

Silver Lake Mustang News

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From the Principal

December is finally here which means it is the season of giving. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank our parents, guardians, and community members for the many ways you give to our school and the Silver Lake community:

- Volunteering in our classrooms
- Helping create and maintain wonderful bulletin boards in the hallways
- Joining PTA and working at our PTA-sponsored school events (Popcorn Fridays, Book Fair, Movie Night, etc.)
- Serving as Watch D.O.G.S.
- Joining and participating in Natural Leaders
- Filing books in the library
- Helping with classroom materials for teachers
- Communicating with teachers or me when there is a concern/need or good news to be shared

Welcoming every student with a smile and encouragement with the coming winter weather, I am reminded of those who do not have a warm home to go to each night and perhaps not enough food on the table. If you know of a family in need that would appreciate help, please let them know that we are here to support them. They can contact Carrie Surowiec, our counselor, Barb Olson, our health room assistant, or me so we can provide support or other resources. Our students and their parents generously give and it is our pleasure and privilege to share with those in need.

The holidays are a sweet reminder that we need to pause and enjoy time with our family and friends. Whether you are going away over winter break or staying here in Everett, I wish you a wonderful holiday season surrounded by those special people in your life. Silver Lake is so fortunate to have the school community that we do. Thank you for being a special part of our family! In advance, Happy Holidays and a very Happy New Year to each and every one of you.

Daniel Natividad

Principal

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Dec. 2

Highly Capable Parent Info Night, 6:30 p.m.,
Gym/Café

Dec. 6

Mustang Milers, 8:35 a.m., Gym
LIF Friday, 2:15 p.m. Release

Dec. 9

SBA Parent Info Night, 6:00 p.m., Café/Library

Dec. 13

Mustang Milers, 8:35 a.m., Gym
LIF Friday, 2:15 p.m. Release

Dec. 16

Grade 1-5 Music Concert, 6:30 p.m., Everett Civic
Auditorium

Dec. 20

Spirit Day, Holiday Sweater Day
Mustang Milers, 8:35 a.m., Gym
LIF Friday, 2:15 p.m. Release

Dec. 23 – Jan. 3

Winter Break

Jan. 6

First Day Back to School



Lost and Found

Our Lost and found bins are bursting at the seams. It is heartbreaking to walk past them in the cafeteria each day, look at the shirts, sweatshirts, coats, mittens, and hats, knowing some student/family is missing these items. Please stop by the cafeteria any time and go through the lost and found bins in case your child is missing anything from home. Also, please label your child's belongings in case they are left at school so we can get them back home to you.

Prior to the holiday break, we will be donating unclaimed items to the local shelter. Please be sure to check if you have any lost items before we do this.



Thank you, Mr. Natividad



Holiday Season

Here at Silver Lake Elementary we love to see our kids each day. The Holiday season is coming up and we know there will be plans to travel and visit families both near and far.

The winter holiday break is **December 23 - January 3.**

Please keep these dates in mind as you make your plans.

Counseling Corner

The month of December is a time of celebration for many cultures of the world. We are very lucky that our students represent so many countries around the world. With the various languages and cultures represented, the students and staff at Silver Lake Elementary learn to respect and embrace others' beliefs and customs. We are very lucky!

While the holiday time is a time of joy for most families, it can also be a difficult time both financially and emotionally. The American tradition includes gift giving and large feasts that can be expensive. We make an effort in the Silver Lake community to support all families through the holiday season – through resource referrals and direct giving from our staff family to your family. If your family would like to help contribute to support families during this holiday season, please contact me directly.



In an effort to build resiliency in our students during difficult times, our teachers continue to provide social-emotional curriculum to our students through Zones of Regulation and Second Step lessons. In Zones, we teach our students to recognize their emotions. Your student should be able to tell you the color of the Zone they are in – Blue represents a sad or calm state; Green represents a calm and happy state; Yellow represents fear or anxiety; and Red represents anger or strong reactions. Ask your student what strategies they use to calm themselves when they are not in the Green Zone, or how they help other students get back to the Green Zone.

In the Silver Lake community, we always look for ways to help one another in times of need. As always, contact me for any questions and please have a safe and happy holiday!

Carrie Surowiec, SLE School Counselor

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.**



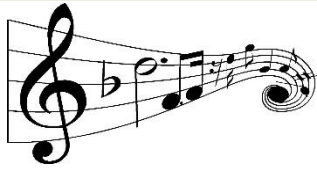
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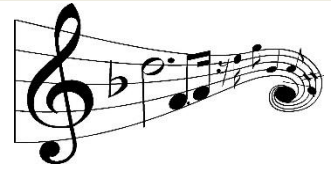
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Go to https://twitter.com/EPS_SilverLake and see what's happening in OUR school.

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Music Concert Grades 1-5 December 16, 6:30 p.m.



Please come join us for our music concert at Everett Civic Auditorium located in North Everett across from Everett High School. 2415 Colby Ave, Everett, WA 98201

Mustang Milers on the move Friday mornings

On Friday mornings, from 8:35 to 8:55, over 30 students, parents and teachers are found doing laps in the school’s gym. They meet partly for fitness reasons, with intentions to earn a foot token, get energized for the day or to let out energy. Regardless of reasons or motivations, all are Mustang Milers.

With only a month into the club we have a few that will have earned their first five-mile token (one is awarded for every 5 miles, or over 100 laps on our indoor patterned course) and several are closing in. All Silver Lake students participating in the Apex fun run earned a Mustang Milers foot token for their efforts. Also, fun run laps will be counted towards any

Miler’s token points.

Great job to all participants! Come and join us; permission slips are in the main office.





Fall Soccer Club

The fall sessions of soccer club have ended. For over 8 weeks, 45-60 3-5th grade students participated regularly in this season's club. Our special thanks to the volunteers who assist with the success of the program (7th graders to adults).

Look for information about the spring season in March.





District Updates

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.



Graduation rates jump to 95.9%

Our graduation rate jumped even higher for the 12th year in a row. Now 95.9 percent of our students graduate on time, the highest rate on record. The increase in graduation rates can be attributed to the strategically aligned work of district and school staff. It is a focus for everyone, no matter their role in our school district, to ensure each one of our students graduates ready for college and career.

Bond 2020

The Everett School District’s board of directors on Tuesday, October 8, 2019, approved placing a \$317.4 million capital bond on the April 28, 2020 ballot to fund STEM career-connected learning pathways for students, ensure equitable access and opportunities for all students, increase safety and security and ensure students have enough room to learn by adding [21st century learning](#) classroom space.

The 2020 capital projects bond prepares our students for the future by:

- Giving our students facilities and tools necessary for STEM career pathways
 - The bond funds modernization and upgrades to high school classrooms to support the Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) career pathway programs and new science standards.
- Increasing safety and security for students and schools
 - Secure locks and keying systems will be added districtwide.
 - Access control systems at two high schools
 - Upgrades to fire alarm systems, security systems and fencing
- Ensuring students have enough room to learn by adding 21st century classroom space, modernizing and repairing building systems
 - Adds new elementary school classrooms throughout the district to reduce overcrowding, keep class sizes low and keep more kids at their neighborhood schools
 - Repairs aging school systems in our schools like HVAC, roofing and flooring replacements, that extends the longevity of schools





- Providing equitable access and opportunities for students by funding capital projects at all schools throughout our district, while reducing the overall school district tax rate

More information is available on the [Capital Bond 2020](#) district webpage.

2020 Census

The 2020 Census is closer than you think! Here is a quick refresher of what it is and why it is essential that everyone is counted.

- **Everyone counts.** The census counts every person living in the U.S. once, only once, and in the right place.
- **It's about fair representation.** Every 10 years, the results of the census are used to reapportion the House of Representatives, determining how many seats each state gets.
- **It's in the constitution.** The U.S. Constitution mandates that everyone in the country be counted every 10 years. The first census was in 1790.
- **It's about \$675 billion.** The distribution of more than \$675 billion in federal funds, grants and support to states, counties and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works and other vital programs.
- **It's about redistricting.** After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts.
- **Taking part is your civic duty.** Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say, "I COUNT!"

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail or by phone. Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

Look for your invitation to respond starting in mid-March.



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Snow routes are online

School drop off and pick up locations may change in an emergency situation. If your child rides a bus to school, please become familiar with the snow route information on the district [transportation department's webpage](#).

New Transitional Kindergarten Program

Everett Public Schools is offering a **Transitional Kindergarten** program this winter for children scheduled to enter kindergarten in the upcoming fall. 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 early January and may qualify based on ability and/or need. This program is located at several of the elementary schools in our district; sites will be determined based on enrollment. The anticipated start date is January 28, 2020.

Transitional Kindergarten will run through the last day of school, which is currently June 15, 2020.

To qualify for screening, children must:

- be 5 years old by August 31, 2020
- live within the boundaries of Everett Public Schools
- not be currently enrolled in an early learning program
- demonstrate academic and/or social-emotional needs

If you are interested and believe your child qualifies for this program, please visit our website at <https://www.everettsd.org/earlylearning> and submit the **Transitional Kindergarten** form by December 6, 2019. For assistance, contact Helen Cooley at 425-385-4088 or Early Learning at 425-385-4024.



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.

Delayed start or closed schools

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



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 1, 2020.

Food and Nutrition

This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you kale grown in the PNW! Be sure to give it a try this month in our Kale Caesar salad and on the salad bar!

Did you know that just one serving of kale has more vitamin C than an orange? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>. It's not easy being green! Don't kale my vibe!



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Everett Public Schools does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are:

- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org, 425-385-4104, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213