



From the Principal

Welcome to a great year at Silver Lake!

With the new school year finally arriving, I would like to send you all a warm welcome to Silver Lake for all our new and returning students. As the new principal, it is a tremendous honor to be able to serve your school community for the upcoming year and beyond. I am extremely fortunate to join this team of passionate and dedicated teachers and staff who are committed to providing the best educational learning experiences to our students. Adding to our administration team, we are pleased to have Mr. Matthew Arnold joins us as our new assistant principal. Mr. Arnold brings with him two decades of educational experiences as he joins us from San Gabriel Unified School District in California. As a consistent communication tool, you will receive this newsletter monthly so that you can stay updated with our school programs and activities. In addition, you can access up to date school information on our school website (<https://www.everettsd.org/silverlakee>) and on our new Twitter account **@EPS_SilverLake**.



Safety is our number one priority. In this opening edition of the newsletter, we will cover our policies and procedures that help keep our students safe. Thank you for taking the time to read and explain these points to your children.

Drop-off/Pick-Up

Breakfast is served at Silver Lake beginning at **8:55 a.m.** when our cafeteria doors open. For safety reasons, no students should be on campus before 8:55 a.m. If you need to drop your child off earlier, you will need to make arrangements with another parent or seek out a local childcare facility that is open before school.

Daniel Natividad
Principal

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Sept. 4

First Day of School

Sept. 6 & 13

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

Sept. 16

Curriculum Night, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
PTA Kickoff Night, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sept. 20

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

Sept. 26

WatchDOGS Kick Off Night, 6:30 p.m.
Volunteer Training, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Sept. 27

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.



Parent parking is located only in the front parking lot

It is not safe to pick up or drop off students at the parking lot off 129th Pl. This back lot is for buses pick-up/drop-off and staff parking only. At the front parking lot, we have a “Kiss-and-Go” lane for both drop-off and pick-up.

If you are using the Kiss-and-Go lane, you must remain in your car—both before and after school. Exiting your car as you drop off or pick up your child creates a delay in the flow of track and holds up that moving line. If you need to get out of your car to pick up your child or put them into car seats, please park in the lot and pick up your child in the supervised area.

For parents/guardians who pick up their children in the back of the school, we have those students supervised by a staff member in the kindergarten round up area outside of Ms. Martinez’s and Mrs. Koellmer’s classrooms. Please make plans to meet them there, and **do not pick up your child from the bus line**. It is expected that every student waiting in a bus line is going home on the bus.

For our new families at the Gateway Apartments (and those families who live back behind the school) we have a “walking school bus” that ensures that your children get safely home from school. Students taking the walking school bus (recommended for grades K-3) line up under the covered area in the “Gateway Walkers” line which is located near the playground area. These students leave Silver Lake 5-10 minutes after dismissal.

If your child is a walker and gets themselves to school, please remind them to use only the sidewalks and official walkways walking to or from school.

Finally, please have a specific plan for pick-up and communicate that to your child. Where will you pick them up? Is it okay for them to walk home? What should they do if you are late picking them up? Students need the same clarity in your directions as they do from their teachers in the classroom. Thank you for doing this as soon as possible and increasing their safety. Thank you for helping us keep all our students safe.

We Need Your Partnership



Good school attendance is one of the primary indicators of school success. Students cannot learn if they are not in school, so in advance, thank you for ensuring that your child is here on time each day. The first bell rings at 9:10 a.m. and the official start of the school day is 9:15 a.m. Our teachers work extremely hard to prepare and deliver instruction from 9:15 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Unless necessary (medical appointment, family emergency), please do not pick up your child early from school. Whenever possible, please schedule any medical and dental appointments after 3:30 p.m. Every minute of our learning day counts!



One of the best ways to embrace the new school year is to get involved—both students and their parents. For our students, we have Soccer Club, Milers Club, and Robotics. For parents, joining and participating in PTA is the best way to stay connected to your school and all that is happening. Please see the PTA news below regarding the first parent meeting here on September 16. Volunteering in classrooms and the lunchroom/recess gives you a glimpse at what your child is experiencing at school. Please be sure to complete the Volunteer Application (see the Parent section of the Everett Public Schools homepage to access the online



application) in order to work with or supervise our students. We are so proud of the Silver Lake community and look forward to our continued partnership with you, our valued parents and guardians, throughout this school year.

-Daniel Natividad, Principal

Counseling Corner

Welcome back! I am so excited to get this new year underway. I am Carrie Surowiec, school counselor at SLE. I truly believe I have the best job – from supporting students, families, and staff members, I get to do it all! I meet with kids to help solve problems, meet with small groups for social-emotional skills learning, teach social-emotional lessons in classrooms, meet with parents to help connect families with resources, develop plans to help students succeed academically, and organize 504 meetings – among many other tasks. I am always available to meet with families and will do my best to help resolve any issue you may have.

Please do not hesitate to call or email me at csurowiec@everettsd.org or 425-385-6910.

And we're off to a wonderful new year! -- Carrie Surowiec, SLE School Counselor

From the Office



Follow Silver Lake Elementary on Twitter as we shares SLE insights!

Go to https://twitter.com/EPS_SilverLake and see what's happening in OUR school.

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Student Calendar 2019-20

2019					2020				
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Sep 2	Labor Day
Sep 4	First day of school for students
Sep 9	First day of school for kindergarten students
Oct 18	Teacher work day; no school for students
Nov 1	Early release elementary and middle school for parent conference preparation (2 1/2 hours)
Nov 4-8	Early release elementary and middle school for parent conferences (2 1/2 hours)
Nov 11	Veterans Day observed; no school
Nov 27	Early release for Thanksgiving break (2 1/2 hours)
Nov 28-29	Thanksgiving break
Dec 23- Jan 3	Winter break
Jan 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day; no school
Jan 27	Teacher work day; no school for students
Feb 17-18	Mid-winter break
Mar 27	Early release for ES only – 2 1/2 hours (Full day for MS/HS)
Mar 30-Apr 3	Early release for ES only for parent conferences – 2 1/2 hours (Full day for MS/HS)
Apr 6-10	Spring break
May 25	Memorial Day; no school
Jun 5	Early release for students (2 1/2 hours)
Jun 15	Last day of school; early release for all students (2 1/2 hours)
Jun 16+	Potential inclement weather make-up days

75 Sept. 6 - June 12, Learning Improvement Fridays each Friday unless otherwise marked. All students dismissed 75 minutes early

* see notes on right ■ schools closed ■ Teacher workday

Board approved Sept. 11, 2018



District Updates

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? Stuff 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>



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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063
- ADA Coordinator – Becky Clifford, rclifford@everettsd.org, 425-385-5250