Lowell Leopard News

LOWELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Hello Lowell Leopard Families,

I wanted to say thank you to all families who attended our recent Curriculum Night and Bingo Event. It was so great to see all of you! It was special to see so many of our families in one spot, Zoom, and having fun together. We all miss that so much! Bingo was a hit and we look forward to doing more virtual family nights soon.

At Curriculum Night, my presentation focused on explaining the use of our Title One funds. One part of the presentation introduced you to the Parent-Student-Teacher Compacts. I showed you an example from kindergarten. As promised, I have attached all the grade level Compacts for you to view. Choose the grade level of your child/children and read the document. Once you are done reading it, please print the Compact, sign it on the line labeledparent signature- and return it to school. Lowell's address is 5010 View Drive Everett, WA 98203. Thank you so much!

One of the Title One requirements is we give you a copy of the Compact and that you sign and return it. Usually, this is a much easier process because we present it to you at parent/teacher conferences and you sign the Compact right there at the conference. Because we had conferences in September, we now must send you the Compact via email. Sorry for any inconvenience and we really appreciate you taking the time to read and return the Compact.

Cindy Foster Lowell Principal Cindy Foster Principal

Nov. 6th

Learning Improvement Friday Release at 1:35

Nov. 11th

Nov. 13th

Learning Improvement Friday Release at 1:35

Nov. 20th

Learning Improvement Friday Release at 1:35

Nov. 25th Early Release at 1:35

Nov. 26th & 27th No School, Thanksgiving Holiday



Native American History Month

November is Native American History Month. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

Land acknowledgement



In the district's sustained work to build a culture of inclusive belonging for students, teachers, staff and the community, we join local, state, national and international efforts to acknowledge Native land.

According to the U.S. Department of Arts and Culture, "In countries such as Canada, New Zealand and Australia, it is commonplace, even policy, to open events and gatherings by acknowledging the traditional Indigenous inhabitants of that land.

" Our Equity & Access Department encourages opening school and district events with this impactful Native land acknowledgment:

"We respectfully acknowledge that we gather today on the traditional lands of

the Coast Salish Peoples, who have lived in the Salish Sea basin, the San Juan Islands, and the North Cascades watershed since time immemorial. You are on Coast Salish Tribal Land."

Learn more at Everett Public Schools Equity & Access webpage or at www.usdac.us/nativeland

School performance report

Our school's performance report is available online on each school's website. More information is available on the <u>Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction website</u>. Click on "State Report Card" and select Everett from the list of districts.

Let's Connect

You are invited to connect with district leaders and engage in conversation on November 16 from 5-6 p.m. (topic to be determined). 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 zoom meeting. Let's Connect!



Attendance Procedure

We look forward to teaching your child every day. Regular attendance is important, and we will work with you to ensure your child is engaged in learning to benefit from an excellent education. If your child will miss remote learning, please email our school at: LOEAttendance@everettsd.org.

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. Teachers will use digital Gradebook attendance to log student attendance daily. K-5 students will have attendance taken daily at the beginning of the day during their morning meeting. Grades 6-12 will have attendance taken in every class period.

Is your family prepared?

<u>Snohomish County Emergency Management</u> has helpful online resources to help you create, and practice emergency response plans with your family and neighborhood in preparation for bad weather.



Social Media Directory

Follow our social media sites including school pages, district pages, teachers, clubs, and student groups. Stay connected to learn all the latest news!

Not sure your school has social media? Visit our <u>social media directory</u> for a list of accounts.





Online safety tips

- Keep the computer in a busy area of your home.
- Use an app to keep an eye on your child's online activity on their device.
- Talking about cyberbullying; ask if someone they know has been a victim. Ask if they have been victimized.
- Set up email and social media accounts with your children. Know their screen names and passwords and explain the reasons for not including any personal information in profiles.

Know who is in the "buddy lists." Get to know the cyberfriends as well as you do those who visit your home. Parents and guardians may find the following resources helpful to begin a conversation about the dangers of engaging in cyberbullying and how to stay safe online:

- <u>Stop Bullying Now</u>
- <u>Ms. Parry's Guide to Correct Online Etiquette</u>
- <u>Common Sense Media</u>

Find out what Everett Public Schools students learn about digital citizenship on the district <u>Learning Management</u> <u>Services website</u>.



FAFSA season has begun!

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is an office of the U.S. Department of Education. FAFSA coordinates with postsecondary schools and financial institutions to help students and families pay for college. Watch for FAFSA completion events happening around the district. Find more information at <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u>.



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