

# Silver Lake Mustang News

SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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## From the Principal

### The Halfway Point of the Year

It is hard to believe that the school year is already half over! The start of the second semester is upon us which gives us the opportunity to re-visit some points that we addressed in the fall, get our new families on board, and look ahead to the second half of the school year. First and foremost, I want to emphasize the importance of consistent school attendance. It is critical that your child is here each day on time and ready to learn. Yes, it is the cold and flu season, so thank you for not bringing your child to school if they have/had a fever or have vomited in the last 24 hours. In order to excuse any absence, we must have a parent note on file, which can include an e-mail to [sleattendance@everettsd.org](mailto:sleattendance@everettsd.org). Please let us know if you need assistance in this area by calling the school office at (425) 385-6900.

### Arrival Time in the Mornings

For those who eat breakfast at school, our cafeteria opens at **8:55 a.m.**, so no students should be dropped off or arrive on campus before that time. We can ensure their safety when we have supervision in place and that begins at 8:55 a.m. daily. The late bell rings at **9:15 a.m.**, the official start to the student day. Important activities happen right when that bell rings, so please be sure your child is here to get a great start to their school day.

Parents/Guardians often ask, **“How can we help at home?”** Our teachers have been sharing strategies through fall parent conferences, classroom newsletters, SeaSaw Class, and calls/e-mails home. Here are a few ways that you can make an impact on your child’s school success:

- **Communication:** each day, check your child’s backpack, review their planner and any paperwork from the teacher, and talk with your child about their day. We care about our children’s academic progress but also about their social/emotional needs. Taking a few minutes to chat with your child about their day can shed light on areas of need that you can share with us.

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#### **FEB. 3**

PTA McTeacher Night, 5 – 8 p.m., Thomas Lake McDonalds on 132<sup>nd</sup>

#### **FEB. 4**

All School Hearing Screenings

#### **FEB. 7**

Mustang Milers, 8:25 a.m., Gym  
Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

#### **FEB. 14**

Mustang Milers, 8:25 a.m., Gym  
Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

#### **FEB. 17-18**

NO SCHOOL – Mid Winter Break

#### **FEB. 20**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip

#### **FEB. 21**

Mustang Milers, 8:25 a.m., Gym  
Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.

#### **FEB. 27**

S.T.E.A.M. Night, 6:00 p.m.. Café

#### **FEB. 28**

Mustang Milers, 8:25 a.m., Gym  
Learning Improvement Friday, 2:15 p.m.



- **Homework:** practicing the skills students have learned at school will strengthen them, whether that is reading each day, practicing multiplication facts, completing the homework that teachers assign, or doing the assigned i-Ready lessons. Make this a priority and consider stopping to assist your child or model daily reading yourself during family “homework time.”
- **Volunteer at school:** this can be during the student day as a classroom volunteer or Watch D.O.G., or it can be after hours at one of our many school family events. Our students love having volunteers working with them.
- **Safely transporting students:** I have seen an increase of parent vehicle traffic on 129<sup>th</sup> and in the staff only parking lot. As a reminder, the student drop-off and pick-up should only occur in the front parking lot. Saving time should not be a reason to impact safety. Due to the safety of the busses, we ask parents to not to use the staff only parking lot in the back. Additionally, we have a high number of students walking to and from school on 129<sup>th</sup>. Please be careful and follow the posted traffic speed to protect our students. Also, let’s be respectful to our neighbors and avoided parking in their private lots. We are all in this together.

As always, the partnership between school and home is a vital one. Thank you for continuing to stay involved in your child’s education, at whatever level your schedule allows. Go Mustangs!

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**February 3 from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

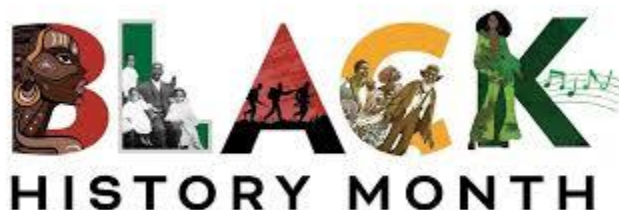
Plan your family night out now. On February 3 you can have dinner at our local Thomas Lake McDonald's (corner of 132nd ST. and 35th Ave).

**Silver Lake staff will be serving up food, drinks and cookies, cleaning tables & greeting at the door.**

A portion of all sales from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. that evening will go to SLE PTA.

Also, 100% of all cookie sales in the lobby will go to PTA so make sure to bring some cash!

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February is Black History Month. This is an annual, nationwide celebration of achievements of African Americans and the role they've played in our history. This month, you may see some of our staff wearing "Black Lives Matter" t-shirts. While we believe that all our students' lives matter and are important, we also recognize that historically people of color have been underrepresented when the achievements of great Americans are noted, taught in schools, and celebrated in stories and in the media.

During morning announcements we plan to highlight the lives of impactful people of color like Martin Luther King Jr., Maya Angelou, Nelson Mandela, Jackie Robinson, Harriet Tubman, Oprah, Barrack Obama, LeBron James, etc. We encourage students to research other important people of color that have made a positive impact in our country and world.

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## Mustang Miles Continues to Grow

Over **636 miles** strong, is the distance to date, by a group of Silver Lake students who arrive at the gym before school. It happens every **Friday morning from 8:35 to 8:55 AM**. 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; many doing a mile per session. Signed permission slips are required before participating; these are available in the school office. 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. 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) or call 425-385-6900.

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## From the Counselor

Happy February!

We are halfway through the school year – can you believe it? We have spent 5 months practicing routines that students use every school day. Students are clear on the Four Schoolwide Expectations – Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe, and Be Kind. They know how to safely and respectfully walk in a line. Students are more aware of the recess and lunch schedule than I am! Routines help create a sense of safety for each and every student at Silver Lake. By knowing what to expect, students worry less and are able to better focus on learning and growing their brain.

Daily attendance is essential for students to keep in this routine of school. By being on time, students jump right into the classroom morning routines that prepare them for the rest of the day. It can be difficult on some days for students, especially after a weekend, to get motivated for being back at school, but this is when it is most important for parents to stick to the family's schedule and keep students in their school routines. They will appreciate you keeping them on time and in routine!

As always, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns. I am available by email or phone.

Thank you!

Carrie Surowiec

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## From the Health Room

**Because we care about protecting students and their families from contagious diseases . . .**



- Please keep an ill student home, or make arrangements with a caregiver, when signs or symptoms of illness are present.
- Students with symptoms of illness at school may place other students at risk of illness, and will need to be picked up promptly.
- Please notify us if your student has a contagious illness. An exposure may be life-threatening for others with fragile immune systems or certain medical conditions.
- Your student's health information will be treated confidentially.

**Fever** – Temperature of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher. Student needs to be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. Giving a fever reducing medication just before returning to school does not make a student well. It may only mask the fever until the medication wears off. In this situation, a student needs to be home so others are not exposed to illness.

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# Join us for....Family Reading Night Read Across America Day March 2

~ Silver Lake Elementary Library ~ 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. ~



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## Book Fair



- Monday
  - 03/30 from 1:30 p.m. -6:30 p.m.
- Tuesday - Thursday
  - 03/31-04/02 from 1:30 p.m. -4:30 p.m.

**Mrs. Sand is looking for volunteers to:**

- Help set up on 03/27 starting at 1:15 p.m.
- Help “tear” down on 04/02 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!**
- Please contact Mrs. Sand at [csand@everettsd.org](mailto:csand@everettsd.org) or phone to sign up.



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Silver Lake Elementary is excited to host a **S.T.E.A.M.** night  
**February 27 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.**



S.T.E.A.M., which stands for **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics**, is an interdisciplinary and cohesive approach that is integrated with real-world, problem-based learning.

Students will work together with their families to explore math activities presented by the Imagine Children's Museum. Art will be displayed and students will be able to complete a project of their own. The Silver Lake Robotics team will share the work they did at the First Lego League competition in December. Families will receive information and materials they can use to support science and math learning at home. Each student will receive a collection of math games that will help with their continued development of numbers sense.





Please keep an eye out for a flyer with more information on this event. We look forward to seeing SLE families and friends at this event!



In order to make S.T.E.A.M. night a success we need volunteers!

Please contact our math specialist, Taryn Lofgren at [tlofgren@everettsd.org](mailto:tlofgren@everettsd.org) if you are interested in volunteering for this event.

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## Box Tops for Education has gone 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.**





## District News

### Everett School Board Welcomes Two New Members

This November voters elected two new members to the Everett School District Board. April Berg will fill position 2, the seat vacated by the retirement of longtime school board director Carol Andrews. Berg lives in Mill Creek and is a planning commissioner for the city. She has four children, two in university, one at Henry M. Jackson High School and one at Heatherwood Middle School



Andrew J. Nicholls will fill position 1, the seat held by Jamyang Dorjee Nhangkar who was appointed to the board in September 2018. Nicholls is a research social worker with the VA Puget Sound Medical Center and has two children who will soon be entering school in the district's north end.

### Lunch payments are easy with the app



Want to see your student's lunch balance and pay a balance from your phone? If you're logged into the district's mobile app, you can find and pay your student's lunch balance under your student's info. An icon inside the app also gives a shortcut to deposit funds for your student's lunch account. To make a payment, look for the green chef's hat icon.

The latest school news and information in Everett Public Schools is available on smartphones and mobile devices with a mobile app. The free mobile app is available in the online iTunes® and Google Play® app stores. Once you've downloaded the app, log in to "student info" with your LMS password to see student-specific information for each of your children.



### Parent safety tip

Six ways your student can protect their online identities:

1. Share carefully – don't give out any personal information to unknown sites or strangers
2. Go private – keep privacy settings high and limit location services when possible
3. Log out – especially after using shared computers
4. Mix up passwords – use different passwords for different apps and websites
5. Avoid clickbait – avoid quizzes and random questionnaires
6. Choose wisely – pick an appropriate username





Learn more about online safety, digital wellness, cell phones and learning with technology with age-specific tips and tools on [www.common sense media.org](http://www.common sense media.org).

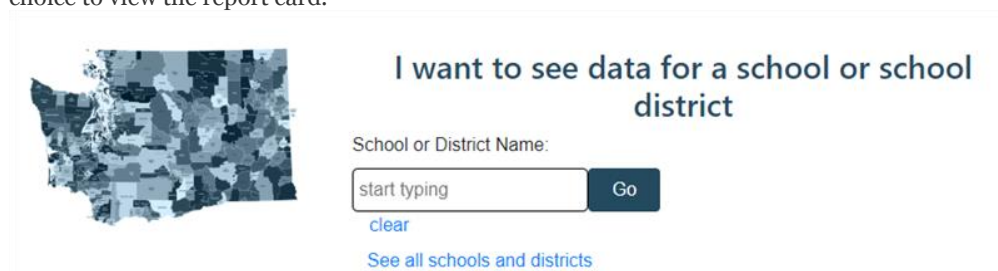
## Kindergarten registration begins in March

Do you have a child who will be 5 years old by Aug. 31, 2019? Registration begins on March 2, 2020, at all district elementary schools.

## Did you know?

Every year OSPI publishes a report card for each district and each school within the district. This year OSPI is using a new application to do this and will require a little more effort to find the data available for Everett Public Schools. You can [access the 2017-18 data](#) on the OSPI website.

To review the data for the school district or a school start typing in the name and a drop box will appear with choices. Click on your choice to view the report card.



The screenshot shows a search interface on the OSPI website. On the left is a map of Washington state. To the right, the heading reads "I want to see data for a school or school district". Below this is a search form with the label "School or District Name:". The input field contains the text "start typing" and has a "Go" button to its right. Below the input field are two links: "clear" and "See all schools and districts".

Optionally you can click on See all schools and districts and navigate the to the district or school you want to select.



## Do you have a student in special education?

Did you know there is a Special Education PTSA in the district? The Special Education PTSA serves students, families, and educators involved in Special Education. They encourage students, families, educators and community members to work collaboratively to provide programs and activities recognizing each student's potential and enhancing the educational opportunities of children receiving and/or seeking special services in our district. Connect with the SEPTSA on [their Facebook page](#).

## Harvest of the month



This month, the Food and Nutrition Department brings you beans! Be sure to give them a try this month in our homemade hummus, black bean burger or vegetarian chili!

Did you know that there are over 40,000 different varieties of beans and are an excellent source of protein and fiber? Find out more by checking out the Harvest of the Month flyer on our website at <https://www.everettsd.org>



I've been thinking about you...

## 2020 capital projects bond - community open house meetings

Everett Public Schools is placing a \$317.4 million bond on the April 2020 ballot. This measure will provide crucial funding to build permanent classroom space to accommodate growth, improve safety and security and make necessary school improvements.

Upcoming Community Open House meetings are scheduled, and we encourage everyone to attend one:

<p>THURSDAY, </p> <p><b>FEB 6</b></p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>CASCADE</b> HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>801 E Casino Road Everett WA 98203</p>	<p>THURSDAY, </p> <p><b>FEB 13</b></p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>EVERETT</b> HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>2416 Colby Avenue Everett WA 98201</p>	<p>TUESDAY, </p> <p><b>FEB 25</b></p> <p>6 – 7 p.m.</p> <p><b>JACKSON</b> HIGH SCHOOL</p> <p>1508 136th St. SE Mill Creek WA 98012</p>
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## What the 2020 capital projects bond will fund at our school?

Please see the attached flyer for a list of school specific projects.



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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:

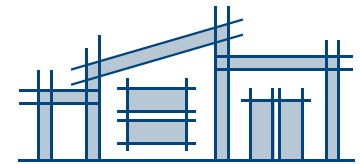
- Title IX Officer/Civil Rights Compliance Officer – Mary O'Brien, MO'Brien@everettsd.org, 425-385-4106, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- 504 Coordinator – Becky Ballbach, rballbach@everettsd.org, 425-385-4063, PO Box 2098, Everett, WA 98213
- ADA Coordinator – Randi Seaberg, rseaberg@everettsd.org,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

# Silver Lake Elementary



Here's what the **April 28th** Capital Bond will fund at our school.

- HVAC controls upgrade
- Replace playground equipment
- Replace locksets and keying system
- Upgrade technology infrastructure electrical systems
- Upgrade student information system



**BUILDING THE FUTURE**

**Capital Bond 2020**  
EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS



\$33.7M	Add 36 new elementary classrooms at 8 schools
\$165M	Replace Madison, Jackson, Lowell elementary schools
\$46.4M	Modernize and upgrade buildings for STEM career pathways and new science standards
\$33.3M	Modernize and upgrade schools cafeterias, kitchens and auditoriums
\$17.9M	Upgrade HVAC, roofing and flooring systems
\$5.7M	Improve safety and security
\$6.2M	Replace aging playground equipment, synthetic turf and track at Memorial Stadium and other playfields
\$8.9M	Upgrade technology infrastructure



Learn more at: [www.everettsd.org/bond2020](http://www.everettsd.org/bond2020)