

# Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## From the Principal

It is hard to believe that we are ready to begin our second month of the school year! Thank you all, for your diligence in having your children well prepared for school. Please remember that we teach bell-to-bell. That means that if your student is tardy or picked up early, they will be missing critical instruction. Please make every attempt to limit the amount of time your student misses school. [Attendance Matters](#) (English) [Attendance Matters](#) (Spanish). **Please read the flyer included in your email today OR click on Attendance Matters above.**

Many of you attended Curriculum Night on September 16 and heard about your child's classroom curriculum and procedures. If you were not able to attend you can always contact your child's teacher to get that information.

We are very fortunate to have an active PTA that sponsors numerous activities for our students and their families. These fun events also require **parent volunteers**. If each parent or family could sign up for **one** event we would have more than enough help to provide for our students for the whole year! Our Natural Leaders program is off to a great start and we are anticipating more involvement this year than ever before. Silver Lake is also fortunate to have an active Watch D.O.G.S. program with many members. Watch D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students) is a national organization that seeks to increase and enjoy the impact of a stronger male presence in our schools. We hosted a pizza and Volunteer Training for all our valuable volunteers on Thursday, September 26. Thank you to all who attended!

Parent-Teacher Conferences are coming up the week of November 4 - 8. Conferences will be held Monday through Friday. Some teachers may elect to hold conferences on a select evening for parents with working schedules. **You will be receiving a request form about conferences soon**, you will receive a letter of confirmation from your child's teacher confirming your conference time after scheduling is complete. **Please then review that confirmation, fill out and return the bottom portion to your student's teacher.**

Your children are an inspiration to us and a daily reminder of why we choose to do this impactful work. Silver Lake is fortunate to have you and your family as part of our learning community.

Daniel Natividad, Principal

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### Oct. 2

Soccer Club, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.  
High School & Beyond Night, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., Cascade High School

### Oct. 4

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

### Oct. 9

Soccer Club, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Oct. 11

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.  
PTA Bingo Night, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m., SLE Café

### Oct. 15

**Picture Day!**

### Oct. 16

Soccer Club, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Oct. 18

**NO SCHOOL – TEACHER WORK DAY**

### Oct. 21

PTA Skate Night, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Everett Skate Deck

### Oct. 23

Soccer Club, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Oct. 25

Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

### Oct. 30

Soccer Club, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

### Nov. 1

Early Release, 1:00 p.m.  
**NOVEMBER 4 – 8 CONFERENCE WEEK!**



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## i-Ready<sup>®</sup> Parent Guide

What is i-Ready? Click [HERE](#) to access the i-Ready Parent Guide to find out how you can help your student.

i-Ready is an interactive online learning program that helps students build essential skills in reading and mathematics.

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### Counseling Corner



Did you know that children as young as twelve have a strong sense of their personal futures and can reflect thoughtfully on what life might hold for them? What does this mean for us at the elementary level? We need to start having conversations about High School & Beyond with our students right now!

On **Wednesday, 10/2**, Cascade High School (CHS) will again be hosting the annual [High School & Beyond Event](#) (click for

flyer) and **ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ARE INVITED!** This is a night for students to learn about high school pathways, graduation requirements, and post-secondary options (such as community college, university, vocational options), or they can meet and speak directly to professionals in various careers! Seriously, what kid doesn't like meeting a fireman?

During the week of 09/30, I will be giving a presentation about post-secondary options to our 5<sup>th</sup> graders. This is a great time for classrooms at any level to incorporate some discussions or projects that get students thinking about their own interests. There is no such thing as too early!

#### Let's ramp up the HS & Beyond excitement by:

- Teacher will decorate their classroom door with their Favorite College for the week
- **10/01 School is Cool Day! Wear Red, Black, and SLE gear!**
- 10/02 Happy High School & Beyond Day!
  - Wear your favorite college gear and attend the event at CHS
  - **Arrive at 5:30 p.m. and can get FREE pizza in the CHS cafeteria**
  - College and Career Fair is in the CHS gym from 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Any questions – ask Mrs. Surowiec!

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### Silver Lake Mustang Milers starting November 1st

Silver Lake Elementary School Mustang Milers Club will return to **Friday mornings 8:35 to 8:55 a.m.** on November 1. During this optional before school club students walk or jog laps on our track or undercover area, or in the gym – depending on the weather. If your child is interested, they need to have a signed permission slip turned in prior to participating. If dropping off students early for Mustang Milers, go to the back parking lot. A coach needs to be present and it needs to be 8:35 a.m. (or later - NOT earlier; and please note the



cafeteria will not open early). If early transportation is an issue, participants can join in anytime during the 20-minutes. At each session, the student needs to check in with one of the club advising teachers. Enrollment is open through April, the program continues until June. This is a fitness club or activity, with students earning a small token after completing miles (walking or jogging 5 miles = one token).

Students do not need to attend all sessions or each Friday to participate. Permission slips are in an office kiosk. Parent volunteers are welcome, please see the district website or contact our office. If you have questions, please contact Mrs. Bence at [RBence@everettsd.org](mailto:RBence@everettsd.org) or Mrs. Montiel at [AMontiel@everettsd.org](mailto:AMontiel@everettsd.org).

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## From the Library – Book Fair!

- **The dates and times of the Book Fair:**
  - Monday 11/04 1:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
  - Tuesday - Thursday 11/05-11/07 1:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.
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- **We are looking for volunteers to:**
  - Help set up on 11/01 starting at 1:15 p.m.
  - Help “tear” down on 11/07 after the fair is closed at 4:30 p.m.
  - Help run the register during the fair.
  - Help students find books during the fair.
  - No experience necessary.
  - Earn a free book for every hour worked.





## Twitter



Follow us on Twitter as we share insights and updates!

Go to [https://twitter.com/EPS\\_SilverLake](https://twitter.com/EPS_SilverLake) and see what's happening in OUR school.

#EPS\_AlwaysLearning #EPS\_Principals

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## Box Tops for Education is going digital! No more clipping!

For over 20 years, Box Tops for Education has given families an easy way to earn cash for our school, with products we already buy! Now you can simply scan your store receipt (within 14 days of purchase) with the Box Tops FREE mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to our PTA's earnings online!

If you have older Box Tops that are not digital, please continue to send them in to school to be counted. Box Tops will still be accepting clipped ones until they expire in 2021. **If you have any questions, please ask Melissa Martinez, PTA Box Top Coordinator.**



**Friday, November 8**

*(Invitations to follow in kid-mail soon)*

*Grades 1 – 5 in the Café from 9:40 – 10:20 a.m.*

*Kindergarten in the Gym from 12:00 – 12:20 p.m.*



# Picture Day

**Tuesday, October 15** – look for picture packets to come home with students soon.

**IMPORTANT:** Do not send completed order envelopes with money to school until picture day.

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## Upcoming Event



### Family Reading Night

**November 14** from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.



**SLE Library**

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## FUN RUN COMING IN NOVEMBER – MORE INFORMATION COMING

The kick-off assembly for Apex Fun Run will be Friday 11/15 and the run will be on Tuesday 11/26. This is the one major fundraising event that Silver Lake does. The students really enjoy the Apex coaches visiting their classrooms with their positive messages and being at our school for the week. It's a win-win for students, staff, and our PTA – please join in.

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## District Updates

### Everett Public Schools is hiring!

Are you interested in working for the school district? Full-time, part-time and substitute positions are available. The schedule for many classified positions is the same as the student day. Training is provided, and benefits are available for many positions. We have a high need for substitute teachers, classified staff including regular and substitute paraeducators, office staff, custodial and food service positions. Join us! <https://www.everettsd.org/jobs>







## Access to public records (updated information)

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. Parents or guardians seeking education records may simply request those records from their individual schools, as they are entitled to such records under state and federal law and through district policy and procedure.

The district’s office of general counsel handles public records requests. Records may be requested in person, by phone or by sending an email request to [publicrecords@everettsd.org](mailto:publicrecords@everettsd.org). Wendy Snider is available to answer public records questions at 425-385-4188.

## Delayed start or closed schools

If we have to cancel school or delay the start of school, we will use our parent communication system to call in the morning, typically around 5:45 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

## 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.

## Is your contact information up-to-date at school?

If your contact information has changed, please let your school know so we can reach you.

## Back-to-school safety reminders

It’s helpful to talk with your child from time to time about staying safe and alert, especially when traveling to and from school. Here are just a few quick reminders:

- Walk with a buddy
- Be aware of your surroundings (cell phones and ear buds put away)
- Wait with a friend or adult at bus stops
- Report anything suspicious to an adult right away
- For adults, [stop for buses](#) when they have the stop arm out

## 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.





## Mapping your future

Students K through 12 and their families are invited to the High School and Beyond family nights to:

- Enjoy free pizza
- Keynote speaker: **2020 and Beyond: Preparing for the Future in the Digital Age**
- Learn about cool careers – it is never too early for elementary, middle and high school students!
- Visit the college & career fair
- Get help with financial aid and college admissions
- Get help registering for College Bound scholarships (grades 7 and 8)
- Interpreters available

**Wednesday, Oct. 2 – Cascade HS**

**Wednesday, Oct. 9 – Everett HS**

**Thursday, Oct. 10 – Jackson HS**

## Middle and high school students

Can you fluently read, write, speak, and listen in a language other than English? Students in grades 7 through 12 in Everett Public Schools can earn high school credit in a world language by successfully passing district-approved assessments and demonstrating language proficiency in listening, speaking, reading, and writing in this language. Assessments are available at \$10 for many different world languages. See the district [assessment website](#) for details.

**Test dates:** Nov. 13, 2019 and March 18, 2020

**Fall registration:** Sept. 16 – Oct. 11, 2019

**Spring registration:** Jan. 13 – Feb. 14, 2020

Also, check out the [new practice site](#) which was created to give students an overview of each kind of exam. Students can search their language and see what their specific exam will entail. There may even be a practice test available.

## 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



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**Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:**

- Affirmative Action Officer – Randi Seaberg, [rseaberg@everettsd.org](mailto:rseaberg@everettsd.org), 425-385-4104
- Title IX Officer – Mary O'Brien, [MO'Brien@everettsd.org](mailto:MO'Brien@everettsd.org), 425-385-4106
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, [rballbach@everettsd.org](mailto:rballbach@everettsd.org), 425-385-4063
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