of data analyzed by school leaders and staff. In addition to survey data, student achievement, attendance, discipline, and program data are evaluated to create School Improvement Plan goals.

You should have received [a link](#) to our anonymous, multiple-choice family survey in late April. We ask that you please complete and submit the survey by **May 21**. If you have more than one student in Everett Public Schools, please complete a survey for each school your student attends so they can benefit from your feedback.



We truly appreciate your time and participation. Your feedback is very important to us as we set and evaluate school improvement goals.

2021-22 Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook

Beginning next school year, the district will no longer be printing the annual Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook. Students and parents/guardians will access the handbook on the district website at www.everettsd.org under “Students” and then “Student Handbook” or on the desktop of their student’s district provided device. Parents/guardians will acknowledge “receipt” of the student handbook and complete the required FERPA information through the district’s online annual student information update process. More information and instructions for completing the annual student information updates and accessing the Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook will be provided to families before the start of the next school year.

Virtual Student Art Shows

Mark Your Calendars for virtual art gallery open for public viewing on the [district’s website](#):

- Elementary school artwork – starting April 19
- High school artwork – starting May 17
- Middle school artwork – starting June 1



Graduation dates

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming high school graduations in June. Ceremony details will be shared soon.

- Sequoia High School June 17, 6 p.m. at TBD
- Cascade High School, June 19 at 11 a.m. at TBD
- Jackson High School, June 19 at 3 p.m. at TBD
- Everett High School, June 19 at 7 p.m. at TBD



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